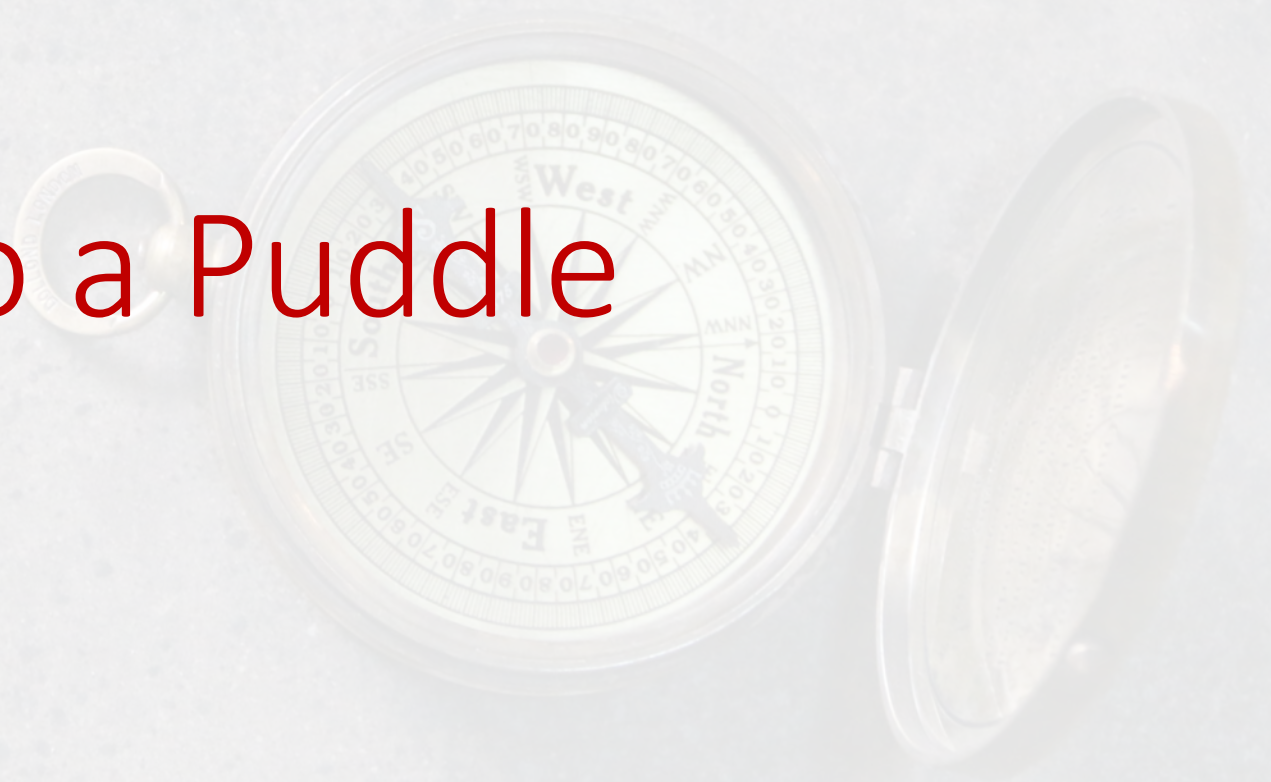


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# The Ocean into a Puddle



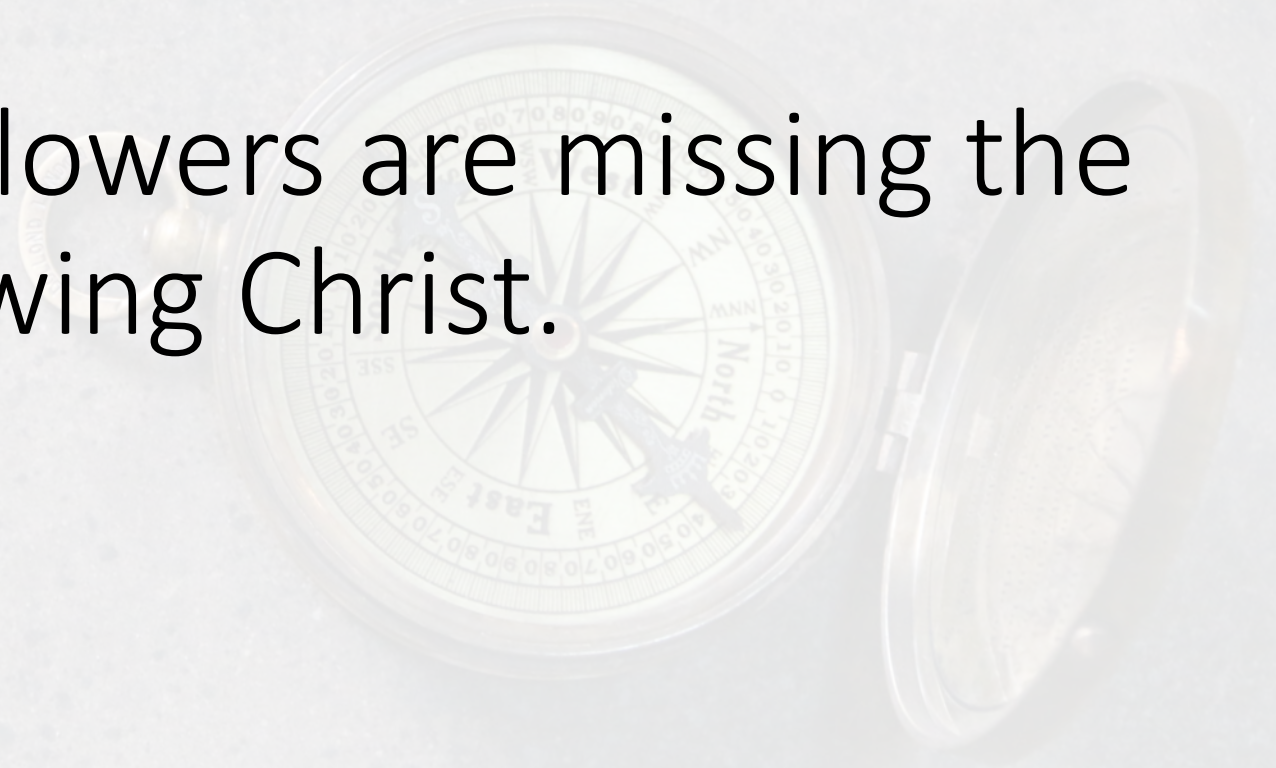
# The Ministries of the Spirit

- ✓ Regeneration
- ✓ Baptizing
- ✓ Indwelling
- ✓ Sealing
- ✓ Illumination
- ✓ And Many More...



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- ✓ Last time we looked at following Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Many Christ Followers are missing the best part of following Christ.

