

## **THE SPIRIT: Filled & Quenched**

As preached on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Ephesians 5:15-20

1. Take a moment to re-read our opening text from Sunday's sermon, Acts 2:1-21. Based upon those verses, how would you describe being "filled" with the Holy Spirit?
2. On Sunday we talked about two different types of "filling". Had you ever heard before that there were two different kinds? If there are two different kinds, why is it that the same word is used in our English translations?
3. The first of those Greek words is "pleitho". It describes the outer work of the Holy Spirit. What are some of the characteristics of this kind of filling? Have you ever experienced it?
4. The second of those Greek words is "pleiuro". It describes the inner work of the Holy Spirit. What are some the characteristics of this second kind of filling? What kind of experience do you have with this kind of filling?
5. We're told in the Bible that we can grieve (Eph. 4:30), quench (1 Thes. 5:19), and blaspheme (Mt. 12:30-32) the Holy Spirit. What do each of these mean? How can we avoid committing these offenses?
6. Are any of the offenses mentioned in question #5 "unforgivable sins"? Why, or why not?
7. In Ephesians 5:18 we are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit. How can we obey this command in our dynamic partnership with the Holy Spirit? What is his role in filling us? What is our role in being filled?