

**WORD-SHARE-PRAYER (17)**  
**For personal and small group study**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**READ:** Ephesians 5:18 (Be Filled with the Spirit)

18] Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,  
-NRSV-

**REFLECT:** Enjoy this wonderful passage. Ask God for new insights. What do you learn about the Christian life and ministry?

The following chart contains several different facets of the verb “be filled.” What is the implication of each facet for you to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit?

Facet of “be filled”	What it means to me
“be filled” is in the present tense	
“be filled” is in the imperative – it is a command	
“be filled” is a plural verb, not spoken to just one person	
“be filled” is passive, something that you do not do but that is done to you	

**RESPOND:** How will you apply this text to your life and ministry?

Being filled with the Spirit for the believer in Jesus Christ is always an act of humility and faith. Humility in that you open yourself to the filling and the will of God’s Spirit and faith in that you trust the Spirit to fill you (as He said He would) whether you “feel” filled or not. Are you a believer in Jesus Christ? Will you ask him to fill you and trust him to act in accord with his own promises and to do so?

**REQUEST:** Jot down a blessing in your life and prayer requests that you and others may have. Share blessings and prayer requests and pray for one another!