

The Holy Spirit & Me Series

**“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Harmony (Ephesians 5:18-6:9)**

Heaven In Your Home (Part 1 v18-21) Outline By: Mark Knowles 7/7/13 AM

**Introduction**

1. Through the Holy Spirit of God we can walk in harmony as husbands and wives (Eph 5:22-33), parents and children (Eph 6:1-4), and employers and employees (Eph 6:5-9). The unity of God’s people in Eph 4:1-16 must be translated into daily living if we are to enjoy a foretaste of heaven on Earth...

**I. Be Filled With The Spirit (5:18)**

- a. The command to be filled is for all Christians not just a select few. The verb is present tense meaning we “keep on being filled” and the verb is passive meaning we don’t do it ourselves but permit the Spirit to fill us.
- b. As the Spirit works through the Word in our hearts, our lives are conforming to the will of God. If we are to have heavenly homes we must be led by the Spirit. What is another way we can tell if we are filled by the Spirit?

**II. Joyful (5:19)**

- a. Joy is one of the Fruit of the Spirit and it is not shallow but a very deep experience of trust and faith in Christ no matter the circumstances around us.
- b. It is not one that comes and goes but instead this joy determines our spiritual attitude of our circumstances.
- c. Is it difficult to live or work with someone who is filled with the Spirit and joyful? They have a song on their heart and lips.

**III. Thankful (5:20)**

- a. Someone defined the home as “the place where we are treated the best – and complain the most!” How true and sad that is! How does a grateful heart promote harmony in the home?
- b. First, they a grateful person realizes their blessings which is a mark of humility.
- c. Second they have experienced the grace of God and therefore grateful for God and all the blessings he pours onto us. Would it not be nice to live with people who are thankful?

**IV. Submissive (5:21)**

- a. Paul applies this principle to the home for husbands and wives, parents and children, slaves and masters. Does this suggest children tell parents what to do? Nope it really has nothing to do with authority but rather governs the operation of authority.
- b. Jesus washed feet to show us authority is meant to build up people not to make yourself important.
- c. By nature we promote ourselves but the Holy Spirit enables us to submit ourselves.