

## Divine Control vs. Wine Control Eph. 5:18-21

Again we get a negative command followed by a positive one.

### *Wine control—what shouldn't determine our behavior. 5:18a*

- ◆ Drunkenness condemned—Prov. 20:1, Rom. 13:13, Gal. 5:21
- ◆ Drunkenness problem—I Cor. 11:21, I Pt. 4:2,3, Titus 1:7,2:3
- ◆ Result of wine control:

Prov. 23:19-21, Matt. 28:48,49, Lk. 15:13, 21:34

### *Divine control—who should determine our behavior. 5:18b-21*

- ◆ Wine versus the Spirit contrast also is in Lk. 1:15, Acts 2:1ff.
- ◆ Recall the Holy Spirit's sovereign ministry in 1:13. Likewise "special fillings" in Lk. 1:15,41, Acts 2:4, 4:8,31, 9:17 are sovereign actions by Him. However here it's a more "normal filling"—our responsibility to repeatedly be yielding to the Spirit on a daily and continuing basis.
- ◆ The idea of us being filled with / by the Spirit is similar to Gal. 5:16, Rom. 8:4 (*walking by the Spirit*). Remember in 4:30 we were told not to quench the Spirit. See I Thess. 5:19,20.
- ◆ The results of being filled by the Spirit (also Gal. 5:22-25)
  - \*Heartfelt worship in song as in Col. 3:16
  - \*Continual gratitude, also as in Col. 3:15,17
  - \*Submissiveness toward other believers, detailed further in 22ff. Note the group / unity focus here: "of one another" in 19,21.

