

Title: Out of His Fullness
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John 1:16

¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

- A. 1. Greek *pleroma* = fullness & completion; filled to capacity; full measure; abundant sufficiency.
2. Jesus – consummate fullness

Jeremiah 23:24b

²⁴ “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

Colossians 1:19

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell

Colossians 2:9-10a

⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him ...

B. His Fullness

1. Message

Matthew 28:20a NIV

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

Acts 20:26-27

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Matthew 24:14

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 4:23

²³ And Jesus went about ... preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and ... disease ...

2. Whole gospel = Evangelism; Activism; Altruism

Luke 4:18

¹⁸ The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

Proverbs 24:10-12

¹⁰ *If* you faint in the day of adversity, your strength *is* small. ¹¹ Deliver *those who* are drawn toward death, And hold back *those* stumbling to the slaughter. ¹² If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider *it?* He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know *it?* And will He *not* render to *each* man according to his deeds?

3. Full mandate

- The whole earth

- All nations

4. Full focus

- **Every man established in Christ**

Galatians 4:19

¹⁹ My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

- **In understanding of grace & love**

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height — ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

5. Full hope

- **Ultimate triumph of God's purpose – the GLORY**

Psalms 72:19

¹⁹ And blessed *be* His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory. Amen and Amen.

Numbers 14:21

²¹ but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD

Habakkuk 2:14

¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

- **Our redemptive influence over nations (agency)**

Matthew 5:13-14

¹³ You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 25:31-32

³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

- **In eternity**

I John 3:2-3

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.