

Ephesians 5:15-21; I John 4:4
 “In Christ: Be Being Filled With the Spirit” (Part 2)

Every Believer in Christ Receives the Gift of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:5; 2:38

- He is the distinguishing mark of the Christian life – 1 Cor 2:12; Ga 4:6; II Cor 13:5; Eph 1:3
 ...God’s Holy Spirit dwells in our human spirit – 1 Cor 12:13
- We may then resist, quench, grieve – Acts 7:51; I Thess 5:19; Eph 4:30
 ...or, be being filled by the Holy Spirit – Eph 5:18

We Keep Being Filled by Redeeming the Time – Eph 5:16; Rev 21:5

- Evil: active opposition to God
 ...To redeem the time is to buy it up and convert it into an asset – II Cor 4:17-18,
 11,7-10; Gen 50:20; Ro 8:28-29
- Take every thought captive to Christ – II Cor 10:3-5
 ...Practice the “Holy but...” – Lk 5:5; 22:42 - so that God gets the final word – Acts 2:22-24

We Keep on Being Filled by Rejoicing and Giving Thanks – Eph 5:19-20; Ps 100:4; 118:24;
 I Thess 5:16-19; Phil 4:4

- Both are confessions of faith: “Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world.”
 – I Jo 4:4
 ...Every crisis in life is the call to worship God – I Thess 5:18
- They are declarations of our source – I Cor 4:7 – and our supply – Phil 4:19
 ...Appearances no longer determine reality – Jo 7:24
 ...Activates and enlarges our “see through” capacity – II Cor 5:7

We Keep on Being Filled by Subjecting and Serving Ourselves to Others – Eph 5:21; Mk 10:45

- He is the Spirit of service to others – Lk 22:27
 ...We are to seek the fulfillment of others – Phil 2:3-7
- We reverence and respect Christ by looking out for others – Eph 5:21
 ...The more we empty of our own terms, the more full we become of Christ – Matt 16:25

Stop blaming evil times, disappointing circumstances, difficult people and be filled with the Holy Spirit and in the midst of such things learn “greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world”!
 (I Jo 4:4)