

# Ephesians Series

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Worshipping God

Fear of the Lord

God is not “Safe”

Ephesians 5:18–22; Isaiah 6:1–4



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**“But shall we see him?” asked Susan.**

**“Why, Daughter of Eve, that’s what I brought you here for. I’m to lead you where you shall meet him,” said Mr. Beaver.**

**“Is—is he a man?” asked Lucy.**

**“Aslan a man!” said Mr. Beaver sternly. “Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-Sea. Don’t you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion—the Lion, the great Lion.”**

**“Ooh!” said Susan, “I’d thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion.”**

**“That you will, dearie, and no mistake,” said Mrs. Beaver; “if there’s anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they’re either braver than most or else just silly.”**

**“Then he isn’t safe?” said Lucy.**

**“Safe?” said Mr. Beaver; “don’t you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? ’Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”**

***~The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis***

**John 15:14, “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**

**John 15:15, “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”**

**Rev. 1:17, “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.’ ”**

**5. B. We are commanded to be filled by means of the Spirit (passive command) (Eph. 5:18).**

**πληρόω *plēroō*  
2 plur pres passive  
imperative  
to fill; fulfill**

**ἐν πνεύματι, *en pneumatī*,  
instrumental dative,  
means,  
“by means of the Spirit”**

**And to “let the Word of Christ  dwell within you” (Col. 3:16).**

**ἐνοικέω *enoikeō* 3 sing  
pres active imperative  
to dwell in**

**Eph. 5:18 describes the means. Col. 3:16 describes the content.**

## Results of being filled by the Spirit:

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

## Results of the Word dwelling richly:

Col 3:16b, “... teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Col. 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,**

**Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,**

**Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.”**

**Grammatically what we have here is this:**

**Command: Be filled by means of the Holy Spirit (present passive imperative)**

**This is followed by**

- 1. Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
[anarthrous present active participle].**
- 2, 3. Singing and making melody in your heart (thinking) to the Lord  
[anarthrous present active participle].**
- 4. Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
[anarthrous present active participle].**
- 5. Submitting to one another in the Lord  
[anarthrous present active participle].**

**\*When a participle does not have an article with it, then it is adverbial, modifying a main verb. The main verb here is “be filled.”**

**Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

**Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

**Command: Let the Word of Christ dwell richly within you.  
The finite verb, is *enoikeo*, to make a home, dwell in**

**Three participles follow:**

- 1. admonishing**
- 2. teaching**
- 3. singing**

**Verse 17 is a separate sentence but also like Eph. 5:19,  
bring thanksgiving into the list of results.**

- 4. giving thanks**

**It is more likely that Paul is stating what will happen when one is filled by the Spirit. As dissipation issues from drunkenness, so also speaking, singing songs and psalms, giving thanks, and submitting issue from the filling by the Spirit. Accordingly, these could be categorized as participles of manner or possibly as participles of attendant circumstance. ...**

**It is better to see them as participles of result. The resultant characteristics suggest visible manifestation of one filled by the Spirit. Furthermore, participles of result are normally in the present tense and follow the main verb as here.** The present tense of the participles most likely indicates repetition or progression of the characteristics described by these five participles. ... The repetition or progression of these characteristics is evidence that the believer is being filled by the Spirit.

**~Hoehner, *Ephesians***

**Isa. 6:1, “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.**

**Isa. 6:2, “Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.”**

**Isa. 6:3, “And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”**

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**כְּבוֹד *kavod* comm masc sing constr heavy, weighty, important, also liver**

# ESSENCE OF GOD

Holy

**Sovereign**

**Omniscient**

**Righteousness**

**Omnipresent**

**Justice**

**Omnipotent**

**Love**

**Veracity**

**Eternal Life**

**Immutability**

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**Isa. 6:4, “And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.**

**Isa. 6:5, “So I said: ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.’ ”**

**Isa. 6:6, “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.”**



