

# The Fullness in Christ

John 1:14-18

## Introduction:

- A. Need to understand the fullness we have in Christ.
  - 1. *Fullness* means filled to fullest, complete, lacking nothing.
  - 2. Same word used as *full* in Mark 8:20.
- B. Need to appreciate all the areas of fullness we have in Christ.

## Discussion:

### I. The Fullness Of Time. ( Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:9-10).

- A. Historically.
  - 1. Jews had furnished world with idea of one God and divine revelation.
  - 2. Greeks, under Alexander, had furnished world with universal language.
  - 3. Romans had furnished world with universal peace.
  - 4. Summary: The *intellectual* civilization of the Greeks and the *organizing* civilization of the Romans came into contact with the *religious* civilization of the Hebrews to create the right circumstances for the birth of Jesus.
- B. Religiously.
  - 1. Gentiles tried to think (Philosophy) way into righteousness and failed. (Rom. 1:18-32).
  - 2. Jews work (The Law) way into righteousness and failed. (Gal. 2:16).

### II. The Fullness Of Christ. (Col. 2:9).

- A. The fullness of deity ("Godhead"). (John 1:1; Heb. 1:3).
- B. The fullness of humanity ("bodily"). (Phil. 2:5-8).
- C. Thus, fully qualified as mediator. (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15).

### III. The Fullness Of The Church. (Eph. 1:22-23)

- A. The church is the fullness of Christ.
  - 1. Contains the fullness of His salvation. (Eph. 5:23) - Salvation in no other. (Acts 4:12).
  - 2. Reflects the fullness of his authority (Eph. 1:20-22).
- B. Members to be filled with fullness of God.(Eph. 3:17-19)
  - 1. The fullness of His redemption. (Eph. 1:7).
  - 2. The fullness of His peace. (Eph. 2:14-16).
  - 3. The fullness of His blessings (Eph. 1:3).
  - 4. The fullness of His will. (Col. 1:9-10).

## Conclusion:

- A. The fullness of time produced the fullness of Christ.
- B. The fullness of Christ brought fullness to the church - collectively and distributively.
- C. The fullness of Christ answered all of man's real needs in the fullness of time -- Why not obey Him and be saved?