

The Spirit-Filled Church

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And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The result of the filling of the Spirit

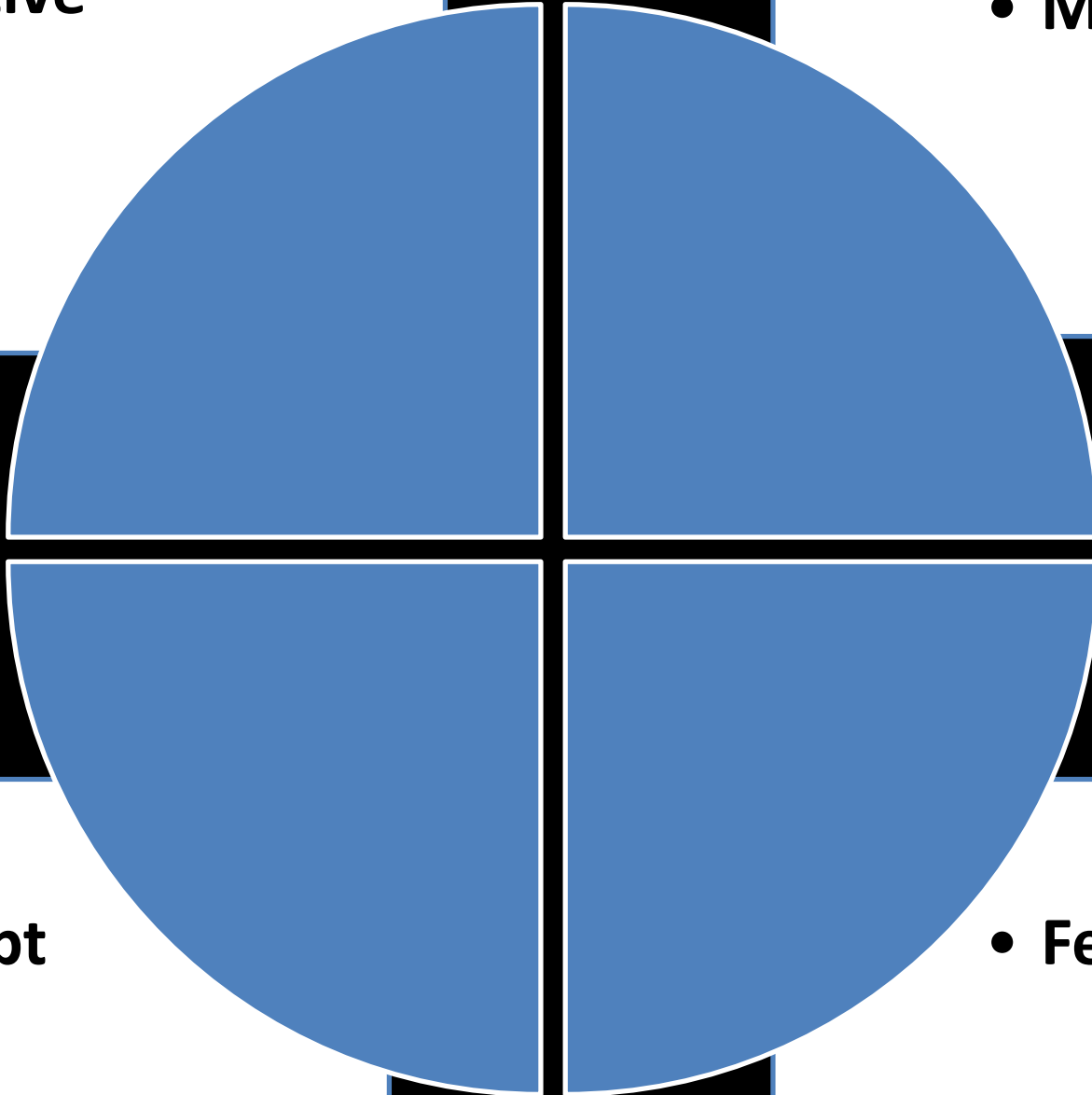
- **There is a dramatic change in our thinking.**
- **Our prayer life is enriched.**
- **The Word of God becomes personal.**
- **We sense God's leadership in our lives.**
- **We have life and peace.**
- **We know Christ better and deeper.**
- **We bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance or sound mind.**
- **We have a new effectiveness in service.**

• **Objective**

• **Mature**

• **Doubt**

• **Feeling**



- **Objective**
- **Biblical Truth**

**Christ as
Savior
Mostly**

- **Mature
believer**
- **Truth and
filling**

**Christ as
Savior and
Friend**

Not sure

**Christ as
Friend
Mostly**

- **Doubt**
- **Weak on
both**

- **Feeling**
- **Spirit
Filling**

1. Uplifting Speech

- **“Addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.”**

C. S. Lewis

- **“When I first became a Christian... I disliked very much their hymns which I considered to be fifth-rate poems set to sixth-rate music. But as I went on I saw the merit of it. I came up against different people of quite different outlooks and different education, and then gradually my conceit just began peeling off. I realized that the hymns ... were, nevertheless, being sung with devotion and benefit by an old saint in elastic-side boots in the opposite pew, and then you realize that you aren't fit to clean those boots. It gets you out of your solitary conceit.”**

Worship Is...

- **Worship in truth!**

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- **Worship
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**Not
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- **Come to
see the
show**

- **Worship in
Spirit!**

2. Constant Gratitude

- **Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

William Law

Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms, or is more eminent for temperance, chastity, or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for it." (A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life)

3. Cooperative Spirit

- “...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Eph. 5:19-21).