

The Fullness Of God

Glimpsing the Greatness of the Glory of the Grace of God

¹⁶ I give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that God, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward (in) us who believe, according to (through or owing to) the working (energy) of His great might (strength) ²⁰ that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead ^{2:1} and you who were dead in trespasses and sins.

Gaining A Knowledge Of God

- **1:18-19 is the “what” of the knowledge we gain**
 1. **What is the Hope to which He has called you**
 - **A Hope that is more than this life**
 2. **What are the Riches of our Glorious Inheritance**
 - **Eph.1:13,14 – Our full glorification, with the indwelling Holy Spirit as the down payment!**
 3. **What is The Greatness of the Power at work in us**

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- **⁴But God, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved-⁶ and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph.2:4-10**

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- **Because we cannot comprehend Holiness, we do not truly appreciate the Greatness of the Glory of the Grace of God in to us in Christ. Eph.2:7**
- **Eph.2:11- 3:13 Paul explains why this is even more incredible for us Gentiles**
- **As Gentiles we were separated from the covenants and promises of God. But God pursued us!**
- **^{3:6} This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

Prayer For The Fullness Of God

- Eph.3:14-21 is a Prayer that we would be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God
- It has been said, “The perfection of a person consists in their being full of God.” Paul is praying for that perfection.
- This prayer is a progression. You graduate from one step to the next, through the 5 steps.
- Most begin with the word “that”

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A Few Observations

1. **This is written to believers. Eph.1:13,14**
2. **This is written to all believers.**
3. **This should be the goal for all believers.**
4. **This is not a new age mysticism that speaks of us all being absorbed by the Eternal Universe. We retain our personalities.**
5. **This is better to say filled “to” or “respect to” all the fullness of God. Not Gen.3:5 – “being like God” but rather, “we are the body of Christ”**

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Step 1- Strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being.

- **This is the ability to say “no” sin. Attitudes, actions.**
- **It is doing the spiritual housing that enables Step 2**

Step 2 – So that Christ may dwell or “move in” or “tabernacle” in our hearts.

- **Is Christ a guest in or Landlord of your heart?**

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Step 3 – That you be rooted and established in love

- ❑ **This not God's Love, that will come, but that love is the predominant and prevailing character of our lives**
- ❑ **This is a fruit of the Spirit indwelling**
- ❑ **Rooted and Grounded make us think of Trees and buildings. Depth and Strength. Permanence and Durability**
- ❑ **Love is the soil in which our Christian life is set and grows**

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Step 4 – A Life of Love which we may have strength or power to comprehend the love of Christ.

- ▣ **The Spirit gives us a love for others and strength to know the Love of Christ. Strength to die for them.**

Step 5 – That you, may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- ▣ **That He has our complete submission to Him as the Head of our body. Individually and Corporately.**

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- **Where are you in this process?**
- **How do we move ahead?**
 1. **Memorize and Pray these two passages**
 2. **Immerse your mind in Scripture**
 3. **Pray for wisdom and strength to live set apart to God**
 4. **Live a life of Love.**
 5. **Meditate on the Greatness of the Glory of the Grace of God to us in Christ Jesus.**