

# Filled With All His Fulness

*“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”*

***Ephesians 3:16-19***

*“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.*

*Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*

*Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”*

***Revelation 2:1-7***

Ephesians was a church full of knowledge and works but in danger of losing their first love flame. In his epistle to Ephesus, Paul is praying for these saints, that they would experientially know another kind of fullness that would be different than being full of knowledge. A fullness that surpasses knowledge. To be filled with HIM. To be inwardly overtaken with the very person and being of God. To exist through a love that made us one.

Knowledge or works never made someone feel not alone or so full of Another that they could exist by a love that transcends all the dimensions of human ability. To exist by a union that redefines our heights, depths, width, and breadth so that now we are measured by the fullness of Him in us. The bride is defined by the slain Lamb within her. She has left all shadows and become One with Him who fills His own Body in ways beyond any religious or traditional comprehension.

***Have we experientially known the love of God in the manner of being filled with all His fullness?***

Do we seek to overcome the troubles and trials of life without seeking first the fullness of God within? The only way the Ephesian church was going to overcome (as defined in the book of Revelation) was to return to love. They had fallen from love. They had left the heights of love and union with the Lamb and fallen to a realm of knowledge and works that would leave them unable to endure that which must come to purify and prepare a wife for the Lamb. Some in Ephesus may have assumed their ultimate end was to deal with the Nicolaitans, preach the word, raise up a church and Bible school, protect correct doctrines, and share the gospel. Yet in all this John (once a leader in the Ephesian church) was directed by God on the isle of Patmos to write them a letter and warn them that God's end goal was to get a wife for the Lamb and this would require a burning hot first love above all they had been doing for God.

On Patmos John saw visions of tribulation that could only be overcome through being full of the slaughtered Lamb in His nature of selfless giving. John saw a wedding feast, and the Lamb's wife manifesting His image from deep within her, pouring out her life even unto death through Him, and shining forth His heart and nature in perfect clarity. She revealed Who He was, not by flawless teaching or tremendous ministry, but by being full of the slain Lamb. She was married. She was experiencing union. She was defined by His fullness in her and not just her works or knowledge. She sealed up the entire Bible and retains the final point of emphasis as ordained by the Author of the Book.

Have you seen her... the Lamb's wife (Revelation 21:9)? Have you entered into her and become a part of this Holy City (Revelation 22:14)? Her gates do not speak of deep knowledge but of tested love and overcoming life as the Pearl Himself fills her with the treasure of all His fullness, overcoming everything.

**May the Lord lift up the Lamb in us in ways beyond knowledge that we might be filled with all the fullness of God.**

**Even so ... Come forth Lord Jesus.**

**Fills us with your Life.**