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**To Be Filled with the Spirit**  
*Ephesians 5:18-21*

To be filled with the Spirit, to be sure that you are every day, requires diligence as a disciple of Yahshua, since no one can follow Him (or be His disciple) without being filled with His Spirit all the time.

If one is not filled with His Spirit, what is his motive for not loving our Master enough to put the flesh to death daily?

No one can love his brother without being filled with the Spirit.

I am speaking to disciples of Messiah, those who have received and were filled with His Spirit at their baptism. To be filled with the Spirit is *normal*, not unusual.

Rev 2:4 was *abnormal*;

Rev 3:4 was *abnormal*;

Rev 3:15 was *abnormal*;

Rev 3:18 was **NORMAL**.

It is not normal for Messiah to be outside of our hearts (Rev 3:20).

To be filled with the Spirit requires of the disciple to surrender to the Spirit's sovereignty and to confess that He is Sovereign, just like on the day when He first filled you with Himself.

Paul pleaded with the Corinthians to be reconciled to God, 2 Cor 5:18-20; he implored them to be reconciled to God by being filled with the Spirit, becoming friends instead of enemies once more (James 4:4).

Those who are reconciled in verse 17 need to be responsible to bring reconciliation to those who have fallen away from God and from His friendship and have become enemies instead.

When someone is not reconciled to someone else, they are not friends with them. Those who are friends must make the others in the Edah friends. They are ambassadors. They need to minister to them — be as Paul, ministers of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18-20 — God pleads through

you who are His friends to others who are not on friendly terms with God, but have become His enemies, since God is opposing them. God gives grace to the humble, but opposes the proud.

Those who are His friends and are filled with His Spirit, which makes them ambassadors, must plead on Messiah's behalf to be reconciled to God, so that (as verse 21 says) they too might become the righteousness of God in Messiah.

So, sin is the barrier. There is some sin that separates those who are having all kinds of trouble in the Body. God is opposing them, since they made themselves God's enemies.

Heb 12:1 — Put away the sin that is causing all the problems (2 Cor 7:1; James 4:1-12).

Those who judge others, in the sense of condemning them, are guilty of assuming the prerogatives of God Himself and will suffer His judgment themselves as Parats did when he spoke evil against Aharon and judged him. He condemned himself in doing that. He was not looking at his heart. God judges the heart.

God is able to save and destroy. Who are you to judge another? Parats is destroyed; Aharon is not. He is doing well and understood and in fellowship.

If anyone comes to the minchah or breaking of bread with a wicked attitude, he is cut off from God and is an enemy. Whether he is ever able to be reconciled to Him or not, I do not know (whether it was a sin unto death or not). But be careful; Jude 22,23.

We cannot be going around putting out fires. The whole matter can be cleared up by being filled with the Spirit. Those who cannot be, God is opposing. He cannot fill anyone with His Spirit who is His enemy, can He?

They are under condemnation for the words they have spoken against authority — yes, God's authority, the very authority of God Himself. They are tearing down and not building up, who always end up leaving the Edah. They are those who speak against His authority, and condemn those whom God has entrusted with His authority, speaking against anyone who possessed His Spirit (James 4:11,12).

Slander is to be renounced. Prov 6:19 — speak highly of others, even to your own discredit.

Why not be wronged? Then you will have God on your side. 1 Cor 6:7,8 — understand this or you are just as guilty (verses 9 and 10). That is, you are in the flesh. Gal 5:21 and 1 Cor 6:9 say, *Do not be deceived!*

Renounce strife; refuse unnecessary argument and personal strife; seek peace and pursue it, preferring others to yourself.

Renounce rebellion; submit yourself to God; renounce the slanderer; reject all his suggestions. Be quick to confess sin. Nothing more effectively humbles a man than to admit sincerely that he is a sinner, just as he did on the day he was baptized. And he must do this all the time if he is going to be saved by the Spirit, and to be saved by the Spirit, one must be filled and controlled by Him.

Prov 6:16-19 — Seems to be the way certain people are, therefore, verse 15 will be applied to them. Prov 6:15 — especially for verse 19. This is an abomination to God.

One cannot keep his mind on the Spirit who is not in the place where He lives in him to keep his mind on Him and to keep him in life and peace and give him life (Rom 8:5-9). Please evaluate yourself right, then make proper judgment (1 Cor 11:27-29).