

# WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

*Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2*

## Be Being Filled Not By Might Not By Power Part 2

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**Ephesians 5:15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ... **18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

- **The emphasis is not so much on not getting drunk**
- **But rather using “getting drunk” more as a defining and warning against dissipation**

**Dissipation:** is the squandering of that which has value, always leading to loss

**Dissipation:** is the result of prioritizing the temporal things of this world over the eternal priceless things of heaven

**Jesus also warns us of this when He was prophesying about the last days:**

**Luke 21:34** "Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; **35** for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

- **Here we see drunkenness mentioned alongside dissipation again**
- **Drunkenness- *Methuo* : to be filled**
- **Intoxication- is an altered state of mental control which leads to impaired judgment**
- **Intoxication is also defined as an intense excitement or poisoning effect**
- **In other words, dissipation is the opposite of seeking first the kingdom of God...**

**Colossians 3:1** Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

- **Most people who identify as Christians do not even give a thought about being filled with the Holy Spirit, or for that matter seeking the things above**
- **They are too weighed down with the cares of this life, prioritizing the same things the world does...**

**Matthew 13:22** "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful..."

**Again, speaking of the last days Jesus says in Matt 25:**

**Matthew 25:1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. **3** "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

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**In order to really grasp the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit we need to understand the role the anointing plays in our lives as believers:**

- **The rule of first mention...**
- **Jacob after having his dream...**
- **Anointed the pillar of rocks...**
- **Though the word anointing was not mentioned here, the act of anointing was...**
- **Later on in his life God refers to the pouring of oil on the pillar of rocks as the anointing**

**Genesis 31:13** 'I am the God [of] Bethel, where you anointed a pillar,...'"

- **So in the first mention of the anointing in the word of God we see that the anointing is a connection between heaven and earth**
- **And that the anointing is always associated with oil, which represents the Holy Spirit**
- **So in the account of the Ten Virgins the lamps represent the anointing of the believer**
- **We as believers are anointed to be the light of the world**
- **But the 5 foolish virgins did not bring the power of the anointing with their lamps**
- **Having had no oil with their lamps, their lamps were useless...**

**Let us look at Ephesians 5 again:**

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**Let us look at the connection between this instruction from the Apostle Paul and the angels word over John the Baptist:**

**Luke 1:13** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. **14** "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

**Luke 1:15** "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and ***he will be filled with the Holy Spirit*** while yet in his mother's womb.

**Luke 1:16** "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. **17** "It is he who will go [as a forerunner] before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

- **This is what we are called to do**
- **Especially in this day we are living in...**

**We are living under a better covenant built on better promises:**

- **In the Old Covenant they were anointed with oil, a type of the Holy Spirit**
- **In the New Covenant we are not anointed with a type of the Holy Spirit, we are anointed with the Holy Spirit...**

**Acts 10:38** "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how *God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit* and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**Regarding us as believers:**

**1 John 2:20** But *you have an anointing from the Holy One*, and you all know.

**Luke 4:16** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. **17** And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

**Luke 4:18** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME..."

**Luke 4:18** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

**We as New Covenant believers can stand up and declare, just as Jesus did:**

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**And in the Old Covenant when God set someone apart to be anointed, they were set apart with the anointing oil:**

- **Not so in the New Covenant, we are set apart by the Holy Spirit, not just with oil**

**Acts 13:1** Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was [there,] prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

**Let us see this illustrated in the word of God:**

**Joshua the High Priest and Zerubbabel the Governor were responsible in building the New Temple for the Lord:**

**Zechariah 4:1** Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep. **2** He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; **3** also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."

**Zechariah 4:4** Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?"

**Zechariah 4:6** Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

- **Zerubbabel and Joshua also represent the two common anointings of every believer: King and Priest!**
- **Our power, just like theirs, is dependent upon the continual flowing of the Holy Spirit in and upon our lives**

**Zechariah 4:7** 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel [you will become] a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

**Romans 11:6** **But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.**

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