**July 22, 2018 “Singing and Making Melody with Your Heart” Ephesians 5:18-21**

As we have taken quite a bit of time to study Ephesians 5:18, I hope that you and I are beginning to understand the importance God places in being a Spirit filled Christian. In this passage we have discovered two commands. One is a negative… do not get drunk with wine and the second is a positive… be being filled with the Spirit of God.

Paul goes on in this passage to name the three results of “be being filled with the Spirit”

Note these three things

* Ephesians 5:19… Singing and making melody with your heart
* Ephesians 5:20… Always giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ
* Ephesians 5:21… Be subject to one another

Note also

* The first is personal
* The second is to God
* The third is to all the people I associate with

Question… Why did not the author of Ephesians, who is the Holy Spirit, say about being filled with the Spirit????

* Go out and say to this mountain be thrown into the sea?
* Speak in tongues?
* Heal the blind?
* Raise the dead?

Genesis 1:24-28; Genesis 2:7; Genesis 2:18-19… God made man to be relational. God’s desire for you and me is that we abide in a relational communion with our Creator. Here is the reason for “be being filled with Spirit”

Note the mirror passage in Colossians 3:16… “Singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God”. When our hearts of full of joy and thanksgiving… we have to sing unto God. Note James 5:13.

1. Singing unto the Lord is always associated with redemption
   1. Note how many times the referral is to a “new song”
      1. Psalm 33:1-9… vs 3… A new song
      2. Psalm 40:1-5… vs 3… A new song
      3. Psalm 96:1-6… vs 1… A new song… Why?
         1. Look at verse 2
      4. Psalm 98:1-3… vs 1… A new song… Why
         1. The Lord has made known His salvation
      5. Psalm 144:9-10… Who gives salvation
      6. Psalm 149:1-4… Beautify the afflicted ones with salvation
         1. Nearer my God to Thee… Andre Rieu
      7. Revelation 5
      8. Psalm 150… All types of praise
         1. You Raise Me Up… Andre Rieu
      9. Matthew 26:30… Singing a hymn they went to the Mount of Olives
      10. Acts 16:22-30… Song of salvation?
      11. Revelation 14:1-6
      12. Revelation 15:1-4
          1. Amazing Grace… Andre Rieu
2. Note the purpose of singing Ephesians 5:19
   1. Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
      1. Singing is not meant to be evangelistic
      2. It is meant to be the communion of the saints
      3. It is the expression of our hearts
         1. Expressing to one another of what God has done for me
   2. Singing using what instrument?
      1. With your heart
         1. Psalm 137… Song of sorrow
         2. Psalm 19:14… So let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight O God
3. Spirit filled singing comes from Spirit filled hearts… Hearts that are dedicated to one purpose… to be conformed into the image of Christ

To be like Jesus