

## Ephesians 5:19,20

### THE FRUIT OF BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

- I. Speak, sing.
  - A. Believers with the Spirit will give jubilant expression to their refreshing knowledge of God's will, and they will do so together.
    - 1. To "speak" is to utter a voice or to emit a sound.
    - 2. To "sing" is to sing with the voice to the praise of someone; to "make melody" is to use an instrument.
  - B. "Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" are different forms of Christian poetic expression.
    - 1. They imply a joy which plain prose cannot express.
    - 2. This is not making a distinction between psalms and hymns; nor does it express what must be in worship services.
  - C. Believers, filled with and influenced by the Spirit, come together for mutual edification, i.e., for the benefit of each other.
    - 1. We walk in an evil world carrying a depravity which clings to us all our life long.
    - 2. Singing with each other out of hearts filled with praise to God is a constant helpful reminder.
- II. And "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father."
  - A. "Giving thanks" is literally to be "well-graced," i.e., to be in a state of heart and mind in which one is well-graced.
    - 1. Objectively, we are the recipients of grace, i.e., we are made pleasing in God's sight.
    - 2. Subjectively, we are grateful, completing the circle whereby blessings given to us return to the Giver in adoration.
  - B. The grateful person recognizes four things.
  - C. We express our thanks and praise "unto God and the Father."
    - 1. How do we express thanks? "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
    - 2. Because of Jesus we can and must give thanks to Jesus for "all things."
  - D. When do we give thanks? "Always."