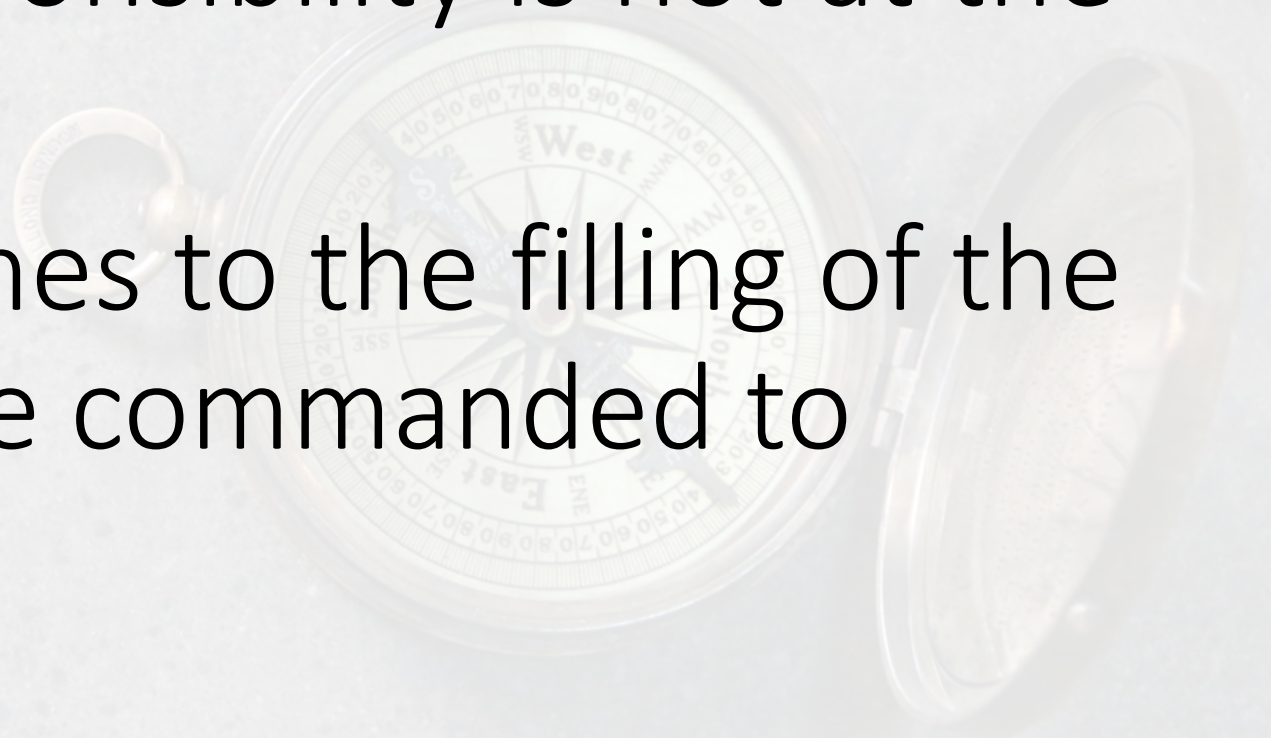


## ...in the fullness of the Spirit

- ✓ They are committed and even sacrificial, but they are missing something.
- ✓ I think there are some of you who follow Christ, but you are missing out on what it means to do it in the fullness of the Spirit.

# The Holy Spirit and Man's Responsibility

- ✓ There are ministries of the Holy Spirit where man's responsibility is not at the forefront.
- ✓ But when it comes to the filling of the Holy Spirit, we are commanded to pursue it.



## Ephesians 5:18 (CSB)

And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be **filled** by the Spirit:



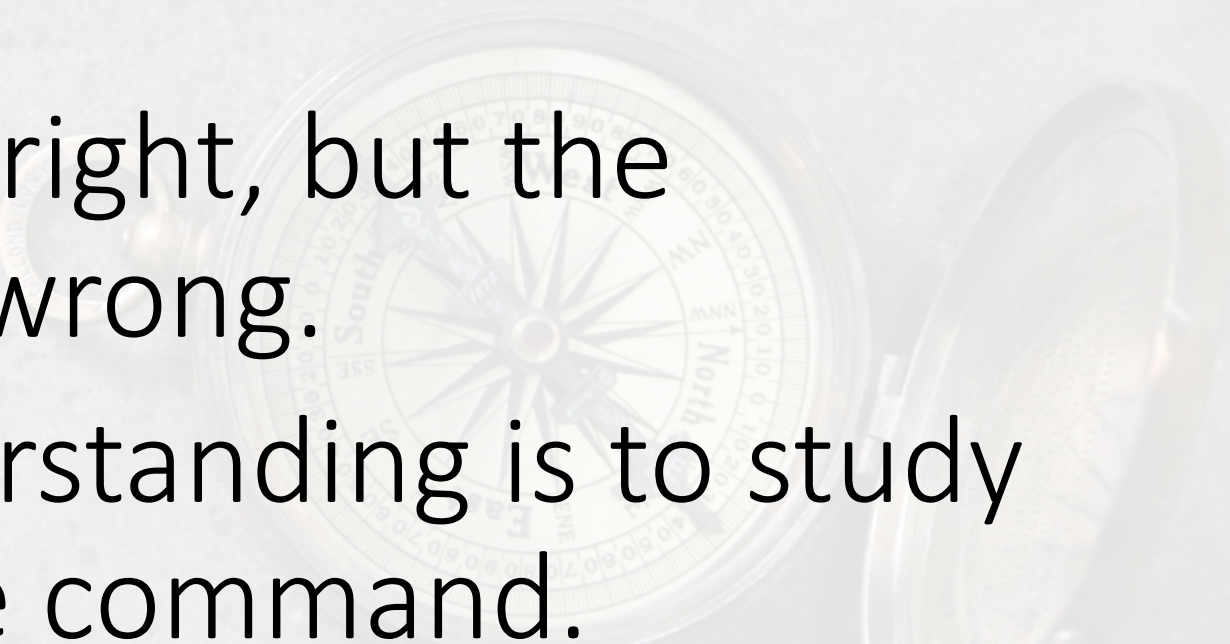
# What is Filling?

