"Igniting The Power" Ephesians 5:18-21

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The key to igniting the power in a Christian's life is being filled with the Spirit.

Three Observations from our text:

Observation #1: There is a two-fold command.

- Negative Command - "Don't get drunk with wine...."

- Positive Command - "Be filled with the Spirit."

Observation #2: The command is in the <u>present tense</u>. (continual action)

Observation #3: The command is in the passive voice.

Two Important Implications:

1) The Holy Spirit is ready to fill us at any moment.

2) We must make ourselves available to Him.

Question: What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

When a Christian is filled with the Spirit, it means the Christian has <u>yielded</u> his life to the <u>Holy Spirit's control</u>.

Question: How is a Christian filled with the Spirit?

- 1) There must be a <u>complete surrender</u> to Him.
- 2) There must be continual control by Him.
- 3) You need to ask Him to fill you.

Three Results of Being Filled With the Spirit:

- 1) In your relationship to God, there will be a heart of adoration. (v. 19)
- 2) In your relationship to your circumstances, there will be a heart of appreciation. (v. 20)
- 3) In your relationship to others, there will be a heart of accommodation. (v. 21)