**THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST**

Colossians 2:6-7, 9-10

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**INTRODUCTION**

As we mentioned previously, Colossians is one of Paul’s four prison letters, written from Rome around A.D. 60-65. In our study thus far, we have seen that Paul wrote to encourage the Christians; to explain the nature, position, and symbolic role of Jesus; and describe his 3-fold ministry to God’s people. Today, we will examine the wonderful truth that the fullness of God was fully in Christ and now is fully in us.

1. **WE HAVE SALVATION IN CHRIST.**
2. It began with **conviction** of sin.
3. It produced **repentance** of sin.
4. It came through **faith** in Christ.
5. It resulted in public confession of Christ (through **baptism**).

*Salvation is but the beginning point of our Christian journey.*

1. **WE CONTINUE TO LIVE IN CHRIST.**
2. We are **rooted** in Him.
3. We are **built** **up** in Him.
4. We are **strengthened** in Him.
5. We are **overflowing** with thankfulness because of Him.

*Just as we cannot save ourselves, even so we cannot keep ourselves saved. As we have been saved by the grace of God, even so we should continue to live in His grace. Salvation is a continuing process of grace at work in us.*

1. **WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULLNESS IN CHRIST.**
2. We do not lack in **love**.
3. We do not lack in **gifts** (of the Spirit).
4. We do not lack in **joy**.
5. We do not lack in **power**.

*We lack nothing because of Christ being in us. We have the fullness of Christ in us, and He has the fullness of God in Him. Thus, we are the living presence of God in the world!*

**CONCLUSION**

Paul reminds us of the remarkable truth that we are God’s ambassadors—carrying within us the very presence of God. Yes, Jesus lives within us. Do you realize the implications of this glorious truth? We are to show to the world what God is like by the way we live, by the way we allow Jesus to live His life through us. A child of God? Yes! Living in Christ? Yes! Revealing the fullness of God? We desire it to be true! Unfortunately, it is seldom so. We must allow the Holy Spirit to empower us to live in such a way that others see Jesus living is us.

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart today;*

*Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.*

*See if there be some wicked way in me;*

*Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.”*