

Dynamic for Godly Living Ephesians 5:18-21

I. God's Power in Us – 5:18-21

1. God's eternal plan – Eph. 1:3-6
God chose to have people for His glory
A people with whom He could fellowship with eternally
2. God knew of human rebellion
God knew that His plan would mean sacrifice of His Son
He chose all who would come to Him in faith
3. God's plan was to restore His image in man
True fellowship could come only as God's likeness is restored in man
(walk together in love, light & wisdom) Eph. 5:1-17
4. How can this happen in sinful humans?
Man has demonstrated his inability to please God
5. He urges us to avoid other influences - 18
Humans may seek other means to change us
Use some stimulant to make us feel better
And be more pleasant with others
He also points out the effects of this
Drunkenness can bring debauchery
Which leads to a worse situation
God's Word supplies the answer

Giving thanks always to God for everything
In the name of our Lord Jesus
(He provided for this change)

3. He gives us a submissive spirit – 20
Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ
This helps meet our need with personal relationships

II. God's Presence in Us – 5:18

1. God must come to live in humans
Only God can bring about this transition
God planned for it in eternity past
His Son sacrificed His life to provide for it
Now His Spirit comes to dwell in each believer
Jesus promised this in John 14:16-17
2. Note what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit
He would come from the Father as another helper
He would be with us forever
He is the Spirit of Truth – He will be our teacher
He dwells with you and will be in you
3. Command for us is “be filled with the Spirit”
To be filled means to be “under control of”
Like being filled with fear, hate, love etc.
Seek the one who is your “Helper”
Allow the Holy Spirit to take control
Turn the situation over to Him
4. Consider Paul's words in Col. 3:16-17
Similar passage with some different words
Holy Spirit is the author of Scripture – 2Pet 1:21
Listen to what God has to say in your time of need

III. Holy Spirit Changes Us – 5:19-21

1. He gives us a joyful spirit – 19
Singing and making melody with your heart
Not only lifts our spirit but blesses others
2. He gives us a thankful spirit – 20