

# Ephesians Series

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# How to Thank God Ephesians 5:20



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

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**Ephesians 4:1–6:9**  
**How the Believer is to Live Life**  
**The Five Walking Commands**

**Walk as Wise (Ephesians 5:15–6:9)**

**Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”**

**Commanded to be filled by means of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)  
resulting in:**

- **Emphasis on worship through singing (Eph. 5:19);**
- **Gratitude to God for all things (Eph. 5:20);**
- **Mutual submission to live in harmony (Eph. 5:21);**
- **Family Life (Eph. 5:22–6:9)**

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Eph. 5:16, “[by] redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Eph. 5:17, “Therefore **do not be** unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Eph. 5:18, “And **do not be drunk** with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled** with the Spirit, ...”

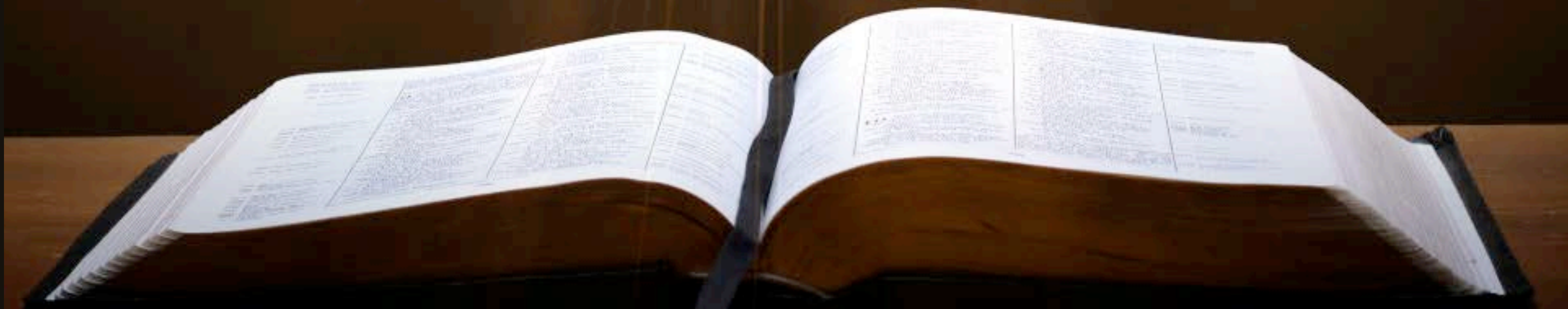
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*πληρόω plēroō*  
**2 plur pres pass  
imperative  
to fill; fulfill**

*ἐν πνεύματι,  
en pneumati,  
dative,  
means, “by  
means of  
the Spirit”*

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The FILLING by the Holy Spirit *Introduction***



## **Results:**

**Eph. 5:19, “with the result that you are speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,**

**Eph. 5:20, “with the result that you are giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Eph. 5:21, “with the result that you are submitting to one another in the fear of God.”**



**Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”**

**Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”**

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**Two key passages to remember in relation to gratitude in adverse circumstances:**

**Gen. 50:17, “ ‘Thus you shall say to Joseph: “I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.” ‘Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.’ And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.”**

**Gen. 50:19, “Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?’**

**Gen. 50:20, “ ‘But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.’ ”**

**Two key passages to remember in relation to gratitude in adverse circumstances:**

**Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”**

**Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also appointed beforehand to the destiny of being conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”**

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**pres act part masc plur  
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**Adverbial participle of  
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**πάντοτε; *pantote (pas)*,  
adverb (says something  
about the verb, “give  
thanks”)**

**πάς *pas*  
Adjective  
neut plur gen  
all, every; the whole,  
every situation,  
circumstance, person**

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**a. Prayer is always to be directed to God the Father.**

**This is true in all of Paul’s prayers.**

**Matt. 6:9, “ ‘Therefore, you should pray like this  
“Our Father in heaven, Your name be revered and set  
apart.” ’ ”**

**Col. 1:12, “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

**Col. 1:13, “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

**Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”**

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**b. All believers are “in Christ.” We come to the Father through Him and on the basis of His High-Priestly work.**

**John 14:13, “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

**John 14:14, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”**

**John 16:23, “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**

**John 16:24, “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”**

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**b. All believers are “in Christ.” We come to the Father through Him and on the basis of His High-Priestly work.**

**Heb. 2:17, “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”**

**Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.**

**Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tested as we are, yet without sin.”**

**Matt. 27:51, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”**

**Where should we look for examples of gratitude toward God?**

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## **Three things Paul is grateful to the Father for:**

- 1. Who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light**
- 2. Who rescued/delivered us from the domain (authority) of darkness**
- 3. And transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son**

# Thanks in the Old Testament

## The word

2־הָדָה *yadah-2*

hif imperf 1 com sing

“to praise, confess”

Used over 100 times in the Hebrew Scriptures.

First time:

**Gen. 49:8, “Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise;  
Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father’s  
children shall bow down before you.”**

**Psa. 50:14, “Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.”**

**Heb. 13:15, “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”**

**Psa. 18:0, “To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:”**

**Psa. 18:1, “I will love You, O LORD, my strength.**

**Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

**Psa. 18:3, “I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”**

**He describes what God did**

**Psa. 18:4, “The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.**

**Psa. 18:5, “The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.**

**Psa. 18:6, “In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.**

**Psa. 18:7, “Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.**

**Psa. 18:8, “Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.”**

**He describes what God did**

**Psa. 18:9, “He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet.**

**Psa. 18:10, “And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.”**

**Psa. 18:46, “The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

**Psa. 18:47, “It is God who avenges me, and subdues the peoples under me;**

**Psa. 18:48, “He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.**

**Psa. 18:49, “Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.**

**Psa. 18:50, “Great deliverance He gives to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.”**