



Catch the Wind
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The Holy Spirit has the power to transform our lives. Yet, it is not an imposed power. It is a power that comes to the yielded life. Today, we are going to look at a key passage of Scripture that gives us principles of abiding in the Spirit's fullness.

Ephesians 5:17-21, Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (NIV)

A LITTLE GREEK

"Filled" is the Greek word *pleroo*, which has a primary meaning "**to be captured by the wind.**"

"Spirit" (Greek: *pneuma*; Hebrew: *ruach*) also is translated *wind* and *breath*.

The Holy Spirit is God in motion, moving over the creation, in the church, and on followers of Christ.

"Filled" is imperative: **It's a command.**

present tense: **It's a continuous action.**

plural: **It's for every believer.**

passive: **It's something done to us.**

GOD'S WIND AND YOUR BOAT

The Christian life can be attempted two ways:

1. The **oar** life

Galatians 3:3, Have you lost your senses? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? (NLT)

2. The **sail** life

Colossians 1:29, That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me. (Msg)

The problem with knots and tears

Knots are our **sins**.

Hebrews 12:1, Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Tears are our **wounds**.

Luke 17:1, He said to his disciples, "Hard trials and temptations are bound to come." (NLT)

THE GLORY OF SAILING WITH GOD

You'll have a **song** in your heart.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Your life will **encourage** others.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

You'll have an attitude of **gratitude**.

Always giving thanks to God.

You'll have the heart of a **servant**.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.