

Fulfilled by His Love

(Col 2:10) and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Here we find one of the most profound and life changing verses in the entire Bible. In Jesus Christ you have been made complete. The words "have been made" tell us that this is a done deal! It is interesting to look at how Satan tempted our first parents in the Garden of Eden. He got them to sense lack. He deceived them into thinking they were incomplete. The real source behind all temptation and what all legalistic religion is based upon is believing that you lack and therefore you try to find fulfillment in things and in personal achievements. If we truly believed at the heart level that we were complete then Satan could not successfully offer anything to us that could add any thing to our lives. Nothing he could do could take anything away from us either! The basis for Satan's deception is that we will find fulfillment or completion from things externally. However, God established that man be made complete by grace and sense completeness in His love. It was God's love that sent Jesus to die for us on the cross. By His shed blood he washed away all of our sins- past, present, and future. He redeemed us out of Satan's kingdom and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. When we accepted Jesus as our Savior He moved into our heart. He joined His life to ours and now is the source of our completeness.

You lack nothing and are complete because He has made you righteous. This word righteous means "to be just as you ought to be". When you understand that you are righteous in Christ and believe it, then you will start feeling righteous. You cannot live contrary to what you believe and feel about yourself.

Because you are in Christ the Beloved then God also pours out His love unceasingly to you. The love of God will fill your heart to the point that you desire nothing else outside of God to fulfill you. This is the place where sin loses all allurement. You have no need of anything outside of God. You can get to such a place where His love fulfills you! God wants to reveal His love to you.

However, wrong beliefs in our heart can stop the flow of the love of God that is reservoird in our reborn spirit. We often look at our performance and our lifestyle to determine if we are lovable or not. God's love is unconditional from His side. However, there is a condition to your enjoying and experiencing His love on your side. It is believing His love FOR YOU.

(1Jn 4:16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to US. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

It is one thing to know about God's love but it is another to believe it in your heart!

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 3:17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye **might be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Paul prayed for the saints at Ephesus that they would get a revelation of God's love for them. **Not only that they would know about the love of God, but experience it!**

Christ lives in us because we are saved, but Christ wants to **dwell** in our hearts. This Greek word translated "dwell" means to settle down and spread out! It means to take complete residence. Jesus not only wants to live in your spirit but he wants to spread out into your thinking, emotions, and will. He wants to live in your words and actions! How does this happen? **He dwells in our hearts by faith.** Our heart must see ourselves as God's sees us in order to experience Christ's dwelling presence expand in our lives. The heart is the place and seat of self. **What we believe in our heart is how you see ourselves. Our heart has eyes. It is where we see God and ourselves.**

Do you see yourself loved by God? Do you see yourself has righteous-just as you ought to be? I know what you have been taught, but what do you believe in your heart? What we believe in our heart is revealed in our words and actions. **We do not really believe we are complete and righteous if we are addicted to anything but Jesus.** It is interesting to note that the word "addiction" comes from the word **adikia which literally means not righteousness!** It is impossible to believe we are loved by God and that we are righteous-just as we ought to be and live in unrighteousness! It is not possible. We must renew and persuade our hearts of God's love for us and His view of us in order to see our lives filled by Christ. We are complete in Christ but it is by believing and experiencing the love of Christ that we will experience all the fullness of God in our life. God says we are full and complete; now it is up to us to believe and let Christ spread out in our lives! We can be fulfilled by His love.

Points to ponder:

1. Do you believe in your heart that you are just as you ought to be in God's sight? What is the basis for your answer?- God's Word or your experience-past or present?
2. How is God's love different than the love your parents showed you? Is your view of God's love in line with the Bible?

3. Read **Colossians 2:10**. What makes you complete?
4. **Faith exercise:** Faith is of the heart so this is also a heart exercise! Close your eyes and see Jesus coming to you smiling and then giving you a big hug. Do you have a problem seeing Him smiling or hugging you? If you have a problem with this then this is a sign that you have faulty beliefs about yourself and God that are not based upon the truth, but lies from your past. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you why you are having trouble with this exercise.
5. Practice this exercise every day until you can see Jesus smile and hug you.
6. **Confession:** I have been made complete in Christ. I am no longer incomplete or lack in anyway. God loves me because I am His child. Because I was born as a child of God through believing in Jesus I declare I am what I ought to be in God's sight. Jesus dwells in me and I believe He loves me. Sin cannot add anything to me at all. Nothing can come into my life to diminish me in the least bit. I am forever complete in Christ and His love fulfills me!