

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Scriptures

1. Ephesians 3:19

NKJV “To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

- God's desire for every believer is that we be filled with all His fullness. We are not called to live spiritually depleted, barely getting by, or operating on empty. We are called to live in the fullness of God.

2. John 1:16

NKJV “And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.”

- Because of our union with Christ, we have received from His fullness. The Christian life is not intended to be lived from a place of lack, but from a place of divine supply.

B. Fullness is made available to EVERYONE.

C. Fullness is determined by US!

II. LIVING IN THE FULLNESS IS CONNECTED TO HOW WE LIVE IN TWO AREAS

A. How We Live in the Word

1. We must live full of the Word.

a. Let the Word dwell in you “richly”.

b. Colossians 3:16

NKJV “Let the word of Christ dwell in you **richly** in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

c. “Richly” defined:

- The Greek concept behind richly carries the idea of:
 - Abundantly
 - Wealthy
 - In great measure
 - Overflowingly

2. Example: David—A man FULL of the Word.

a. Scriptures:

- **Psalms 119:11 TPT** “I consider your word to be my greatest treasure, and I treasure it in my heart.”

LIVING IN THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Midweek Message

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- **Psalm 119:47-48 TPT** “My passion and delight is in your word, for I live what you say to me. I long for more revelation of your truth, for I love the light of your word as I meditate on your decrees.”
 - **Psalm 119:74 TPT** “...for your words are **entwined** with my heart...”
 - “Entwined”: closely joined together, interwoven, or connected in such a way that they become difficult to separate.
 - **Psalm 119:116 TPT** “Lord, strengthen my inner being by the promises of your Word, so that I may live faithful and unashamed for you.”
- b. The reason why David could deal with every situation he encountered was because he lived FULL—full of God’s Word!

Pastor’s Thought: *Often, David’s Psalms would move into a prophetic place regarding the coming of Jesus (Messiah). It is my personal belief that David, through prophetic utterance, tapped into some New Covenant blessings although all he had were types and shadows.*

B. How We Live in the Spirit

1. We must live **full** of the Spirit.

a. **Acts 6:1-6**

NKJV “Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ‘It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.”

- b. "Full" (Greek): Filled up as opposed to empty; covered in every part; lacking nothing.
- c. Stephen lived out of the FULL PLACE of faith and the Spirit.

2. Living in the fullness of the Spirit:

- a. Much of what is said of water in the scripture is a type and shadow of the work of the Spirit in the life of the believer.

- **Isaiah 44:3-4**

NKJV "For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring; They will spring up among the grass Like willows by the watercourses."

- **Isaiah 55:1**

NKJV "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price."

- **Isaiah 58:11**

NKJV "The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, Whose waters do not fail."

- b. The Spirit compared to water:

- **John 5:1-4**

NKJV "After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had."

- c. Ezekiel's vision (comparison):

- Ankle deep > knee deep > waist deep > waters to swim in (RIVERS)

- **Ezekiel 47:9**

NKJV "And it shall be *that* every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish,

because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.”

Another translation: “Wherever the river flows everything flourishes. It will bring LIFE.”

- The Spirit brings **LIFE!**
- d. The woman at the well:
- **John 4:13-14**
NKJV “Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life’.”
 - This is in reference to the Holy Spirit—the fountain and water springing up are a type of the Holy Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit will spring up like a fountain in the life of the believer—into everlasting life.
 - **YOU MUST DRINK.**
3. Speaking in tongues is allowing the Holy Ghost to spring up like refreshing water.
- a. **PASTOR’S NOTE:** *When we speak/pray with other tongues we are allowing the Holy Spirit to spring forth with everlasting life. Yes, we are allowing the words to come forth by the Spirit and from the Spirit BUT, as we let this river of living water come forth out of our innermost being, our spirit is drinking from the flow!*
- b. **Corinthians 14:4**
NKJV “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”
- c. **Jude 1:20**
NKJV “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”
- TPT** “But you, my delightfully loved friends, constantly and progressively build yourselves up on the foundation of your most holy faith by praying every moment in the Spirit.”

TPT NOTES: *Paul uses this phrase “in the Spirit” to refer to praying in tongues. See: Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Ephesians 6:18. It can also mean to pray as led by the Spirit or to pray in the Spirit’s realm. Praying by the power of the Spirit.*

- d. Praying in the Spirit will keep you FULL of the Spirit.

C. Full of the Word and Spirit

1. The Word and Spirit work together in the life of the believer. Any attempt to partake of one without the other will result in less than fullness! One doesn’t work properly without the other.
 - a. Prayer works with the Word.
 - b. Prayer in the Spirit works with the Word.

2. When a person is attempting to spend much time praying in tongues, but has spent little time in the Word, the Holy Spirit will not be able to fully do what He desires to do. The Holy Spirit doesn’t speak of Himself, but what He hears from the Father. This includes scriptures. The Holy Spirit often works as our guide and teacher by leading us through the written Word that is needed for our faith.
 - a. **John 15:7**
NKJV “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”
 - Notice that your asking is contingent upon the Word that has filled your heart.
 - b. Pastor’s personal example of prayer and the Word:
 - There are times that God leads me more to prayer. There are times God leads me more to the Word. He is bringing balance between Word and Spirit.
 - I have also discovered that many times while praying in tongues the Spirit will lead me on a wonderful journey through various scriptures that provide greater revelation and strength as needed. The Holy Spirit would not be able to lead me like this during prayer if I had not spent adequate time meditating in the Word.