



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Sermon Series: Reconnecting to Our True Identity in Christ

Sermon Title: *Living Under the Influence of Christ*

Text: Ephesians 5:15-21

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Sermon Big Idea: Godly wisdom is more than just knowing stuff; it is also doing the right stuff for God's glory.

How believers live under the influence of the Holy Spirit:

1) Being under Christ's influence means **godly wisdom**.
(Ephesians 5:15 / 1 Peter 5:8-9)

2) Being under Christ's influence means **time management**.
(Ephesians 5:16-17)

3) Being under Christ's influence means being **spirit-filled**.
(Ephesians 5:18-21 / Colossians 3:16-17)

Three indicators of a believer filled with the Spirit:

1) Spirit-filled believers love to **worship** God. (Ephesians 5:19)

2) Spirit-filled believers are **generally grateful** to God. (Ephesians 5:20)

3) Spirit-filled believers **submit** to one another. (Ephesians 5:21)

What can we do to increasingly become a church that allows people to fail and be restored with grace?

Study/Application Questions and Actions

What recent event(s) in your life have reminded you that life is brief, so living intentionally is important?

What kind of opportunities for Christ could have an expiration date that once past cannot be reclaimed?

Paul uses the negative example of drunkenness to contrast with the positive impact of being influenced by Christ. What might a godly, balanced perspective be about consuming alcohol?

Being filled by the Spirit means to be completely influenced. What aspects of life do you find most difficult to bring completely under Christ's influence and how could those be strengthened?

If submitting to one another is an important quality, how might believers with strong personality types more consistently obey this command?

SERMON NOTES



What I learned

Today's Bible Verse



My Prayer