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The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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Passage: Ephesians 5:15-20

[15](#)Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16](#)making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17](#)Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18](#)And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19](#)addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20](#)giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21](#)submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Background

As we continue our series on the Holy Spirit, one of the most often asked questions is: How do I get the Holy Spirit? When Scripture speaks about the Holy Spirit, we come across the idea of being “baptized” or even being “filled” with the Spirit. Various Christian traditions have differing views on *how* we receive the Holy Spirit and if we can get *more* of the Holy Spirit. Today, Pastor David will walk through several New Testament passages to help us navigate this important issue with the hope that all of us will be more aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

Service Notes

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Our hope is to have meaningful conversations around God’s Word, not simply answer all the questions. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- What is one way the Holy Spirit was at work in your life this week? How can we pray for you today? What is one “win” you can celebrate in your life this week?

Talk it Over

- Before today’s message, what was your understanding of being “filled” with the Holy Spirit? Has this been a major issue in your life? In what ways have you encountered people with differing views of the filling/baptism of the Holy Spirit? What is one way today’s message brought clarity to this issue for you? What questions do you still have about the filling or baptism of the Holy Spirit? In what ways are you better equipped to seek answers to these questions?
- **Read Ephesians 5:15-20.** In what ways does being “filled with the Spirit” help us “look carefully” how we are living? Why do you think Paul contrasts being drunk with wine and the filling of the Holy Spirit? What does that teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit? What is the result of a life “filled” with the Holy Spirit (vs. 19-21)? What would it look like today to address one another in “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs?” What do you think that means practically? How does being filled with the Holy Spirit help us live out the rest of the instructions in chapter 5? Why is it important to remember that God is the one who “fills” us with the Spirit and we don’t? How does this change the way we think about the Holy Spirit? How does this change the way we pray? How should we pray about the work of the Holy Spirit in our life?
- What was the greatest take away from today’s message on the filling or baptism of the Holy Spirit? If you could summarize the main point of the message in one sentence, what would it be? What is one aspect of today’s message that you want to explore more?

Live it Out

- In what ways do you need to be available to the work of the Spirit in your life right now?