

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit"

1. The word "filled" is the Greek word PLEROMA which has 2 meanings:
 - a. Glass of water that has been "permeated" Example: ALKA-SELTZER
 - b. Sail full of wind- that EMPOWERS or PROPELS a sailboat.
2. A Science Lesson: It is not the wind that PROPELS; it is not being pushed!
 - a. The wind creates a VACUUM that pulls the boat forward!
 - b. Being filled with the Spirit does NOT mean we are DRIVEN OR PUSHED
 - c. The Holy Spirit is OUT IN FRONT and He is DRAWING US TO HIMSELF!
3. An English Lesson: "be filled" is the present, passive, imperative form
 - a. Present tense means "WHENEVER IT IS NOW"
 - b. Passive voice means it is not something that WE CAN DO FOR OURSELVES but something that must be done TO US or FOR US.
 - c. Imperative means a COMMAND
4. Literally – "ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE CONTINUOUSLY FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT"

"(John the Baptist)-great in the sight of the Lord-no wine nor strong drink-he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost-from his mother's womb. Later when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary (the mother of Jesus), the babe (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb-Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost"
Luke 1:15-41

"Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost-after His baptism-led by the Spirit into the wilderness-forty days tempted of the devil. The devil said "If thou be the Son of God"- 1st Temptation of the bread-BODY, 2nd Temptation of the SOUL The kingdoms of the world, 3rd Temptation at the temple-SPIRIT-Jesus answered Get behind me, Satan: And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee"
Luke 4:1-14

"Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said Be it known to you and to all of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified-God raised Him from the dead-by Him does this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."
Acts 4:8-13