

A WHOLE NEW WARDROBE - 5

11/26/07

Introduction –

“Don’t smoke, drink or chew; and don’t run with those who do”. Hmm, it’s interesting that two of these “so called sins” are not mentioned at all in the Bible. The other is only called sin when taken to an extreme. Yet, you would think that as long as we didn’t do these, we’re okay. Compare these with the list of real sins that we’ve been teaching about from Ephesians 4&5. Today, in the last of those “old garments” that Paul said needed to be replaced with “new garments”, we will be sharing about putting away drunkenness and replacing it with being filled with the Spirit.

Eph 4:22,24 – “*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ... And to **put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*”

Eph5:18 – “***Do not get drunk** on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.***”

Acts 2:4 – “*All of them were **filled with the Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled.*”

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Before proceeding with today’s garment change, let me share with you something the Holy Spirit told me to emphasize. It has to do with “**removing**” and “**replacing**”/
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***TODAY’S GARMENT CHANGE: DRUNKENNES > FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

*Being filled with the Spirit **enhances** everything about our Christian walk...*

1.

Acts 2:12-13 – “*Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had **too much wine.**’”*

***Discussion:** Compare getting drunk or high with the “high” you feel with the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit give you a genuine high compared to the others?

2.

John 20:19,22 – “*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood among them and said... ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’**”*

***Discussion:**

1. Why was receiving the Holy Spirit so important for the disciples? Who place was He filling?
2. How does the Holy Spirit enhance the presence of God for us today?

3.

II Chron 5:13b-14 – “...they raised their voices in **praise** to the Lord and sang ... Then the temple was filled with a cloud ... for the **glory** of the Lord filled the temple of God”

***Discussion:**

1. Which trends in worship are encouraging? Which ones cause concern?
2. How does the Holy Spirit enhance worship and encourage it to be genuine?

4.

I Cor 12:1,4 – “Now about **spiritual gifts**, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ... There are **different kinds of gifts**, but the same spirit.”

Rom 8:14 – “...those who are **led by the Spirit** of God are songs of God.”

***Discussion:**

1. What Biblical examples did Pastor give showing how the Holy Spirit enhances gifts and leading?
2. Can you give an example of a time when you were led supernaturally by the Spirit?

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John 20:19,22 – “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood among them and said... ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’**”

Acts 1:8 – “...you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **Witnesses.**”

Acts 4:31 – “After they prayed the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God **boldly.**”

***Discussion:** In what two ways does the Holy Spirit enhance power enabling us to do the job?

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Prov 25:28 – “Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man **who lacks self-control**”

Gal 5:16 – “So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

***Discussion:**

1. Why is self control so important?
2. How does the Holy Spirit enhance the controlling of oneself?