

# FULLNESS IN CHRIST

Col 1:12-19; 2:8,9

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Fullness = completeness in Christ - there is no more than that which is in Christ
- B. This fullness is obtained in the church, because the church is his body Col 1:18
- C. Everything made was made by Christ Jhn 1:1-3

## DISCUSSION:

### I. JESUS WAS THE PROMISED SAVIOUR

- A. sin separated man from God Isa 59:2
  - 1. Sin in the garden of Eden
  - 2. Sin in the days of Noah
  - 3. Sin at the tower of Babel
  - 4. Man is no longer complete - he is without God
- B. God's Call to Abraham and the promise of a Savior
  - 1. Make of him a great nation Gen 12:1-3
  - 2. Thru his seed all nations to be blessed Gen 22:18
  - 3. Christ came from the tribe of Judah Heb 7:14
  - 4. Prophesied Christ was to be born at Bethlehem Micah 5:2; Lk 2:11,15
- C. From Jerusalem the word of the Lord to be sounded
  - 1. Prophesied in Joel 2:28-32
  - 2. All nations would hear Isa 52:10
  - 3. Apostles told to tarry in Jerusalem Lk 24:49
  - 4. Peter preached the first gospel sermon at Jerusalem Acts 2

### II. CHRIST CAME IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME Gal 4:4

- A. Due time Rom 5:6
- B. Prophets foretold of these days Acts 3:24

### III. CHRIST HAD THE FULLNESS OF DEITY Jhn 1:1

- A. Fullness of the Godhead Col 2:9
- B. In him all fullness dwells Col 1:19

### IV. FULLNESS OF AUTHORITY Matt 28:18,19

- A. Hear him in all things Acts 3:22
- B. Put all things under his feet Eph 1:22

## V. FULLNESS OF SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS Eph 1:3

- A. Initial blessings - the ones we enjoy now
  - 1. New creatures 2Cor 5:17
  - 2. Newborn babies 1Pet 2:2 = new life
  - 3. New name Isa 62:2; Acts 11:26
  - 4. Reconciliation Col 1:21,22
  - 5. Redemption - forgiveness of sins Eph 1:7
- B. Continued blessings in this life
  - 1. Fellowship with Christ 1Jhn 1:7
  - 2. Advocate with the Father 1Jhn 2:1
  - 3. Able to call upon God as our Father & He will hear 1Jhn 3:1; 5:14
- C. Ultimate blessings
  - 1. Endure to the end will have eternal salvation Matt 10:22
  - 2. Eternal salvation comes after obedience Heb 5:9
  - 3. Be at home with God our Father and Jesus our older brother and all the heavenly host. 1Thess 4:16,17

## CONCLUSION:

- A. If you want to be whole, complete or have fullness, you can find it only in Jesus Christ, because all fullness is in Christ Jesus our Lord
- B. Therefore, the only way you can enjoy this fullness is to be in Christ.
- C. The only way you can be in Christ is to be baptized into him Gal 3:26,27