

## Message Two

### **The Processed and Consummated Triune God Dispensed into Us to Be the Contents of Our Tripartite Being**

Scripture Reading: Col. 2:2; Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:21,23; 2 Cor. 4:7

- I. The central vision of Paul's completing ministry is the processed and consummated Triune God in us as our contents—Rom. 9:21, 23.**
- II. Man is a vessel to contain God—Gen. 2:7-9; Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:21-24; 2 Cor. 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:20-21:**
  - A. We must learn to turn away from all considerations of our behavior and care only to be filled with God.
  - B. God is illustrated in the Bible as food, water, and breath; we must take Him in and be filled with Him, just as we take in the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe—John 6:35, 57; 4:10, 14; 7:37-39; 20:22; Lam. 3:55-56.
  - C. Ephesians 4:6 reveals that the Father is not only over us and through us but also in us; God is housing Himself in us.
  - D. Ephesians 3:19 says, "That you may be filled unto all the fullness of God":
    1. To be filled unto all God's fullness means to be filled unto all that God is; the fullness of God implies that the riches of what He is become His expression.
    2. All that God is should be our contents; we should be so filled with Him that we become His fullness, His expression—vv. 14-19.
  - E. Philippians 2:13 says, "It is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure":
    1. The thought in this verse is that God is moving, acting, and working within us.
    2. The God who operates (energizes) in us is the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—the very God who is Christ in us (2 Cor. 13:3a, 5) and the Spirit in us (Rom. 8:11); the three—the Spirit, God, and Christ—are one.
- III. Hebrews 13:20-21 says, "Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant, perfect you in every good work for the doing of His will, doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen":**
  - A. The new covenant is not only a better covenant (7:22; 8:6) but also an eternal covenant; it is eternally efficacious because of the eternal efficacy of Christ's blood, with which it was enacted (Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20).
  - B. God is doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ that we may be able to do His will; it is through the indwelling Christ that God works in us so that we can do His will—Gal. 1:15a, 16a; 2:20; 4:19.
- IV. First Timothy 3:16 says, "Great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory":**
  - A. Christ is the individual manifestation of God in the flesh, and the church as the Body of Christ to express Him is the corporate manifestation of God in the flesh.
  - B. Godliness refers to the living of God in the church, that is, to God as life lived out in the church.

V. We need to see that God in resurrection through Christ has entered into us as the Spirit, is now indwelling us, is one with us, and has made us one spirit with Himself; as His vessels, we should be filled with Him, and whatever we do should be an expression of Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17; Rom. 8:2, 4, 6, 9-11; John 14:23, 16-17; 2 Cor. 4:7.