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### **ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELLS IN CHRIST BODILY, AND YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**

Above all, the apostle Paul's ardent desire was to reveal Christ to the church. He knew that this was the only way they could stand strong, in the face of all adversities. He writes that in Christ "*...are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.*" (Col.2:3-4) Paul continues to exhort, "*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 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. For in Him, (Christ), dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*" (Col.2:9-10)

In Adam, we, (soul and spirit), are rooted and trained in the soil of man's understanding. But through God's mercy and grace, we are being uprooted from the earthly and sown again into Christ. Paul is adamant, as he emphatically warns to not be seduced, or manipulated, (beguiled) by the reasoning of men with enticing words. Perhaps today, as we seek the truth in a world of gross confusion, it is most important to not be enticed by the charisma and flowery words of men who are admired and trusted, or who Paul calls "principalities and powers." For this very reason, the Lord has set His own church apart, to teach her to hear from Him through the Spirit. It is not by learning all about the impostor that we become quick discerners of his voice; it is by knowing the voice of the true Master, that we readily know the impostor. The more we are familiar with His voice, the quicker we discern the voice of an impostor. Sadly, many are so used to hearing the voice of the impostor, that they cannot receive the voice of the true Spirit of God. For this reason, the separation from all familiar voices is necessary. The days of the exhilarating and exciting gatherings, rejoicing under the mighty words of flamboyant ministries that set us on fire is no longer our portion. This was our portion for the day as it kindled a zeal within us and gave us the courage to leave the old behind to join the flow of the new Word of that day. But we have found that this kind of day no longer meets our need. Now, we are learning to hear His inner small voice, and to be moved by His Spirit only.

As we continue in His Word, the voice we hear reveals greater things. It may become more difficult to receive what we hear, for we are swimming against the current of all we were taught; yet the witness within urges us on. We may be afraid to accept what He speaks, without the stamp of approval from those we look up to. But as we wait on the Lord, we truly renew our strength, and the love of the truth becomes our strongest confirmation. We are drawn by the love of the truth that dwells in us through Christ. "*Then said Jesus to the Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*" (Jn.8:31,32,36) At that time we no longer need the approval of man, but the Godhead who dwells within, becomes our sure witness and our confirmation.

In the Jewish scriptures of the Old Testament, the name of the Lord God is an enigmatic or obscure mystery. We pronounce it Yahweh, or Jehovah, but the name was actually so holy that it could not be pronounced. So the Hebrews spelled it "YHWH." This YHWH is a fearful, jealous God indeed. After Moses descended from the Mount, he declared to Israel, "*Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*" (Deu.6:4-5) This is the first commandment from the God whose name is YHWH. As Christians, we embrace the same God, and we stand strong on the Word that our God is One Lord. How many of us have irrevocably declared that the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, meaning that God is not three persons? Were we saying that the Son and the Holy Spirit cannot be God for there is only one God? Of course not. When the Son of God appeared in the flesh, He opened a new way for us to approach the most holy YHWH of the Old Testament; He introduced Him as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By His blood sacrifice and atonement, Jesus opened the way to the Father for us. He came as the Son of God in the flesh, conquered death and hell, and sent His indwelling Holy Spirit to abide within us. It is through the work of the Son and the Holy Spirit in us, that the YHWH of the Old Testament becomes our Father. Jesus taught us to pray, "OUR FATHER." He introduces us to the Father but this can only be done through the power of the Holy Spirit. Israel as a nation never had this experience.

It is through the Law that God introduced Himself to His nation Israel, but He introduces Himself to us through the Son. "*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...*" (Heb.1:1a) We are no longer led by the Word spoken through another, now we have the Son directly within us, through the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus commanded the disciples, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" (Matt.28:19) They were to immerse the people in the nature and influence and direction of all three.

**THE GODHEAD IS THE FULNESS OF GOD HIMSELF: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT**, and we are complete in the three. We are baptized in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This means everything to us for through this daily spiritual immersion, we become engaged in, and part of this triune wheel who is God Himself. We enter into Christ, who is the Son in the flesh within us. He stands as us to the Father, until His Holy Spirit does the work of purifying our souls and bringing us to maturity as He is. This way, we are becoming complete sons of God, in the perfect likeness and image of Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of the Father. What a magnificent work of metamorphosis, what a glorious transformation! As sons, we are heirs of God in Christ, we are kings of His kingdom, and priests of His creation. We will then stand in the nature of our Father, and repossess the dominion that was lost in Adam. In Christ the Son, we'll rule creation with God's love, in the power of the Holy Spirit. We will teach the nations the ways of God, (the word "nations" translates to all that is foreign to God's Spirit), with the rod of iron, which is God's unchanging Law from our hearts. Even now we teach the nations who invade our minds, (strange thoughts), and we take authority over the doubts, fear and unbelief that they bring in. The Rod of iron is the Law of God written in our hearts and minds with love and mercy. The triune wheel that our Father opened to us to gather us unto Himself, is the most precious gift ever. Father, Son and Holy Spirit form the Godhead within, and is the door to our complete transformation. Such truths are difficult to comprehend, but again, through the power and the undying patience of the Holy Spirit, we are "*Raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*" (Eph.2:6-7) This says it all!

Because He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*