

What Does Fullness of the Spirit Bring?

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 123

Ephesians 5:18b

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And do not get drunk with wine, in which is reckless waste,¹
but *instead* be filled with² the Spirit...

(Ephesians 5:18 DJP)

Introduction:

I. How God Made Us His _____ and His _____ (Ephesians 1—3)

A. Chapter One: Blessedly Redeemed and Filled

1. Verses 1-14

2. Verses 15-23

B. Chapter Two: Made _____ and _____

1. Verses 1-10 tell...

2. Verses 11-22...

C. Chapter Three: _____ through the _____

1. Verse 1-13

2. Verses 14-22

¹ Or *profligacy, indulgence*.

² Or *by*.

D. Pause to Recap Simply...

II. How We _____ As God's People and Temple

A. Chapter Four: A Spirit-_____ Body

1. Verses 1-6

2. Verses 7-16

3. Verses 17-32

B. Chapter Five: Spirit-_____ Walk

1. Verses 1-6

2. Verses 7-14

3. Then finally this section, 5:15—6:9

a. Verses 15-18 begin the focus on **walking as wise people**

b. Specifically, verses 19-21

4. The glorious truth

Ephesians 1:1—5:18

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1¹ Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and believers¹ in Christ Jesus: ² grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴ becauseⁱⁱ He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love, ⁵ predestiningⁱⁱⁱ us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, in accord with the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved One,...

...⁷ in whom we have redemption by means of His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the wealth of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound unto us; in all wisdom and intelligence ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, in accord with His good pleasure which He planned^{iv} in Him, ¹⁰ for administration in the fullness of the seasons, to head up all things in Christ, the things in^v the heavens and the things on the earth; in Him, ¹¹ in whom also we were made a heritage, having been predestined in accord with the plan^{vi} of Him who operates all things in accord with the counsel of His will, ¹² for us to be for the praise of His glory, *we* who have set *our* hope beforehand in Christ,...

...¹³ in whom you also, when *you* heard the word of truth, the good news^{vii} of your salvation – in whom also, when *you* believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ^{viii} ¹⁴ who is the down-payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of His^{ix} possession, unto the praise of His glory!

¹⁵ For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones, ¹⁶ I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you^x during my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit^{xi} of revelation-based wisdom^{xii} in the full knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ — the eyes of your heart having been enlightened — so that you would understand^{xiii} what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power unto us who believe by virtue of^{xiv} the working^{xv} of the might of His strength, ²⁰ which He worked^{xvi} in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name which is named, not only in this age but also in the coming *one*; ²² and He subordinated all things under His feet, and gave Him *as* Head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, that which is filled by^{xvii} Him who fills all with all. ^{xviii}

2¹ And you, being dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which *sins* you once walked in accord with this world-age, ^{xix} in accord with the ruler of the domain^{xx} of the air, of the spirit which now is at work^{xxi} in the sons of disobedience; ³ in which *transgressions*^{xxii} we also all once conducted ourselves, in the desires of our flesh, doing the wishes^{xxiii} of our flesh and of our^{xxiv} minds, ^{xxv} and we were by nature children^{xxvi} of wrath, even as the rest.

⁸ For by grace do you stand saved through faith — and this *comes* not from you, *it is* God's gift^{xxix}; ⁹ not from works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For His doing^{xxx} are we, because we were^{xxxi} created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

¹¹ Wherefore remember that you yourselves once were the Gentiles in the flesh, those called “foreskin” by that which is called “circumcision” (— in the flesh, hand-made), ¹² that you were in that season without Christ, alienated from the citizenship^{xxxii} of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, not having hope, and Godless in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you, who once were far off, were caused to be near, by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made the both one, and broke down the dividing wall of the partition, the hostility, in His flesh, ¹⁵ by rendering inoperative the law of commandments in regulations, in order that He might create the two into one new man, making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God by means of the cross, having killed the hostility by it. ^{xxxiii} ¹⁷ And He came *and* told the good news of peace to you — those far off — and peace to those near; ¹⁸ because through Him we have access, the both *of us*, in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Wherefore then you are no longer strangers and temporarily-housed, ^{xxxiv} but *rather* you are the holy ones' fellow-citizens, and members of God's household, ^{xxxv} ²⁰ having been built as a house^{xxxvi} upon the foundation *laid* by^{xxxvii} the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom all the house-building, ^{xxxviii} being fitted together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord, ²² in whom also you are being built as a house together^{xxxix} into permanent housing for^{xl} God in the Spirit.

3¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the Gentiles – ² assuming that^{xli} you heard of the stewardship, ^{xlii} which is^{xliii} the grace of God given to me for you, ³ that by revelation the mystery was made known to me (just as I wrote before in brief), ⁴ respecting^{xliiv} which you are able, while reading, to perceive my comprehension in the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as now it has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, ⁶ that the Gentiles are^{xlv} co-inheritors and co-body-members and co-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news, ⁷ of which I was made a servant by virtue of the gift, which is the grace of God given to me by virtue of the working^{xlvi} of His power.

⁸ To me, less than the least^{xlvii} of all holy ones, was this grace given: to tell the good news of the untrackable wealth of Christ, ⁹ and to enlighten all *as to* what is the stewardship of the mystery which has been hidden away from the ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ in order that *it* might be made known now to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenlies through the church: *namely*, the multifaceted wisdom of God — ¹¹ *made*

⁴ But God, being wealthy^{xxvii} in mercy, on account of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our^{xxviii} transgressions, made us alive with Christ (— by grace do you stand saved!), ⁶ and raised *us* with *Him*, and seated *us* with *Him* in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that He might display, in the coming ages,

¹⁴ For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom all the^{lii} Father's family^{liiii} in the heavens and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that He may give to you, in accord with the wealth of His glory, to be made mighty with power through His Spirit, into the inner man ¹⁷ - for Christ to make *His* home, ^{liv} through faith, in your hearts, in order that you, ^{lv} being *abidingly* rooted and founded in love, ¹⁸ may be quite strong enough to grasp with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and thus to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, in order that you might be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now, to the one who is able to do super-abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, ^{lvi} according to His power which operates^{lvii} in us, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all the generations of the age of the ages! Amen!

4 ¹ Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, ² with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, , just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one immersion,^{lviii} ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ Now, to each one of us was grace given, in accord with the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Wherefore it says, "When He ascended into the height, He captured captives,^{lix} He gave gifts to men." ⁹ Now this, "He ascended," what is it if not that He also descended into the lower parts — the earth?^{lx} ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, in order that He might fill all things.

¹¹ And He Himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists,^{lxi} and the pastors and teachers, ¹² to the equipping of the holy ones for the work of service, for the building up^{lxii} of the body of Christ, ¹³ until we attain — all of us! — to unity as to the faith and as to the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ in order that we should no longer be infants, being wave-tossed and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the trickery of men, in cunning, for the strategy of error; ¹⁵ but, by being truthful in love, let us grow into Him in all respects, who is the Head — Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted together and held together through every supporting connection,^{lxiii} by virtue of^{lxiv} the working^{lxv} in measure of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for building itself up in love.

¹⁷ Therefore I say this — indeed, I testify in the Lord: no longer *are* you to walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ due to being darkened in their intellect,^{lxvi} because of being alienated from the life of God, on account of the ignorance that is in them, on account of the callousness of their heart; ¹⁹ *these are* the sorts who, having become morally numb,^{lxvii} delivered themselves to outrageousness,^{lxviii} resulting in the working of all uncleanness with greed.^{lxix} ²⁰ But as for you, you did not learn Christ like that,^{lxx} ²¹ assuming that *it is* Him you heard, and *it is* in Him you were taught, since truth^{lxxi} is in Jesus, ²² for you to take off, with respect to *your*

known in accord with the plan^{xlviii} of the ages^{xliv} which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access^l in full assurance through faith in Him.

¹³ Wherefore I ask *you* not to lose heart in my tribulations for you, for they^{li} are your glory.

²⁵ Wherefore: having taken off^{lxxv} falsehood,^{lxxvi} "speak truth, each with his neighbor,"^{lxxvii} because we are members^{lxxviii} of one another.

²⁶ "Be angry,^{lxxix} and^{lxxx} do not sin";^{lxxxi} let not the sun set upon your angry^{lxxxii} mood, ²⁷ nor give room for the Devil.

²⁸ He who steals, let him steal no more, but instead let him labor, working with his own hands what is good, that he might have *something* to impart to the one having need.

²⁹ Every foul^{lxxxiii} word^{lxxxiv} — do not let it go out of your mouth; but *instead*, whatever is good for building up what is needed,^{lxxxv} that it might give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not sadden the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed until the day of redemption.

³¹ All bitterness and fury and wrath and yelling and abusive speech, let it be taken away from you, *along* with all malice. ³² And become kind to one another, tender-hearted, showing grace^{lxxxvi} to one another,^{lxxxvii} just as also God in Christ showed grace^{lxxxviii} to you.

