

THE FILLING MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:1–21

The filling of the Holy Spirit could rightly be considered the centre of his work in the world today—the hub *to* which his other ministries connect and *by* which his other ministries are rightly experienced. The Spirit has regenerated, indwelt, and sealed every believer. But it is the *filling* of the Spirit that helps us understand and celebrate those realities. The Spirit teaches. But it is his *filling* that empowers our recognition and reception of that education. The Spirit unifies. But it is when we are *filled* that we are able to appreciate and preserve that oneness. To say it another way, the filling work of the Holy Spirit does not *cause* his other ministries but it does highlight them, uncover them, and empower God’s people to experience them. And Christians need that for maturity. If the goal is growth in godliness, believers *must* have the Spirit’s power and we *must* experience the Spirit’s work.

HIS WORK

The Context

5:1–17; Col 1:13–14

The Command

5:18; 1 Cor 3:16

The Consequences

5:19–21

OUR RESPONSE

Receive

Eph 2:8–9

Repent

1 John 1:9

Obey

Gal 5:16

Ask

Luke 11:13