

Ephesians 5:5-21 - Part 5

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 11-11-15

Context:

1. New Life in Christ (1:3-2:10)
2. The New Society (2:11-3:21)
3. **New Standards - unity and purity** (4:1-5:21) - final section
4. New Relationships (5:21-6:24)

4 Incentives for Righteous Living:

1. Certainty of judgement (vv. 5-7)
2. The fruit of light (vv. 8-14)
3. The nature of wisdom (vv. 15-17)
4. **The Fullness of the Holy Spirit (vv. 18-21)**

Structure of this paragraph: 2 imperatives + 4 present participles = Christian duty & consequences

4 Results of Being Filled with the HS

- _____ - v. 19a - "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs"
 - Jewish temple/synagogue
 - Early Christian antiphonal singing
 - Cf. Psalm 95:1 - Fellowship in the midst of worship - a reciprocating invitation to praise
- _____ - v. 19b - "singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord"
 - Singing "with your heart" - lit. "___ your heart" - inward sincerity, authenticity
- _____ - v. 20 - "giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father"
 - "for all things" does not mean for "every single thing"
 - Trusting, thanksgiving, acknowledging providence, etc. (cf. Rom. 8:28; Gen. 50:20; I Cor. 1:18)
- _____ - v. 21 - "be subject to one another in the fear of Christ"
 - Displaying the meekness and gentleness of _____
 - "Submit" - like soldiers or slaves
 - Has the idea of _____ your own rights or will (cf. Phil. 2:1-8)
 - Recall Eph. 4:1-2

Final thoughts on the command to "be filled" - exploring the Greek

- _____ mood - Not a tentative proposal, but an authoritative command
- _____ form - For the entire community, available to all
- _____ voice - Allow him to fill. (Cf. Col. 3:16. Spirit + Word always)
- _____ tense - An ongoing reality.