

# FILLED FULL IN JESUS

## Introduction

- 1) **Colossians 2:10** – “you are **complete** in Him who is the head of all principality and power”
- 2) “Complete” = to make full, to fill up, “to fill to the full,” maximum capacity
- 3) There is satisfaction that comes with being “filled up” – meal, gas tank, tires, etc.
  - a) God does not leave voids of emptiness in His divine work (Gen. 1:2; Isa. 55:11)
  - b) In the same way we are not to be voids of emptiness as His “workmanship” (Eph. 2:10)

## I) **Perfect What is Lacking**

- A) **1 Thessalonians 3:9-10** – Paul wanted to “perfect what is lacking in your faith”
  - 1) Paul concerned about the young faith of the Thessalonians (1:3, 8; 3:1-7)
- B) “Perfect” = complete, having all parts or elements; lacking nothing; whole; entire; full
  - 1) Spiritual fullness is important and should be desired by every Christian (Matt. 5:6)
  - 2) We should not be “lacking” in spiritual knowledge or skill – we don’t buy items that lack parts, eat food that lacks the proper ingredients, or seek help from people who lack skills
- C) Paul would perfect their faith through the word of God – Jesus Christ (2:13; Rom. 10:17)

## II) **Jesus Provides All We Need (and More!)**

- A) Of His fullness we have all received (Jn. 1:16)
  - 1) His fullness is the fullness of the divine nature (v. 18; 14:9; Col. 1:15 [Heb. 1:3]; 2:9)
- B) With our great Shepherd we shall never be in want as His sheep (Psa. 23:1; Jn. 10:10)
  - 1) Illustrated in the miracles of the feeding of the 5000 and 4000 (Mk. 6:42; 8:8; Jn. 6:27,48,57)
- C) True abundant living is found in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3)
  - 1) Abundant grace to save us (Rom. 5:20)
  - 2) Abundant pardon to forgive us (Isa. 55:7)
  - 3) Abundant providence to fill us (Acts 14:17)
  - 4) Abundant peace to comfort us (Phil. 4:7)
  - 5) Abundant joy to gladden us (Jn. 15:10-12)
  - 6) Abundant power to strengthen us (Eph. 3:20)
  - 7) Abundant revelation to instruct us (2 Tim. 3:16)
- D) By divine power we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)
  - 1) Through the knowledge of God (vv. 2-3)
  - 2) Become partakers of the divine nature (v. 4)
  - 3) Fruitful and eternal growth in the fellowship of Christ (vv. 5-11)

## III) **“Him We Preach” (Col. 1:28)**

- A) **What?** “In all wisdom” – truth, knowledge, the faith, divine revelation (2:2-3; 1:9)
- B) **How?** “Warning every man and teaching every man” (2:4-8)
- C) **Why?** “That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (1:10-14; 3:1,10,17)
  - 1) The goal we should attain to is becoming fully mature in Jesus – think of having our homes and churches filled with those who seek to be mature and complete in Jesus!

## Conclusion

In the words of the writer of Hebrews: *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you **complete** in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen* (13:20-21). Indeed, God can make you complete in Christ. Have you been saved in Jesus?