

*The “Why” and “How” of Being Spirit Filled
Ephesians 5:8-21*

The Bible uses the analogy of _____ being introduced into _____ to describe the difference salvation makes. Getting the gift of God’s _____ is like turning a light on for someone living in darkness.

Christians live in spiritual light. The effects of living in spiritual darkness or living in light are so profound that the Bible says, “we _____ darkness but now we _____ light.” When someone accepts Jesus as Savior, light becomes a part of them, so they can _____ Christ’s light in the darkness, exposing the darkness for what it is and _____ the path for others to Christ.

The text goes on to say that because Christians can glow with the light of Christ, it _____ how we live. The point is this: we can choose to effectively _____ the light of Christ, or we can choose to _____ it by the way we live our lives.

If we are wise and understand the will of the Lord, we will know we need to _____ the world’s _____ on the way we think, and the way behave. To remain involved and associated with its ways is to _____.

But how do we resist the world? By being _____ with the _____. Filled with the Spirit, there is no _____ left to be filled by the propaganda of the world.

And how are we to be filled? The text says that through the practices of _____ and _____ and _____ with believers in the church and being _____ to God, the Spirit works His way into every room and space in our lives.

This passage teaches us that this kind of healthy, regular _____ in the church provides the spiritual _____ we need to be filled with the Spirit. As someone said, “If I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually _____ today!”

As imperfect as the church is, regular _____ in it is the key to being _____ the _____, and being filled with the Spirit is the key to living a life that _____ for Jesus.