- ✓ Once you are saved, you already have ALL of the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ You cannot get any more of him.



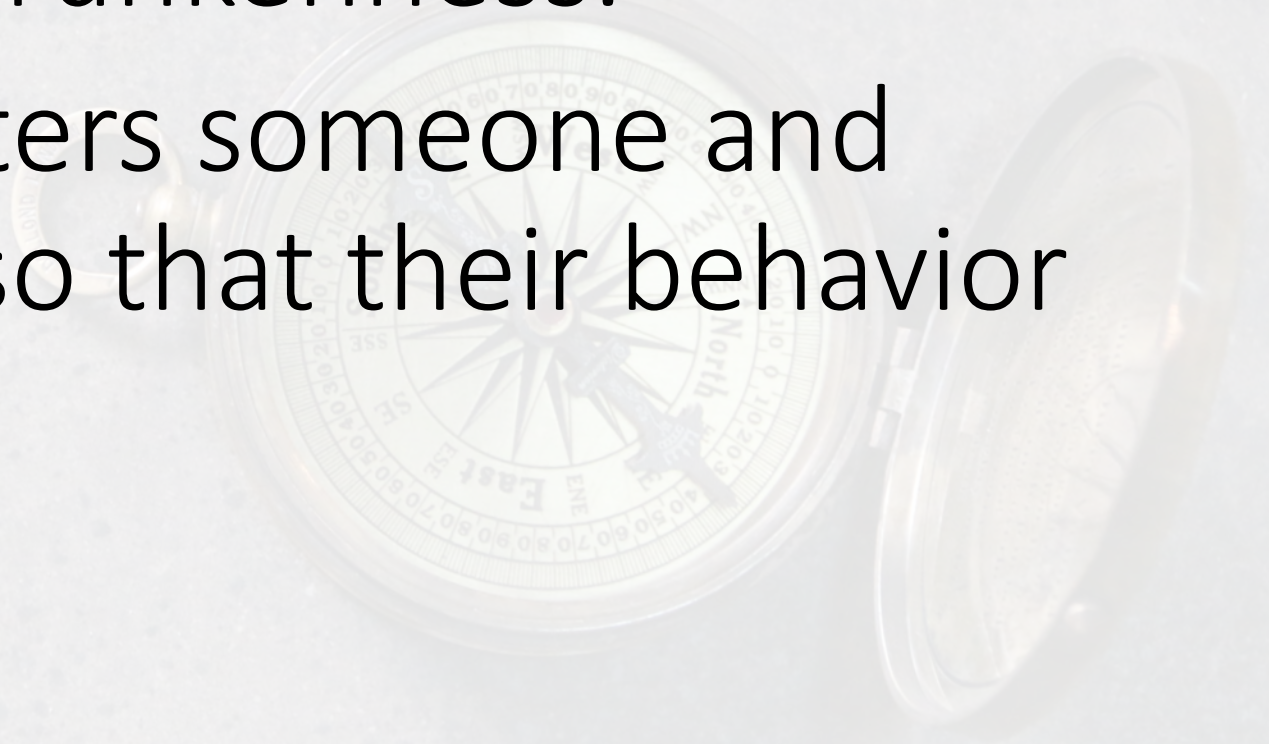


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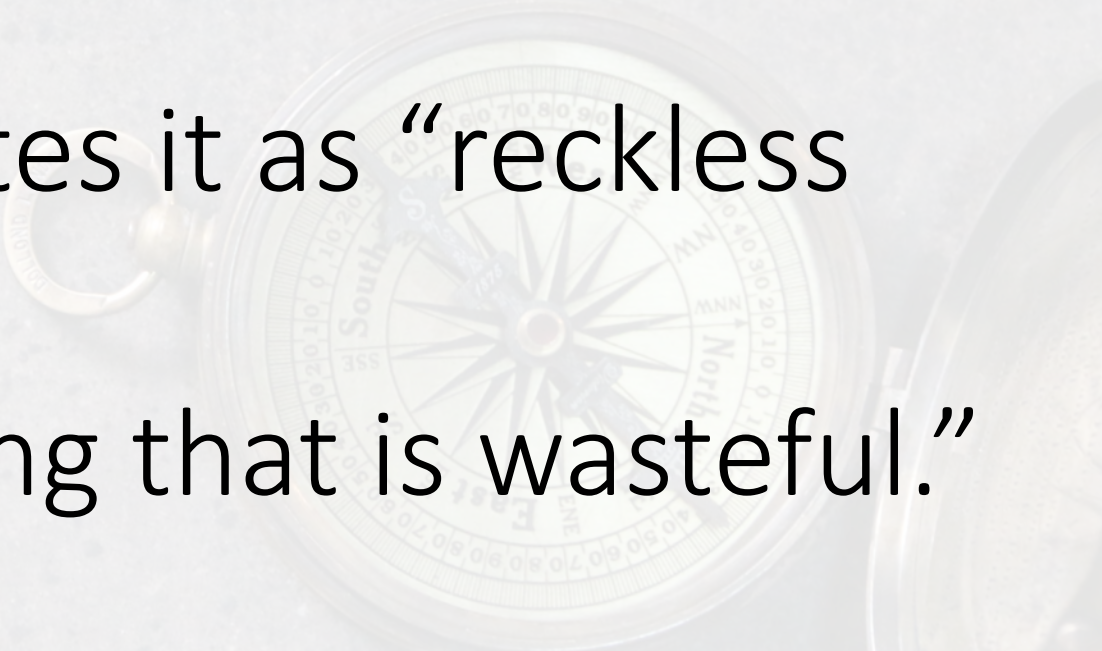
- ✓ Someone might pray, “Give me more of your Holy Spirit”
  - ✓ The intention is right, but the understanding is wrong.
  - ✓ The key to understanding is to study the context of the command.
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# What is Filling?

- ✓ The filling of the Holy Spirit is contrasted with drunkenness.
- ✓ Drunkenness alters someone and influences them so that their behavior changes.



# What is Filling?

- ✓ Drunkenness leads to waste & loss of control.
  - ✓ The CSB translates it as “reckless living.”
  - ✓ The idea of “living that is wasteful.” (BKC).
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# What is Filling?

- ✓ The alcoholic beverage doesn't pursue you, and force you under its influence.
- ✓ (I understand it can call to you pretty strongly).
- ✓ The point is, that a person has to pursue it & place themselves under it.

# What is Filling?

- ✓ In the same way, God commands Christ Followers to pursue the Holy Spirit and to place themselves under his influence.
- ✓ Drunkenness produces a powerful affect towards wastefulness in a person because of the influence of the alcohol.

# What is Filling?

- ✓ In the same way, the Holy Spirit produces a powerful affect towards a rich goodness in a person under his influence.
- ✓ Christ followers are commanded to pursue this influence.

# What is Filling?

- ✓ Just as we are commanded to stay away from drunkenness, we are commanded to go towards Holy Spirit fullness.



