

Eph. 5:18, πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι

Position	Agent Who does the filling?	Means How is it done?	Sphere/ Container Who/what is filled?	Meaning of πληρῶ*	Content/Result	Meaning of the participles in 19–20
<i>Many charismatics</i>	Holy Spirit	1×, 2d work of grace; crisis experience = Spirit baptism; seek, pray for, wait, laying on of hands	Christian	“to fill with something/one” “(non-metaphorical)”	Holy Spirit who enables glossolalia	
<i>O. J. Smith; A. W. Tozer</i>	Holy Spirit	1×, 2d work of grace; crisis experience, = anointing (≠ Spirit baptism); present self, ask, obey, have faith	Christian	“to fill with something/one” “(non-metaphorical)”	Holy Spirit who enables victory over sin, power in service, fruit of the Spirit, and a burden for souls	
<i>C. Finney; D. A. Moody; R. A. Torrey; J. R. Rice; J. Hyles</i>	Holy Spirit	1×, 2d work of grace; crisis experience, = Spirit baptism; seek, pray for, wait	Christian	“to fill with something/one” (non-metaphorical)	Holy Spirit who gives power for service (= soul winning)	
<i>Keswick/victorious life view: (Stott); many Dispnslnsts. (Scofield, Chafer, Ryrie, Walvoord)</i>	Holy Spirit	repeated event that comes as a result of various criteria (know, reckon, yield, grieve/quench not, walk in the Spirit) [many minor variations]	Christian	“control” (metaphorical)	“spirituality”; Holy Spirit gains control of the believer (you don’t get “more of the Spirit,” he gets “more of you”)	
<i>H. Lavern Schafer</i>	Holy Spirit	repeated event that comes as a result of various criteria (know, reckon, yield, grieve/quench not)	Christian	“to make up what is lacking” (non-metaphorical)	fruit of the Spirit (= the character of Christ; the Spirit produces in the believer Christ-like qualities that he is lacking)	
<i>M. Stallard</i>	Holy Spirit	repeated event that comes as a result of saturation by the Word of God with an attitude of surrender	Christian	“control” (metaphorical)	Spirit-controlled life	evidence of the Spirit’s control in a believer’s life
<i>D. Wallace; D. Wheeler</i>	Christ (cp. 3:19; 4:10)	“by means of the Spirit”	Christian	? “control” (metaphorical)	God (the “fullness of God” = his moral attributes); (or: “unity of the Godhead”)	character of filled believer
<i>L. Pettegrew; R. Fairman</i>	Christ (personal agent unspecified)	allow the Spirit to manifest himself more completely in one’s life by consistently obeying biblical truth	Christian	“to be under the influence of” (metaphorical)	a quality of life characterized by the Spirit’s influence and the believer’s obedience	character of the believer (“specific ways for one to know that he is spiritual”)
<i>W. Arp; Lenski; (Abbott, ICC)</i>	Christian	corporate worship, mutual edification, saturation with Word	Christian’s spirit	“to fill with something/one” (non-metaphorical)	Word of God; content of the psalms, etc.; Wisdom Lit. generally [spiritual joy]	1. means (<i>by speaking</i>) 2.+ attendant circumstances

**Non-metaphorical* refers to defs. that result in some content being added; *metaphorical* to defs. that stress some other meaning (e.g., “control”). Some would prefer to use literal/figurative (which is, in my mind, ambiguous at this point); perhaps more technical would be *marked/unmarked*. All such categories above are my own, not the advocates of the various views. Double lines indicate positions that are *similar* at some points. [RD, 12/96]