

Filled with the Fullness of God

When we receive Christ as our Savior, something miraculous happens: the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our hearts, bringing with Him an entirely new life of love, relationship, and service to the Lord (**Romans 10:9–13**). This is our baptism in the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:13**: *“For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.* This is how it happens. The apostle Paul tells us, **Colossians 1:19**: *“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him (Christ)”* and **Colossians 2:9**: *“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”* Both passages effectively affirm the fact that Jesus is God. The fullness, or totality, of God is found in Christ. Everything that can be said of God can be said of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, **John 14:6-7**: *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”* Paul continues, **Colossians 2:10**: *“and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.”* Christians find their completeness in Christ alone. Jesus, who is the fullness of God in bodily form, makes us whole by His grace. When we are filled with God, we are filled with strength, and that strength gives us the power to do what we never believed we could. The word “*filled*” doesn't refer to the volume of liquid in a glass. In this text, the word filled means “*controlled*”. When we are controlled by the fullness of God, our lives will be completely different. God is always at work in us and through us in ways beyond our human ability, so that He receives the praise and we don't. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to live a life that's not natural; it's supernatural. It's not normal; it's beyond normal. Each of us has had moments when we have experienced this phenomenon. And God wants us to be filled with these moments. Jesus said **John 4:14**: *“... but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”* This fountain of living water, a never-ending source of life, satisfaction, and spiritual abundance, is the fullness of God within each believer. So, let's pause for a moment and evaluate ourselves. Are you filled with the fullness of God? Does He have control of your mind and heart as you go about your life, especially when you face difficulties or unexpected trouble? How do we respond to those moments, based on what we want or on what God wants? Do we act according to God's will or our own will? Here's another principle. God will not fill us if we are filled with ourselves. We need to empty ourselves as we approach God. We have to come, bow our knees, and tell our Lord that we need Him in whatever situation we face, and that it is beyond our ability. We tell Him we don't know how to do this. So we give all this up to Him. We renounce our own solutions and accept His.