5 ¹ Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and walk in love, just as also Christ loved us and delivered Himself for our sake *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet fragrance.^{lxxxix} ³ But immorality and all uncleanness or greed — do not even let them be named among you, just as is fitting for holy *people*; ⁴ nor^{xc} obscenity and foolish talk or double-entendres, which are not appropriate, but instead thanksgiving.^{xcii} ⁵ For you know this full well,^{xcii} that every immoral, or unclean, or greedy person (that is, an idolater), does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.^{xciii} ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words; for on account of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

⁷ Therefore, do not become their accomplices;^{xciv} ⁸ for you once were darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord; walk as children of light^{xcv} — ⁹ for the light *bears* fruit in^{xcvi} all goodness and righteousness and truth — ¹⁰ determining^{xcvii} what is well-pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ And do not be fellow-participants in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead actually expose^{xcviii} *them*. ¹² For the things produced^{xcix} in secret by them are shameful even to say, ¹³ but all things, when exposed^c by the light, are made apparent; ¹⁴ for everything that is made apparent is light. Therefore it says,

"Get up, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you!"^{ci}

¹⁵ Therefore, take heed^{cii} carefully how^{ciii} you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ buying back the time,^{civ} because the days are wicked. ¹⁷ For this *reason*, do not become unthinking fools,^{cv} but *instead* comprehend what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, in which is reckless waste,^{cvi} but *instead* be filled with^{cvii} the Spirit...

former behavior, the old man, who was being corrupted in accord with desires *coming* from deceit,^{lxxii} ²³ and to be made new^{lxxiii} in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and to put on the new man, who was created in accord with God, in righteousness and piety *coming* from^{lxxiv} the truth.

End notes for Ephesians 1:1—5:18

- ⁱ Or *faithful*.
- ⁱⁱ Or *for*, or *just as*.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Or *before Him*; in love ⁵ *predestining us...*
- ^{iv} Or *purposed*.
- ^v Literally *on*.
- ^{vi} Or *purpose*.
- ^{vii} Commonly *gospel*.
- ^{viii} Literally *the Holy Spirit of promise*.
- ^{ix} Literally *the*, the article standing for the pronoun.
- ^x Some manuscripts do not contain *of you*; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.
- ^{xi} Or *the Spirit*.”
- ^{xii} Literally *wisdom and revelation*; a hendiadys. Or possibly *spiritual wisdom and revelation*.
- ^{xiii} Or *know*.
- ^{xiv} Or *according to*.
- ^{xv} Or *exertion, operation*.
- ^{xvi} Or *exerted, operated*.
- ^{xvii} More literally *the fullness of*.
- ^{xviii} Each *all* is plural and neuter: *all things*.
- ^{xix} Literally *the age of this world*.
- ^{xx} Or *authority*.
- ^{xxi} Or *operates*; same verb translated *worked* in 1:20.
- ^{xxii} Or *among whom*.
- ^{xxiii} Or *wills*.
- ^{xxiv} Literally *of the flesh and of the*, the article standing for the pronoun.
- ^{xxv} Or *thoughts, or intellects*.
- ^{xxvi} More literally *children, by nature...*
- ^{xxvii} Or *rich*.
- ^{xxviii} Literally *the*, the article standing for the pronoun.
- ^{xxix} Literally *God's is the gift*.
- ^{xxx} Or *product, handiwork*; i.e. a thing made. Noun formed from vb translated *doing* in v. 3 and *made* in v. 14.
- ^{xxxi} More literally *having been*.
- ^{xxxii} Or *commonwealth*.
- ^{xxxiii} Or *in Him*.
- ^{xxxiv} I.e. *sojourners*; Gk *paroikos* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* (*house*) root in this passage.
- ^{xxxv} I.e. family members; Gk *oikeios* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* (*house*) root in this passage.
- ^{xxxvi} Gk *epoikodomeō* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* root in this passage.
- ^{xxxvii} Literally *of*.
- ^{xxxviii} Gk *oikodomē* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* root in this passage.
- ^{xxxix} Gk *sunoikodomeō* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* root in this passage.
- ^{xl} Or *dwelling place of*; Gk. *katoikētērion* rendered woodenly to bring out recurrence of *oik-* root in this passage.
- ^{xli} Literally *if, surely*; or *if indeed*.
- ^{xlii} Or *administration*.
- ^{xliii} Literally *of*.
- ^{xliv} Or *in accord with* (referring back to what he'd written previously).
- ^{xlv} Literally *the Gentiles to be*; but giving content of *the mystery* (v. 4), not purpose.
- ^{xlvi} Or *exertion, operation*.
- ^{xlvii} Word probably coined by Paul; very literally “least-er.”
- ^{xlviii} Or *purpose*.

