

Filling Up the Empty Life

Ephesians 3:14-19

God plans and desires for us to live a _____ life.

1. We have an inward, spiritual _____.

a. We have an _____ life.
...His Spirit in the inner man... 16b

b. Christ can _____ within through His _____.
...through His Spirit in the inner man Christ may dwell... 17
John 14:16-17; John 15:4, 11, 26

Apply: The fulfilled life includes both _____ & _____.

2. Our inner emptiness can be filled, _____ by _____.

a. Christ doesn't come as a _____, but as _____ of house.
...Christ may dwell in your hearts... 17
Dwell: House + settle down =

b. Christ _____ plans to fill our lives with _____ fullness.
...that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 19

- His plan is to fill our lives.
- He will be so fully present that He...
Fill: Mt. 13:48; Jn. 12:3; Jn. 16:6; Acts 2:2; 2 Cor. 7:4
- He will fill us with all that He is...
His fullness: Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9-10
 - o ...is more than we can _____...
 - o ...makes us all we are _____ to be...

Challenge: Living fully! Are we?

a. What's my _____ and _____?
Ps. 37:4; Isa 55:1-2 ...**delight yourself in abundance.**
John 15:11; 16:24, 17:13

b. What's my _____?
"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world!" C. S. Lewis

c. What if I'm still empty?
_____ > _____ > _____

Filling Up the Empty Life

Ephesians 3:14-19

God plans and desires for us to live a fulfilled life.

1. We have an inward, spiritual void.

- a. We have an inner life.

...His Spirit in the inner man...

16b

- b. Christ can dwell within through His Spirit.

...through His Spirit in the inner man Christ may dwell...

17

John 14:16-17 *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be **with you forever**; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you.***

John 15:4 *Abide in Me, and **I in you.** ...He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for **apart from Me you can do nothing.***

John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may **be made full.** 26 **When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father...***

Apply: The fulfilled life includes both being and doing.

2. Our inner emptiness can be filled, only by Christ.

- a. Christ doesn't come as a house-guest, but as head of house.

...Christ may dwell in your hearts...

17

Dwell: House + settle down = Be at home.

Christ settles in comfortably within His own household.

- b. Christ lovingly plans to fill our lives with God's fullness.

...that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

19

- His plan is to fill our lives.

(He is not an add-on or an accessory to **our lives**.)

- **He will** be so fully present that he pervades our being and saturates our senses so that he dominates our inner life by a prevailing powerful presence that it overwhelms all else.

Fill: Mtt. 13:48; Jn. 12:3; Jn. 16:6; Acts 2:2; 2 Cor. 7:4

- **He will** fill us with all that He is...

Col 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God... He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ...the head of the body, the church... For it was the Father's good pleasure **for all the fullness to dwell in Him**, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself...whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Col. 2:9-10

For in Him all the **fullness of Deity** dwells in bodily form, and in Him **you have been made complete**, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

His fullness:

- ...is more than we can contain...
- ...makes us all we are purposed to be...

Challenge: Living fully! Are we?

a. What's my delight and desire?

"Delight yourself in the Lord, & He will give you the desires of your heart." Ps. 37:4

Isa 55:1-2 Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?"

Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And **delight yourself in abundance**.

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

John 16:24 ...ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

John 17:13 "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves."

b. What's my fullness?

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world!" C. S. Lewis

c. What if I'm still empty?

Repent > Believe > Pursue

Next Week: The Pursuit of Intimacy