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“...be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18)

Having considered this doctrine negatively; then, positively; we now see the results of being filled by the Holy Spirit. The results aren't explained by experiences but disposition of the mind and behavior of life. Consider three results:

Worship – “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (V19)

Saying “to yourselves”, he meant in public and personal worship. “Psalms” means those of the Old Testament. “Hymns” means praises of melody to God (Acts 16:25; James 5:13). “Spiritual songs” means lyrics put to music but which are limited to those honoring God. “Making melody” is using musical instruments with singing. All worship is “to the Lord”.

Thankfulness – “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (V20)

Living thankfully is the way of God's people. Negativity, sarcasm, anger, complaining and criticism arise from our fallen nature. Thankfulness for blessings and adversities is the meaning. The concluding title rests all things in the hand of the God who is sovereign in creation, predestination, election, providence, justification, effectual calling, final glorification and eternity.

Humility – “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (V21)

Paul moved from the Spirit's filling impacting our walk with God to our walk with one another. Humility before God produces humility before others. He emphasized the way husbands and wives, parents and children relate to each other. The passage is too lengthy for a thorough study. However, knowing the home is a type of the church produces humility (V32).

Therefore, humbly a husband “loves his wife”; and humbly she “reverences (honors) her husband” (V33).
The Spirit at home in us is key to our home with one another.

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