



THE CHURCH

THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL

Ephesians 1:22-23

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A Powerful Paradox

- ❖ The head over all is given to His subjects:
 - ❖ Humbled to exalted – [Philippians 2:8-11](#); [Ephesians 1:19-21](#); [Psalm 110:1](#); [Acts 2:34, 36](#)
 - ❖ Head over all – [Matthew 28:18](#); [Colossians 1:15-18](#)
 - ❖ Given to His subjects – “And He put all under His feet, and gave Him – head over all – to the church”
 - ❖ [Ephesians 1:23](#) – the church as His body needs Him as head.
 - ❖ Without – [Mark 6:34](#) (cf. [Ezekiel 37:24](#))
 - ❖ With – [Isaiah 9:6-7](#); [Ephesians 5:23, 25](#)

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- ❖ The filler of all is filled by the church He filled:
 - ❖ He fills all that exists – [Hebrews 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#); [1 Corinthians 8:6](#)
 - ❖ He fills the church – [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)
 - ❖ Filled by the church He filled – “the church, which is His body” – Himself the head.
 - ❖ [Philippians 1:9-11](#) – knowledge to bearing fruits of righteousness by Christ.
 - ❖ [Ephesians 4:7-10](#) – ascended to fill all things – left gifts for church for ministry.

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The Church – Her Own Filler's Fullness

- ❖ E.g., the Father and the Son – [John 5:17, 19-20; 7:16-18; 9:4-5; 14:9-11](#)
- ❖ Relationship of Christ and the church – [Acts 9:1-5](#) – they are one.
 - ❖ Mutual dwelling (expressed with apostles) – [John 14:15-24; 15:1-6](#)
 - ❖ Applies to the church – [Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5](#)
- ❖ The church is filled by Christ to carry on His work, thus filling Christ who reigns from heaven.

THE CHURCH AS CHRIST'S FULLNESS

Doctrinal Integrity

- ❖ Function in relation to truth – [1 Timothy 3:15](#)
- ❖ Earnestly contending – [Jude 3](#)
- ❖ Declaring whole counsel – [Acts 20:27](#)
- ❖ Enduring sound doctrine – [2 Timothy 4:3](#)

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Moral Purity

- ❖ Christ's intention – Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Peter 1:13-15
- ❖ Practical moral teaching – Galatians 5:19-21
- ❖ Adorning the doctrine – Titus 2:10
- ❖ Addressing sin – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Corinthians 5

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Spirit Based Unity

- ❖ Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit— [Ephesians 4:3](#)
- ❖ The bond of peace — [Ephesians 4:3](#)
- ❖ Opinion, Liberty; All things, Love — [Romans 14:1-4, 14-18](#)



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