

IDENTITY:

The Unbreakable Connection



Ephesians 5:15-21

**November 10, 2019
Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

The message today comes from Ephesians chapter 5, in which Paul exhorts the church to ***not get drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit (v.18)***.

Being filled with the Spirit is contrasted with being filled or drunk with wine. The idea is one of being controlled by God's Spirit rather than by other forces. When we are filled by the Spirit, the results are joy and thanksgiving as well as a posture of humility toward God and of submission to one another.

So how can a person be filled with the Holy Spirit? To be clear, there is an important difference between the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit. All believers in Jesus Christ have God's Spirit living within them, or dwelling within them (John 14:16, Ephesians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 4:30); but not all believers lives are filled or controlled by the Spirit's power. It has been said believers have all of the Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit may not have all of them. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the time of our salvation but we are filled by Him when we submit to Him.

The filling of the Holy Spirit can vary in the life of each believer. Negatively, a believer in Christ can "*quench*" or "*grieve*" the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30). Sinful actions can hinder the work of God's Spirit in a believer's life. In contrast, when a believer in Christ lives in obedience to God's will and commands, he or she should expect to see God's Spirit living through them.

Some suggest that the filling of the Holy Spirit is an emotional experience that takes place at certain moments, but the concept of "*filling*" in Scripture is one of being controlled or influenced by the Holy Spirit. At times, living a Spirit-filled life may include emotional or mountain-top experiences. But the idea of being filled by the Spirit is more about an ongoing sense of God's Spirit working in a person's life, not a one-time experience. As the believer lives out his or her faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit increasingly controls or fills his or her life, which leads to joy, thankfulness, and right relationships. The believer who is Spirit filled will produce the fruit of the Spirit; which in addition to joy includes love, peace, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, long-suffering, and self control. (Gal.5:22-23) The presence of fruit in a person's life is a great indicator of the Spirit's filling. Are you filled with the Spirit?

Blessings,

Pastor Ralph

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We are so glad you made it today!

Grab an info packet in the lobby and a Bible from the information desk.

There is a mother-baby suite in the NE corner of the Worship Center

Babies and Preschoolers can join us in the preschool area.

1st-6th Graders, your groups meet at 9:15-10:15AM, and you'll be

released to "Uprise" from the 10:30 Service.

Our Guest Wifi Password is: 87654321

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pick Up Shirts TODAY

Preordered church shirts will be available TODAY at the Information Desk. Pick yours up after service!

Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

Has been cancelled.

Thanksgiving Potluck and Trivia Night

Sunday, November 17 at 6 PM

Family event for the whole church (kids included). We supply the meat and drinks. You bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert!

Ecuador Child Sponsorships

For more information about sponsoring a child in Ecuador please pick up a booklet from the table in the Worship Center. You may contact Pastor Matt with any of your questions at 254-2339 x 15.

Christmas Tree Decorating/ Carol Sing Service: December 8

Our Christmas Tree Decorating and Carol Sing Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 8. Each year a choral selection is presented. This year we would like to open this opportunity for anyone who would like to participate. You do not have to be a current member of the music ministry or of EGFirst to participate. If you are interested please sign up on your Connect Card or you can contact Pastor Tim by email (tharden@egfirst.org), text (505-4341) or in person. Rehearsal dates will be November 12 (7PM), November 20 (7:30PM), November 25 (7PM), December 4 (7:30PM), December 7 (11AM). Rehearsals will be about 30 minutes in length. We look forward to singing with you!



Next Sunday, November 17
Bring Your Packed
Shoe Boxes
to Worship Service

OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SHARE JESUS, REACH THE WORLD

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

Sunday, November 10:

Pastor's Prayer Team: 8:30 AM (Rm 104) Open to All
Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Rm)
Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM & 10:00 - 10:30 AM
Revolution Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Youth Zone)
Sunday School & Bible Fellowships: 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Traditional Worship: 9:15 AM
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Monday, November 11:

BYKOTA Class Meeting: 10 AM (Rm 400A)

Tuesday, November 12:

Ironmen Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Rm 301)
Woman Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Rm 104)
Library: 9:30 AM - Noon
Boutique: 10 AM - Noon
Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon
Phebean Class Meeting: 6 PM (400A)
Christmas Carol Sing Rehearsal: 7 PM (Worship Center)

Wednesday, November 13:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)
Dinner Served: 5:00 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 - 6:15 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
 Kidz Midweek (Uprise Room)
 Youth (Youth Zone)
 Hooking on Hump Day (Crocheting) (Rm 104)
 Seekers of the Word (Conference Room)
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting (400 D & E)
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thursday, November 14:

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Rm 400)
Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)
Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon
Iglesia Bautista Eau Gallie: 7:30 PM (Rm 400 D & E)

Friday, November 15:

Dominos: 6 PM (Rm 400 A & B)

Saturday, November 16:

Praise Orchestra 10 AM (Worship Center)

NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Elizabeth Andrews
Mona Foster
Linda Gill
Nancy Louis
David and Jennifer Paynter

Benny and Martha Quintana
Kim Singleton
Donald and Christine Vinson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/17: Zulema Cruz, Chris Click

11/18: Nancy Fannin

11/19: Mauvelene Pyron, Chris Hutchison, Lisa White
, Elijah Concha

11/20: Jim Bostic, Allen Daubendiek, Taylor Price

11/21: David Harden

11/22: Jan Love, Edna Fairbanks-Smith, Linda Thompson,
Margo Knowles, Haley Erwin, Madison Erwin

11/23: Clay Rogers, Joe Mazzella

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Debi Brown and family in the death of her husband Bill.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Chris and Tom Hutchison and family in the death of Chris' mother, Alene Koehl.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Damon and Rita Hanckey and family in the death of Damon's Father.



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Place in Offering Plate

Facts and Figures November 3, 2019

Weekend Worship Attendance
429

Weekly Budget Needed 18,629.15

Budget Offering 20,276.45

Designated 3,127.33

CTB Debt Retirement 290.00

Total Offering 23,693.78

To Date Figures

Budget Goal 819,682.60

Received 820,465.48

CTB Year 11,475.00

Fellowship Supper Wednesday, Nov 13

Suggested Donation
\$5 Adult \$3 Child \$15 Family

Chicken and Broccoli,
Fettuccine Alfredo,
Garlic Bread Sticks
Lemon Raspberry Cake

Shrimp Caesar Salad Entree

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call Nov 10 - Nov 16

Craig Helping 321-693-3040

Jim Offner 321-537-2147

Marc Kish 321-288-3521

Joe Mazzella 347-538-3030

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

9:15 AM Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Kids Choir: "This is Amazing Grace"

Choral Praise: "My Hope"

Fellowship Song: "Surely the Presence"

Message in Song: Pat Offner

Worship Songs Today:

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

"He Keeps me Singing"

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

"In My Heart"

"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

"How Great Thou Art"

10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

"Unstoppable God"

"Holy Water"

"God of Grace"

"Lead Me to the Cross"

"O Come to the Altar"

"Mighty Fortress"

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