All the Fullness of God

In [Christ] all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him we have been made complete (Colossians 2:9-10, NASB). And through the Spirit of Christ within, we can be filled up to all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19, NASB).

What a beautiful reality it is for individuals to enjoy the fullness of God within and to be made complete in Christ!

But when we trace the idea of "fullness" through Ephesians, we discover an even grander truth.

God paints on a broader, more glorious canvas than we can imagine!

Ephesians 1:10 says that in the *fullness of the times*, God will sum up *all things in Christ*,

all things in heaven and on earth.

Think of it! All reality one with Christ!

Ephesians 1:22-23 says that we the Church are

the very body of the glorious, exalted Christ.

We are the fullness of Him who fills all in all!

Ephesians 3:17-19 says that we know the full dimensions of God's unknowable love *with all the saints*, in fellowship with God's people.

Only together will we fully grasp and experience God's indescribable love.

Ephesians 4 urges us to use our Christ-given gifts

to equip each other for service,

to build up the Body of Christ,

until together we become fully mature,

measuring up to the full stature of

the fullness of Christ (4:30).

In its ultimate form, in its highest fulfillment, the fullness of God will be,

not just a Christlike individual, but

a Christlike society,

an entire race that is so one with Christ that it can only be described

as His bride...

as His own body.

In a very real sense, our magnificent God will be incarnate,

not just in a Person,

but in a people.

Hymn: Fullness of God

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