



**Whoever is thirsty...
Come and Drink**

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Dear Partner,

DRINK BETTER - THINK BETTER

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:18,19

Don't get drunk on wine... TANK UP ON THE SPIRIT...(Jordan)

Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of Him. (Message Bible)

The most important thing, the one thing that counts, is to see that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, filled to overflowing. Anything less than this is displeasing to God. We are commanded by God to be filled with the Spirit, and the measure you fail of this, you are that far short of the plan of God. Our only safeguard from dropping back into our natural minds, from which we can never get anything, is to be filled and filled again with the Spirit of God, and to be taken on to new visions and revelations.

Smith Wigglesworth

The Word of God commands us as believers to be “filled with the Spirit.” The Greek word for “filled” is in the continuous sense and should be translated “be being filled.” What God is looking for is for us to continually be filled and filled again with the Holy Spirit. He compares it to drinking wine. We know on the day of Pentecost the people in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit and accused of being drunk. They were so filled with the Holy Spirit they appeared intoxicated. They had been drinking God’s Holy Spirit until they were filled and “under the influence.” Throughout the book of Acts the disciples were filled (continuously) with the Holy Spirit and joy (Acts 13:52). The Holy Spirit and joy are always connected. Even the anointing of the Holy Spirit is called the “oil of joy” (Hebrews 1:9). The anointing of the Holy Spirit will make you lose your mind and get the mind of Christ. How great it is to stop thinking and start drinking. Stop trying to figure out God with your intellect and receive the Holy Spirit. He will take the things of Christ and show them to you. You enter the realm of revelation when you are filled with the Spirit. **When you drink better you will think better.**

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

No one ever got drunk on wine by “thinking.” No! You get drunk by “drinking.” If someone got arrested for “driving under the influence,” they could tell the police officer that they went to a bar but they were only sitting in there “thinking.” However, the officer would know that they didn’t get drunk by thinking. They had to be “drinking” to get drunk. The same is true with the Holy Spirit. **You must have a “drinking” relationship with the Spirit of God.**

OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE

One thing I know about drinking is that you cannot drink with your mouth shut. Job 29:23 says, "...and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain." The "latter rain" is a type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Again in Psalms 81:10, "...open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." As we open our mouth and begin to drink God fills our mouth with good things. He fills our mouth and our hearts with His presence. He fills our mouth with laughter. He fills us with His strength. Notice the connection between "drinking" and speaking or praising. **As we open our mouth and lift our voice the drinking has begun.** The Holy Spirit overflows like mighty rivers flowing from our innermost being.

THIRSTY...COME AND DRINK

"...Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Holy Spirit..." John 7:37-39. Notice Jesus said to come and drink. He was talking about our fellowship with Him and the Holy Spirit. Something supernatural happens in our belly. Rivers of living (Zoe-God's life) waters flow freely. This is not natural water. This is water from Heaven. Something is in the water. **Everything that is in God is in these waters. Wisdom, healing, joy, peace, satisfaction, and love is all in the water.** We must drink daily from His presence. The Holy Spirit could not be given until the blood of Jesus was shed at the cross and applied in Heaven by Jesus, Himself when He was raised from the dead. The power of the blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit work together bringing God's grace and mercy in overflowing measure into our hearts.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the lamb. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
Revelation 22:1 and 17

God is still looking for drinkers. Who will come and drink? Jesus cries out for those who are thirsty to drink. He told the woman at the well in John 4:13-14, "if you drink from this water you will never thirst again." It will satisfy the longing soul. If you will drink this water it will spring up within you. This is living water. Everything lives where this water flows. **Sometime we need drinking lessons or drinking friends to receive all that God has for us. Open your mouth wide and God will fill it.**

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Trina and I thank you for your [partnership](#) with us. Without you we could not carry the Word and Spirit around the world. Thank you for your generous giving and we believe God supplies all of your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ. I believe God is taking care of you in "grand style." Keep Drinking!

In Christ,

Mark and Trina