FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Introduction

- Ephesians 3:14-19 Paul's prayer for the saints of God at Ephesus (and us!)
 a) v. 19 "...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"
- 2) What a wonderful thought! What a wonderful goal! What a wonderful blessing!
- 3) But what does this mean? How can it be accomplished in you and me?

I) I am to be Filled with ALL of God's Fullness

- A) Only promised to those in the church, the body of Christ (Eph. 3:20-21)
- B) This will make one a "complete" (filled to the full) person (Col. 2:10)

II) God Is Full with All that Makes Me Full

- A) All good and perfect gifts (Jas. 1:17; Eph. 3:16 "riches of His glory")
- B) All wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:2-3)
- C) All authority and power (Matt. 28:18)
- D) All grace and truth (1 Pet. 5:10; Jn. 1:14)
- E) All life and its provisions (Jn. 10:10; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- F) All love (1 Jn. 4:8)
- G) All in all (Eph. 4:6; Col. 3:11; 1 Cor. 15:28 completeness, fulfillment, perfection)

III) Things I must Remember to be Filled with His Fullness (Eph. 3:14-19)

- A) Christians are a part of God's spiritual and universal family
- B) True, lasting strength is for our inner man (Christ will dwell there by faith)
- C) Must be rooted and grounded in love (God is love)
- D) Comprehend (understand) the love of Christ which passes knowledge

IV) Being Filled with God's Fullness is the Only Way I can be Spiritually Mature

- A) I will be filled with the "knowledge of His will" (Col. 1:9-12)
 - 1) We are all "works in progress" toward full maturity
- B) Then I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
- C) Being spiritually mature is very important to being faithful and overcoming the trials of life and temptation
 - 1) What does this "spiritual maturity" look like?
 - a) Study God's word
 - b) Attend Bible study/worship
 - c) Be around faithful brethren
 - d) Meditate on spiritual things
 - 2) Can know more by looking at scriptures that speak of maturity, perfection, and completeness (an excellent study for every Christian!)

Conclusion

If you want to be **ALL** you can be in this life, you need to be in the body of Christ (church) where God is filling His people with knowledge, blessings, and strength. Do not be deceived – it cannot be found anywhere else. Our God is the "ALL in ALL" – let him give you ALL things you need, then give him your ALL! Obey God today.