

Ephesians Series

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**Worshiping God:
Fearing the Holy God
Ephesians 5:18–22; 2 Timothy 3:14–17**



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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**

**Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”**

What are Our Assumptions?

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired [“breathed out”] Word of God.

2 Tim. 3:14, “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and have firmly believed, because you know who taught you,

2 Tim. 3:15, “and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is breathed out by God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be mature, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What are Our Assumptions?

- 1. We believe the Bible is the inspired [“breathed out”] Word of God.**
 - a. The Bible is our ultimate authority. The Bible has a unique authority. The Bible is infallible and in the original manuscripts inerrant.**
 - b. The Bible is sufficient. The Bible alone informs us how to think about all of the issues of life, which includes worship and music.**

What are Our Assumptions?

- 2. The Bible provides numerous examples of worship which is accepted and approved by God, and worship that is unacceptable and is rejected by God.**
 - a. Frequently, the standards by which the worship is accepted and rejected have not been revealed to us, to that point, but they were known.**
 - b. God always condemned worship which was unauthorized, and some of it involved immediate death.**

Ex. 32:1, “Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, ‘Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’”

Ex. 32:2, “And Aaron said to them, ‘Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’”

Ex. 32:3, “So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.”

Ex. 32:4, “And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ”

Ex. 32:5, “So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.’”

Ex. 32:6, “Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”

Ex. 32:7, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.”

Ex. 32:8, “ ‘They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” ’ ”

Ex. 32:9, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!

Ex. 32:10, “ ‘Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.’ ”

Lev. 10:1, “Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane [unauthorized] fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

Lev. 10:2, “So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Lev. 10:3, “And Moses said to Aaron, ‘This is what the LORD spoke, saying: “By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.” ’ So Aaron held his peace.”

Matt. 15:8, “ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

Matt. 15:9, “ ‘And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

Matt. 17:1, “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

Matt. 17:2, “and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Matt. 17:3, “And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Matt. 17:4, “Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’

Matt. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”

Matt. 17:6, “And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

Matt. 17:7, “But Jesus came and touched them and said, ‘Arise, and do not be afraid.’

Matt. 17:8, “When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”

What are Our Assumptions?

3. The biblical emphasis limits the authority of church leaders to introduce into corporate worship only what God's Word allows.

We either let God define for us what worship is, or we impose our own ideas on it, and then adjust our services to conform to what we think is worship.

Scott Aniol observes

“dependence upon the authority and sufficiency of the Word of God in matters of worship is actually quite liberating. Far from being unnecessarily restrictive, depending on the Word of God to regulate Christian worship gives confidence to church leaders and congregants alike that how they are approaching God in worship is both pleasing to him and ultimately what will draw them progressively into a deeper relationship with God.”

~Artistic Theologian, vol. 4

“For worship we have an interesting array of definitions and descriptions, all of which are helpful in one way or another, but none of which is completely satisfying as a thorough working definition for biblical surveys such as this. Some broaden worship to cover all of Christian activity. Worship definitely has a bearing on everything we do, but the biblical text uses the words and descriptions of worship for the special acts of the people of God in private or communal devotion.”

~Allen P. Ross