

## **Ephesians 5:18-33**

### Study Questions

Cole Community Church

### **Under the Spirit's Influence**

Christ loved us and died for us. Today He still loves us and cares for us. This intimate life was pictured for us in the Song of Solomon and can be a reality for all who yield to Him.

**Verse 18-21** – Paul takes us to the banquet hall to share his message. According to Mathew Henry drunkenness was a very frequent sin among heathens particularly on occasion of the festivals of their gods, the Bacchanalia. As they filled themselves in excess with wine they went on to inflame themselves in all manner of inordinate lusts and depravity.

1. Paul contrasts the high found in drunkenness in spirits to the high in being filled with the Spirit. What are the differences between these two highs?
2. What does being filled by the Spirit mean to you?
3. The heathens in their Bacchanalia used to sing hymns to Bacchus whom they called the god of wine. Thus they expressed their drunken joy. But in contrast, what is Paul telling Christians in verse 19 - 20?

Think about verse 21, “*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*” as you read verses 22-33. In commentary, Mathew Henry states, “Here the apostle begins his exhortations to the discharge of relative duties. As a general foundation for these duties, he lays down that rule verse 21”

4. What do you think Paul means as he wrote about submitting and submission in these next verses? Do these words connote absolute control of another as our world today seems to interpret this as being a doormat?
5. Verses 22-24 talk about the wife in a marriage. What is Paul saying to us?
6. Verses 25-31 instruct husbands. What is the significance of what Paul is saying to us?
7. What is the “mystery” in verse 32 about and how does it apply to us today?
8. Think and discuss how you would apply these verses to your marriage, to your relationship with others, and to your relationship with Christ today.