

**SERMON NOTES**  
**August 29, 2010**  
**Liberty Baptist Church**  
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TEXT: **Ephesians 5:15-21**

SUBJECT: Spiritual Power

TITLE: ***"Influence That Results In Change"***

NOTES:

➤ What needs to be settled is what kind of influence will you have on others?

➤ **Justification**—Saved immediately from sin's penalty

➤ **Sanctification**—Saved progressively from sin's power

➤ **Glorification**—Saved ultimately from sin's presence

➤ God's Influence in our lives results in three significant changes...

**1. PRIORITIES FOR LIVING—vv. 15-17**

A. It's Not About YOU—1 Cor. 6:19-20

B. Redeem Time For His Glory

**2. PURPOSE IN LIFE—v. 17**

A. What Is God's Will For Your Life?

1. To be **Saved** (1 Tim. 2:3-4; Titus 2:11; 2 Peter 3:9)

2. To be like **Jesus** (Rom. 8:29; 1 John 3:2; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

a. To be set apart for His glory (1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

b. To be filled/empowered by His Spirit (Eph. 5:18)

c. To be submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15)

d. To be thankful (1 Thess. 5:18)

e. To be His witnesses (Acts 1:8; Mt. 28:18-20)

B. How Do We Discover God's Will?

**3. POWER FOR LIVING—v. 18**

A. Two **Commands**—v. 18

B. Our Power For Living Is Based First On Our **Position** In Christ

1. New **Identity** (2 Cor. 5:17)

2. New **Influence** (5:18)

**Note:** Baptized—1 Cor. 12:13; Sealed—Eph. 1:13b-14; Indwelt—John 14:16-17; Rom. 8:9;

These are once-for-all events in the believer's life; Never commanded

C. Our Power For Living Is Also Based Upon His **Purpose** For Our Lives

**Note:** ***"be filled"*** = Imperative; Plural = all believers; Passive Voice = not something we do on our own; Present Tense = keep on being filled; daily

**4. PERSONAL CHANGES IN LIFE—vv. 19-21**

A. **Singing**—v. 19

B. Giving **Thanks**—v. 20

C. Humbly **Submit** To Others—v. 21

**CONCLUSION:**

Does your influence result in people knowing Jesus and becoming more like Him in character and conduct?