1	Ephesians Study
	Men of Grace
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	Ephesians 5: 15-21
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2	Ephesians - Quick Overview
	1:1-2 INTRODUCTORY GREETINGS 1:3-3:21 OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST 1:3-2:10 New People by God's grace 2:11-3:21 New Community through the cross
	4:1-6:20 OUR NEW LIFESTYLE 4:1-5:21 New Standards of morality
	5:22-6:9 New Relationships in the family
	6:10-20 New Armor to fight the devil 6:21-24 FINAL GREETINGS
3	Living Out Our New Lives in Christ
	Death and New Life
	"put to death, live for"
	New Clothes
	• "take off, put on"
4 🔳	Wise vs. Unwise
	Knowing there is a God, and I am not Him.
	My purpose is to worship, obey, and glorify him and understand his purposes and align my life accordingly
	"The Wise Man" "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 1:7)
	"The testimony (law) of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7)
	"The Fool"

. "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God" (Psalm 14:1)

5 Making the Most of Every Opportunity

"The Days are evil"

Don't be deceived.

"Make the best use of the time"

- Use the time wisely for God's purposes
- . Don't fill the time full of stuff

6 Foolish vs. Understanding What the Lord's Will Is

The Lord's general will

His specific will

7 Drunk on Wine vs. Filled with the Spirit

"Where do you turn when the days are evil, when you are frightened or discouraged or depressed or anxious? Paul pleads with us: "Don't turn to alcohol; turn to the Spirit. Anything of value that alcohol can bring you, God the Holy Spirit can bring more." There are people who can't begin to whistle a happy tune or sing a song at work because they are so tense and anxious about life. But later in the evening at the tavern with a few drinks under their belt they can put their arms around each other and sing and laugh. All of us long to be carefree, uninhibited, happy. And the mounting tragedy of our own day, as in Paul's, is that increasing numbers of people (even Christians) believe that the only way they can find this child-like freedom is by drugging themselves with alcohol or other mind-benders. Such behavior dishonors God, and so Paul says: There is a better way to cope with the evil days—be filled with the Spirit, stay filled with the Spirit. And you will know unmatched joy that sings and makes melody to the Lord." -John Piper

miracles, tongues, witness, overcoming sin

God's Presence

comfort, "Abba", joy

God's Truth

guiding and convicting

9 Be Filled"

"I thought we already are filled"

- · We are God's temple in which HS dwells
- · Sealed by the HS for the day of redemption
- · HS is the down payment guaranteeing our inheritance
- "And Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God" (Acts 7:55)
- · "Walk in the Spirit"
- · "Continue being filled"

10 How Can We Be Filled

"How can we do what only God can do?"

- · By constantly soaking in God's Spirit-breathed Word
 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching each other in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:15-16)
- By Faith
- . "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13)
- By Asking
 - "Ask, seek, knock... How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Luke 11:9, 13)

11 The Structure

Be filled with the Spirit

- addressing one another with songs
- singing to the Lord
- giving thanks always and for everything
- · submitting to one another

12 Singing to Each Other

"O come, let us adore Him"

"Come Let us worship and bow down"

13 Singing to the Lord: Your Love, O Lord

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens Your faithfulness stretches to the sky Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

- 14 🔳 Be Thou My Vision
 - Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou my inheritance now and always Thou and Thou only first in my heart High King of heaven my treasure thou art
- Jesus, All for Jesus

 Jesus, all for Jesus, all I am and have
 And ever hope to be
 All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans
 I surrender these into your hands
- Before the Throne of God Above

 Before the throne of God above,
 I have a strong, a perfect plea,
 A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
 Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands,
 My name is written on His heart;
 I know that while in heaven He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.
- Defore the Throne of God Above
 When Satan tempts me to despair,
 And tells me of the guilt within,
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end to all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died,
 My sinful soul is counted free;
 For God, the Just, is satisfied
 To look on him and pardon me.
- Before the Throne of God Above

 Behold him there! the risen Lamb,

 My perfect, spotless Righteousness,

 The great unchangeable I AM,

 The King of glory and of grace!

 One with Himself I cannot die,

 My soul is purchased by His blood;

 My life is hid with Christ on high,

 With Christ, my Savior and my God

 With Christ, my Savior and my God
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures, here below
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

- 20 Giving thanks always and for everything
 - Every situation offers the Spirit-filled person an opportunity to be grateful
 - Realities that hinder gratitude
 - "Affluenza"
 - Temperament/Personality
- 21 Submitting to one another out of reverence for X Coming soon . . .
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- 23 The New Life

The Old Life

- Unwise
- Foolish
- · Drunk with wine

The New Life

- Wise
- · Understanding the Lord's will
- · Filled with the Spirit
- 24 Ephesians 5:1-14

Discussion Question:

A Christian friend comes up to you after the Tuesday morning men's study and says, "I don't experience the type of singing, joy, and gratitude that Paul talks about in these verses. Am I missing out on something or not? What should I do about it? And how?" How would you respond?

25 Thank You