# Down & Dirty Practicality

## How to pursue Holy Spirit Fullness





# How to Pursue Holy Spirit Fullness

- ✓ Read the Holy Spirit's Words
- ✓ Pray knowing the Holy Spirit is guaranteed to help you.
- ✓ Take care of disobedience in your life which always grieves the Holy Spirit

# How to Pursue Holy Spirit Fullness

- ✓ Remove other influences that will diminish the Holy Spirit
  - Drunkenness
  - Drugs, Sexual Immorality, Gambling, and Sin (because all sin will enflame you).

## Ramifications - Individuals

- ✓ An individual who does not pursue Holy Spirit fullness will not be able to accomplish God's will.
- ✓ Their regrets will be more, and their messes messier.

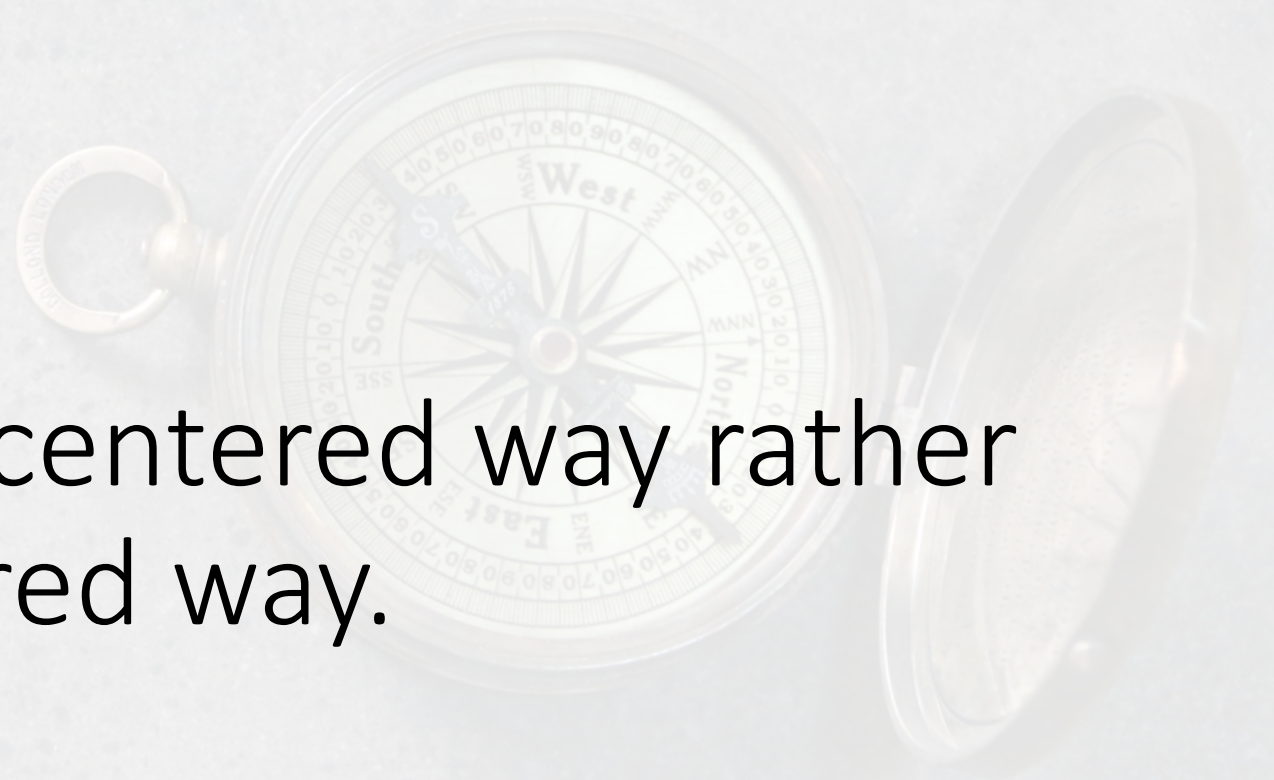


## Ramifications – Church Body

- ✓ A Church that does not pursue Holy Spirit fullness will not be able to move forward God's way.
- ✓ Their conflicts will be greater, their splits more frequent, and their relevance to God's mission minimal.

# Next Week

Worship in a God-centered way rather than a man-centered way.



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