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- ^{xlix} Or *eternal plan / purpose*.
- ^l Or *bold access*, as both are bound by one definite article.
- ^{li} Literally *which*, but with a causative sense.
- ^{lii} Or *every*.
- ^{liii} Attempt to preserve wordplay between *patēr* [*father*] and *patria* [*group sharing common paternity; family*].
- ^{liv} Or *take permanent housing*. Here the verb *katoikeō* (*make His home*) corresponds to the noun *katoikētērion*, (*permanent housing*) in 2:22.
- ^{lv} Moved up from v. 18 for smoother English; literally, “being *abidingly* rooted and founded ¹⁸ in order that you might...”
- ^{lvi} Or *perceive*, as in v. 4.
- ^{lvii} Or *works*; prev. 1:11, 20; 2:2.
- ^{lviii} Traditionally rendered *baptism*.
- ^{lix} Literally *captivity*; using the abstract for the concrete.
- ^{lx} Or *lower parts of the earth?*
- ^{lxi} Which is to say *tellers of the good news*.
- ^{lxii} Gk *oikodomē*, rendered “house-building” in 2:21.
- ^{lxiii} Or *joint*. Literally *connection* [or *joint*] *of the support*.
- ^{lxiv} Or *according to*.
- ^{lxv} Or *activity, exertion, operation*.
- ^{lxvi} Or, possibly, *thinking or mental disposition*.
- ^{lxvii} Or *past pain*.
- ^{lxviii} Or *indecency*.
- ^{lxix} I.e. to the insatiable practice of every dirty thing they can think of.
- ^{lxx} Or *so, thus, in this way*.
- ^{lxxi} Or *the truth*.
- ^{lxxii} Or *deceitful desires*; literally *desires of deceit*.
- ^{lxxiii} Present tense, a process.
- ^{lxxiv} Literally *of*
- ^{lxxv} Or *put aside*; same verb as v. 22.
- ^{lxxvi} Or *lying*; lit. *the falsehood*, or *the lie*.
- ^{lxxvii} Zechariah 8:16.
- ^{lxxviii} I.e. body-parts.
- ^{lxxix} Or *wroth*; verb form of noun usually translated *wrath* (e.g. 2:3; 4:31; 5:6).
- ^{lxxx} Or *yet*.
- ^{lxxxi} Psalm 4:4.
- ^{lxxxii} Or *wrathful*; related to word usually translated *wrath*.
- ^{lxxxiii} Or *worthless, corrupt, harmful*.
- ^{lxxxiv} Or *communication*; mng ranges from single word to speech, communication, message.
- ^{lxxxv} Literally *for building up* [or *edification*] *of the need*.
- ^{lxxxvi} Or *graciously forgiving*.
- ^{lxxxvii} Literally *yourselves*, stressing the unity of the body.
- ^{lxxxviii} Or *forgave*.
- ^{lxxxix} Literally *fragrance of sweetness*.
- ^{xc} Literally *and*. Or supply a verb and a negative: *and* let there be no...
- ^{xci} Gk *eucharistia*, play on words with earlier *eutrapelia* (*double-entendres*).
- ^{xcii} Or *know this for certain*:... Literally either *know, knowing* (a command) or *you know, knowing*, using two different verbs for *know*.
- ^{xciii} Or possibly Him who is *Christ and God*.
- ^{xciv} Or *fellow-partakers*, as in 3:6.
- ^{xcv} The last phrase is put first for emphasis in Greek, as if to say *it is as children of light that you must walk*.
- ^{xcvi} Literally *for the fruit of the light in*...
- ^{xcvii} Or *testing*, or *approving*.
- ^{xcviii} Or *reprove*.
- ^{xcix} Or *done*; or *brought about, brought to be*.

^c Or *reproved*.

^{ci} May be a song used in worship, combining Isaiah 26:19; 51:17; 60:1.

^{cii} Literally *see*, that is *look to*.

^{ciii} Many Greek manuscripts switch two words, reading *how carefully*.

^{civ} Or *season, opportunity* (Gk *kairos*).

^{cv} Or *senseless*.

^{cvi} Or *profligacy, indulgence*.

^{cvii} Or *by*.