

## Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

Paul's Prayer in Ephesians 1:15-21.

First we have the Love of Christ, on the cross.

**Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

But when His power is the issue, He turns to His Resurrection.

This is what Paul prays for as to his own understanding:

**Philippians 3:10...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.**

And this is what I pray for everyone of you, that you know the power of His resurrection, and *the fellowship of His Sufferings*. And God wants us to know so well, not just His power at the resurrection, but His exalted authority at the right hand and His position at His Right Hand. Not only did the Father make Him known to us in His resurrection but also on His exalted throne!

**Ephesians 1:20 which He brought about in Christ, which He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.**

He wanted us to know His Love on the cross and then to know of His power.

All Divine power is from our position in Christ. The same power that raised Christ in His resurrection is the same power that is operational in every believer today.

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**Ephesians 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named,**

Jesus Christ is above all the rule and authority of angels, as well as here on earth, that refers to the fact the Jesus is separated to and superior to, or above all categories of angels. This is far more rule and authority and power and dominion than all the angels as per Hebrews **not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

Jesus Christ is far above all rule and authority.

There is no equality among the angelic realm, even as there is no equality among the human realm. Angels are not equal and humans are not equal. So we have the principle of the superiority of angels. Remember this inequality among angels when we study Hebrews chapters one and two. So here we have a reference to the superiority of angels, but, remember that the humanity of Jesus Christ at the right hand of God the Father is superior to all angels. He is superior to all the angels put together and separate from them in every way.

**Ephesians 1:21 (Jesus Christ) is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age (Church Age) but also in the one to come. (That is the next dispensation.)**

**Ephesians 1:22 And He put angels, in subordination, under the humanity of Jesus Christ. under his feet all angels and put Him as head over all things of the Church.**

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**And He put.** Or He put them under the subordination, under the God-man Jesus Christ, that is, under His **humanity**, putting angels under the authority of humans. Because of the incarnation, any member of the human race under the incarnation will be superior to any and all angels.

The humanity of Jesus Christ will be above the Church forever. What is interesting here is the Greek word *head*. Sometime this does refer to the head, but, as here, it refers to *authority*. It is saying that Jesus Christ will be in absolute authority over the Church for ever.

All things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

**Ephesians 1:23 which is His body, the fullness  
of Him who fills all in all.**

**which is His body**, I hope you stay in the context here

**...to the church which is His body** Here is the fullness by the Plan of God: a bride for Him—that is a bride for Jesus Christ. The bride for Christ is the Church. Oh, I wish you would think of yourself as the bride of Christ everyday! Whenever you think of adultery or fornication or homosexuality, in each of these is reminded of sinning against Jesus Christ.

The Church is the bride for the last Adam. By God the first Adam did not have a bride but God fulfilled him by bringing Him His rib, a wonderful woman, he fulfilled him and she completed him. Well, it is not good for the man to be alone, and God brought a completion for the last Adam, the Church! And if you understand this then you should know that your happiness, your blessing is responding to Jesus Christ.

I was 7 years old when I came into Christ as a blessing and my joy was fulfilling my relationship with Christ. And then when I was 67 year old I fulfilled Judith and she completed me. People, please know that we are in

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Christ. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior you become a member of the rib of Christ which is the Church. He has Eternal life and now you share His Eternal life; you share His Righteousness; you share His Heirship, you share His Sonship, you share His election, His destiny, His priesthood – Everything!

If we are not responding to Him, if we are not fulfilling this relationship then we are searching for the wrong relationship.

The nominative *which* refers to the *Church*. *The church which*, the singular indicates that every believer is part of the bride of Jesus Christ.

**the church...which is His body, the fullness of Him or the fullness of the one.** Referring to Jesus Christ **who fills all in all** that is the fulfillment of the Church. It is talking here about the *fulfillment of the church*. The whole purpose of the Church Age is to fill the age of Jesus Christ. People like to talk about when the rapture will occur. In simplicity, when the last person needed to fulfill Christ, believes in Jesus Christ, then the Church Age is full and over. Every deficiency of the Church is filled in Jesus Christ. The word *to fulfill* means to be fully possessed, as Jesus Christ fully possesses the church which is His body *who it fills to all* that is by believers in the Church Age *by means of all* that is by believers of the Church Age. This means that at some point, the body of Christ in the Church Age will be complete with those who believe in Jesus Christ. So every one of us should tell more and more people to believe in Jesus and get more and more of them in the Church Age, until the Church Age is filled then it will be the rapture.

**The fullness of him that filleth all in all.** Church Age filled by the presence of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:19 **That you might be filled with all the fullness of God** (doctrine of sanctification; that you may be filled with love to be filled with all the fullness of God; Giving the full purpose/result of the prayer;

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with the fullness of the love of Christ; this refers to the fulfillment of the Divine purpose. The complete attainment of God's ultimate purpose for the whole universe in Christ and through Christ.

