

FORMED AND FILLED

*Gen 1:2 And the earth was **without form, and void**; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

After Lucifer's fall, God's original creation of the Heavens and Earth in Genesis 1:1 became without form and void (empty, without order) in verse 2. What many refer to the days of creation in Genesis 1 are really days of **reformation and filling** of what was marred. In these days God undid the process of Lucifer's fall. He formed and filled the heavens and the Earth in six days. The first three days God formed the light, the waters, and the earth. The last three days He filled what was formed. He filled the light with the sun and stars, he filled the waters below with sea creatures and in the sky above with birds, and he filled the earth with animals and then man. God forms and then He fills. That is the order of his work. All that we see in the Old Testament has spiritual significance and God's work in Genesis 1 is no different. The Apostle Paul saw God's work in Genesis chapter 1 as a natural parallel to the work in redeeming human hearts.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Co 4:6 For God, **who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Paul likens the act of God calling for light out of darkness to the new birth when God shined in our hearts the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His salvation. In Genesis 1 God was restoring what was fallen. He also individually redeems man which has fallen. In doing this He follows the same path as in Genesis. God first forms and then he fills. God first forms us anew by the new birth. (2 Cor. 5:17) He causes light to shine in our spirits. (2 Cor. 4:6) Once there was only darkness but now there is glorious light. However, what He

forms He definitely seeks to fill! After the new birth He offers freely the infilling of the Spirit for those who are born again. He forms and He fills. (Acts 2:39) This deals with the spirit of man. However, we have another part of us that God desires to form and fill. That is our soul. How does God desire to form our soul?

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be **formed** in you,

Here Paul calls these people in Galatia as "children". They are saved. They have had the spiritual formation of salvation in their spirits. Paul wanted them to go further to have Christ formed within their souls. He desired that the Christ be formed within them (their souls and actions). What was keeping Christ from being formed in them? It was legalism! Trying to earn God's blessings upon their life by their performance and personal obedience was causing the life of Christ from forming in them. Understanding the grace of God will cause Christ to be formed in your soul. When your mind gets renewed to the fact that it is God's goodness, blessing, and provision freely given to you based upon Christ's perfect performance actually is what empowers you to an obedient and God honoring life it is then that Christ is formed within your soul. After we renew our minds to grace He then is ready to fill us with all of the fruits of His Spirit.

Php 1:11 **Being filled** with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

God will fill you when you realize that you are righteous (just as you ought to be) in Christ freely by His grace. It is believing your are righteous (just as you ought to be) that produces the fruit of righteousness in your life. His righteousness in you produces right behavior and speech. Fruit is produced by drawing upon the life of another. The Christian life is not one that is produced by the effort of the Christian but it is produced by faith in the life of God through His Spirit which is lived out through the Christian. It is having revelation of and appropriating Galatians 2:20 that fruit is produced- ***I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

God is desiring to form and fill you in and with Christ. He wants you transformed by the renewing of your mind. The mind of each Christian needs to be renewed to grace. He has already blessed you freely with all things so that you can experience all those things by faith. He blessed you with them before you were born so you could not earn them or try to deserve them. You are forgiven so you can forgive, You are righteous so that you can live righteous, you have been blessed in every blessing so you can be a blessing. God is eagerly waiting for His Son to be formed in you so that He can fill your life with all His good things. Grace and peace to you.