

Filled with the Spirit Part 1

Ephesians 5:18 “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled (playrao: completed, supplied liberally, and filled to the brim) with the Spirit.

One of the most controversially misunderstood concepts in the Body of Christ is being filled with the Holy Spirit. What many don't understand is that the Bible has different kinds of “being filled” with the Holy Spirit, and in the English translations of the Greek and Hebrew words, which are over-simplified, the reality is that to “be filled” with the Holy Spirit is packed with many meanings.

For example, in Missouri we have a few terms for snow. Flurries, a dusting, and blizzard, which I think covers it. In Alaska though, they have over forty-five names for what is translated in English as snow. And snow is not just...snow.

This concept applies to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Let's just talk about four ways of “being filled” in the New Testament alone.

First is “choratzo” which means to be filled to the point of satisfaction. Second is “playrao” which means to fill to the point of completion, realization, filled to the brim, and not in want. Third is “gemidzo” which means to fill full. Fourth is “playtho” which means to fill by furnishing, like an apartment or house.

How does this apply to every child of God? Are you satisfied with God, or still looking for love in all the wrong places, because the Holy Spirit wants to “choratzo” you. It's one thing for Jerry Mcguire to say he's completed by a person, but have you let the person of the Holy Spirit complete you in the “playrao” way? God the Father wants us to empty ourselves of dead pursuits to “be full”/gemidzo of Him. And, God furnishes (playtho), every child of God differently with special gifts, and this should not make us bicker and fight, but bring us to unity.