In Him in You (Colossians 1:19-23)

PART III (Preached to Every Creature Under Heaven)

Holy, Blameless, and Above Reproach

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☑ <u>In Him…</u>

- All the fullness should dwell...
 - This is a magnificent phrase. The fullness of what? Later in this chapter we will get a glimpse into what this encompasses:. "...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 NKJV
 - There is something in Christ that is going to be in you!What is that? (See <u>Mic Drop</u>)
 - *""I* do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." John 17:20-23 NKJV
 - You are one with the Father by being one with Christ.God is manifesting in you.

- Presently we might consider our current state as possessing a "deposit" of what will manifest in you, a "down payment" of the Holy Spirit toward the full payment that is coming.
 - "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee
 [down payment NET]." II Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV
- "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee [down payment NET] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV
- **What is the full expectation? Elsewhere Paul says...**
 - *"My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,"* Galatians 4:19 NKJV
 - *"For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"* But we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV
 - Paul knows that what is coming is greater than what we presently possess. One day, Christ will be

completely manifest in you and you will literally have His mind!

- John recognized the fullness of "God in man" in Christ, as he points outward toward Y'shua. He was not simply in possession of a deposit, but the full payment! It's called the kingdom of heaven.
- "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"" Matthew 3:1-2 NKJV
- Y'shua, of course, knew it was already in Him as He says the same thing while pointing inward!
 - *"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""* Matthew 4:17 NKJV
- Y'shua taught us that the kingdom is not a place to go or thing you see, but a way of being!
- "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."" Luke 17:20-21 NKJV
- **Mathematical Control of Control**

- The fullness of God manifesting in you will displace everything else that has in the past, or wishes in the future, to occupy you!
 - "Then one was brought to Him who was **demon**- $\mathbf{\overline{\mathbf{N}}}$ possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow **does not cast out demons** except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come **upon you.** Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong **man?** And then he will plunder his house. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not

gather with Me scatters abroad." Matthew 12:22-30 NKJV

- The Spirit of God and demons cannot occupy the same space at the same time.
- When the kingdom manifests, the demons must be dispossessed!

- Yahweh reconciled all things to Himself because had He not, then in order to reconcile the balance sheet you must die! Why? Because the cost of sin is death; if you sin, you die!
 - "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."" Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV
 - *"For the wages of sin is death*, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJV
 - *"Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."* James 1:15 NKJV
 - *"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to*

all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Romans 5:12-13 NKJV

"But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.
 <u>Therefore</u> the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Romans 7:8-12 NKJV

Through the blood of His cross...the balance sheet was reconciled!

- Everything on earth and in heaven can be peacefully restored because He paid the price!
- *"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly*. {8} But God demonstrates
 His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6, 8 NKJV
- "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law

of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, **thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.** And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJV

- *"For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."" Galatians 2:19-21 NKJV*
- "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV
- "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the

body of His flesh through death, to present you **holy**, and **blameless**, and **above reproach** <u>in His sight</u>—" Colossians 1:21-22 NKJV

✓ You were once alienated...

- **I** Enemies in your mind by wicked works
 - "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Romans 5:9-10 NKJV
- ☑ So don't go back...
 - "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries." I Peter 4:1-3 NKJV

☑ <u>He reconciled you…</u>

I By surrendering His life for yours (propitiation)!

- "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." I John 2:2 NKJV
- **While we were sinners!**
- *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8 NKJV
- "And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." Romans 5:11 NKJV

So that you could be presented in His sight as...

- ☑ Holy—Set-apart
 - "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."" I Peter 1:13-16 NKJV
- Image: Blameless—Sin is gone so go and sin no more!
 - When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She

said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "**Neither do** I condemn you; go and sin no more." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."" John 8:10-12 NKJV

Above reproach—there can be no charges against you!

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created

thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:31-39 NKJV

Where grace abounds...sin dies!

- *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.* Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:19-21 NKJV
- "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" Romans 6:1-2 NKJV
- *"if indeed* you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister." Colossians 1:23 NKJV

☑ If what?

If we continue in the faith...

- ☑ If we stay grounded...
- ☑ If we are steadfast...
- If we don't lose hope in the gospel...

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

Preached to every creature under heaven

- This gospel WAS preached to every creature under heaven? How?
 - "because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse," Romans 1:19-20 NKJV

See <u>The Image of the Invisible God</u>

- **Ministers of Reconciliation**—Paul and You!
 - "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge $\mathbf{\overline{\mathbf{V}}}$ thus: that if **One died for all, then all died**; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus **no longer.** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:14-21 NKJV The love of Christ should compel you. $\mathbf{\overline{\mathbf{V}}}$

- Christ is the One who died for all and we all must die with Him. How?
- We should live no longer for ourselves!
- From this day forward, do not make earthy life a priority, nor be impressed and enamored by someone's life.
- ✓ The Father reconciled us to Himself, through Jesus Christ, just as we see in vs. 19 above, "by Him [Christ] to reconcile all things to Himself [the Father]..."
- Then He passed on the ministry of reconciliation to us (committed to us the word of reconciliation).
- We are now supposed to be ambassadors for Christ, and work as if Christ was pleading (working, speaking, acting) through us!
- So, for Christ's sake, be reconciled to God so you can get to work!
- That is why Christ, who was sinless, took on our sin, so that we would become righteous (because of Him).
- In other words... "...holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—" Colossians 1:22 NKJV

NEXT TEACHING

In Him in You—PART IV (Colossians 1:24-29) (Christ in You, the Hope of Glory)

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