**Ephesians 1:9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him,**

**Ephesians 1:10 regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.**

**Ephesians 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (This knows the purpose of knowing the fullness of God in the love of Christ.)**

**Ephesians 4:10 That He might fill all things (all knowledge)**

Jesus Christ filling—or supplying the Church with the gifts necessary to the fullness of Jesus Christ. This is from

**Ephesians 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

**Ephesians 5:18 but be filled with the Spirit.**

In this state of being filled, you can commune with God and understand His will speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs not speaking in unknown tongues. The believer is contrasted between wine and the Holy Spirit. The emphasis is not on the contrast of wine and the Holy Spirit but to what happens when one is filled with wine and filled with the Holy Spirit. The opposites of intoxication with drink and exultation by the Holy Spirit which results in psalms and hymns.

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What did God do through Jesus for our benefit?

1. He raised Jesus from the dead.
2. He seated Jesus at the place of highest honor.
3. He Gave Jesus Power and Authority over all earthly and angelic authorities.
4. Gave Jesus the Highest authority over God's people: the Church which is the body of Christ.
5. He has given every believer, confidence of His Calling riches and His inheritance.
6. God has sealed every believer with the Holy Spirit.
7. God, by His Grace, has given everyone who believes, redemption, and forgiveness of sins.

A Pastor's prayer. Everyone should be in prayer for one another but every pastor should be in daily prayer for the members who come and worship with the assembly he leads to the Lord. Throughout the history of the Old Testament there are a multitude of prayers for others to come to the Messiah as Savior. This would be part of our prayers and knowledge of people like in Babylon, Assyria, Egypt. But people you will notice the fullness of the prayers for those who believe in Jesus Christ in the Church Age. Believers in need of daily prayer in Christian life.

1. A prayer of Thanksgiving for the faith and love for one another.
2. To pray in Thanksgiving for each one each day in their spiritual lives.
3. Praying that God the Holy Spirit will give His people wisdom and insight into the mind of Christ.

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4. And praying that God's people will know in their hearts and minds:
- The confidence of His calling
  - The wealth from Jesus Christ and their future inheritance--That His people will know and apply the greatness of the power of Jesus for their lives.

And this is so important for everyone: that not less than 12 blessings occurred the moment we first believed in Jesus as our Savior.

1. Called: we are called or invited to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 4:1 Therefore I the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called**

2. Chosen: when we first believe in Jesus we became one of God's elect and that means you are elect forever.

**Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy, and blameless before Him.**

**Romans 8:33 who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.**

3. Blameless: the requirement to be part of God's family, we are blameless and given full righteousness.

**Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy, and blameless before Him.**

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**2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

4. Adopted: we have been accepted into the family of God as an adult son.

**Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,**

**Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”** \_

5. Grace: Our new position in Christ is made possible only by the grace of God.

**Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved.**

**Ephesians 1:7 Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace**

**Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;**



**Ephesians 2:9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast**

6. Redeemed: Prior to coming to faith we were part of the enslaved world; we had to be purchased out of our slavery, out from under condemnation before we could be set free.

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7. Forgiven: Complete pardon comes by grace and faith made possible by being redeemed.

**Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace**

**Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

8. Enlightened: We have been granted spiritual insight into the mind and purpose of God.

**Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

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**John 1:9 This was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every person**

9. Heirs: We have been made joint-heirs with Jesus Christ with the promise of a future inheritance as a child of the king.

**Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will,**

**Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

10. Destined: God has predetermined our destiny as believers in Christ. Know for certain that no one is predetermined to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, but when one believes in Jesus Christ, they share the predetermination of Jesus Christ. Once they believe in Jesus Christ they are predetermined as believers.

**Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will**

**Ephesians 1:11 In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.**

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11. Sealed: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior is marked or stamped as one who belongs to God, to Jesus Christ forever. Also the believer is said to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.**

This *seal* is important in your daily life:

**Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

Grieving the Holy Spirit is right out sin, while quenching the Holy Spirit is trying to do good in the flesh.

12. Promised: We have been promised eternity with the Lord and an eternality reunited with other believers. The most important promise that we possess is the promise from God of our Eternal Life.

**Titus 1:2 in the hope/confidence of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,**

**1 John 2:25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us; eternal life.**

We are now ready to move into chapter 2.

Chapter 2 now centers on the Church Universal but lets be sure that we fully understand chapter one

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1. In verses 3-14 Paul clearly gives many ways in which we are privileged being members of the family of God.
2. In such a busy world we take our relationship with God for granted and to not consider all we have been given through Jesus Christ.
3. If—when we realize how blessed we are to be Christians it should impact the way we think of ourselves as well as our lives both here and in eternity.
4. It should also influence the way we approach and appreciate our relationship with God Himself.
5. This increased appreciation should result in a greater prayer life, pressed on to maturity in knowing the Word of God, and greater compassion for the lost.