

Message One

The Vessel, The Content, The Emptying

I. Man is a Vessel

Genesis 2:7-9

- 7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
- 8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- 9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Romans 9:21, 23-24

- 21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?
- 23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,
- 24 *Even us*, whom He has also called, not only from among the Jews but also from among the Gentiles?

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

II. Christ Becoming Our Content

A. The Major Steps of Christ

1 Timothy 6:16

Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom be honor and eternal might. Amen.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

1 Corinthians 15:45

So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

B. The Jealousy of God

James 4:5

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain: The Spirit, whom He has caused to dwell in us, longs unto envy?

II. Being Emptied To Be Filled With Christ

A. The Emptying of Paul

Acts 9:1

But Saul, still breathing threatening and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:5

And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He *said*, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before both the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

Philippians 3:8

But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ

B. The Emptying of Ourselves

Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Application: Spend 15 mins singing and praying over the lyrics to the Hymn 267 "Fill Me Now" or Hymn 268 "Channels Only"