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**Don’t Settle For Less**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (KJV)

You know, if you spent more time drinking from the living waters, you wouldn’t be dying from a spiritual thirst for truth and peace. The baptism that you need to be concerned with now should be Spiritual, not the carnal outdated one that many are still holding to. So just how much of the Spirit did our Lord pour out on mankind?

John 1:15-17 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. (16) And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. (17) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Fullness means to fill; like with a ship they would load them up before departing, otherwise, there would not be much sense in sending it out. We, the people of God, have been given access to His fullness, not just part of it or once in a while, but we have access to the whole thing. For those that make the Lord a priority in their life they are able to see what they were given when they accepted the Lord and were filled with His Spirit; while all others just stagger around in darkness not knowing who they really are in Christ.

Ephesians 4:13-15 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

You were given the total package Church; God did not hold back anything from you. Whatever was given to Jesus Christ when He walked this earth was given to you also. The manifestation of the fullness of Christ is there for the taking for you to walk in and operate confidently in as well. That’s why the Son was sent, so that He could then pour out the Spirit on us so that we could walk the same path that He did, leading to His eternal home.

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (9) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (10) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

Strongs definition for ‘complete’:

4137 pleroo (play-ro'-o); from 4134; to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.: KJV-- accomplish, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

I don’t see anything left out in that word ‘complete’; in other words, when God poured out His Spirit on us He emptied the bucket, there was nothing left. Have you emptied out your old way of thinking so that it can be replaced with a completely new and different way according to the Spirit of Christ which is working in you now?

John 3:33-35 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. (34) For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. (35) The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. (KJV)

In the Old Testament the Spirit would come upon them, which would allow them to speak the Word and then the Spirit departed. In the New Testament this is not the case, rather the Spirit abides in His people always. You know, if you are a child of God and a member of His family, then all those things that were given to the Son are given into your hand as well. Are you receiving all the fullness, or are you settling for something second hand and worn out?