

The Overflow of Thankfulness

Colossians 3:1–17

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Introduction:

*Gratitude is not just polite,
Gratitude, thankfulness, is an important expression of faith.*

[Read the text: Colossians 3:1–17]

the greatest evidence of a full bucket is wet feet.

This passage pictures a full Christian and
the proper overflow of a Christian's heart.

1. First, we see we are full of Christ's peace.

We are full when the peace of Christ rules our hearts.

Restoration/Reconciliation means –

(1) we had a relationship [creation]

(2) We lost that relationship.

(3) Only in Jesus is enmity put to death
so that friendship can be restored.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..."

"to rule" = carries the idea of "arbitrate."
– to decide what is right in a context.

2. Next, we see we are full of Christ's Word.

We are full when the Word of Christ fills our minds.

The longer a steak sits in the marinade,
the more flavor it will have.

The longer candle burns,
the more its fragrance fills a room.

3. Finally, we see we are full of Christ.

We are full when the presence of Christ shapes our lives.

→ Letting the peace of God rule in your hearts, and letting the
Word of God fill your mind... this is how the fullness of Christ flows
out of our lives.

Colossians 2:6–7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you
were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Upcoming Messages

Nov 30 – Begin Advent Series:

"Spark": Recapturing the Glory of Christmas

Dec 7 – Christ as Prophet

Dec 14 – Christ as Priest

Dec 21 – Christ as King

Dec 28 – Jesus is coming back soon