**God’s Plan**

**Part 3**

**Living in the Fullness of God**

**Romans 1:21**

**Romans 1:21: “Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”**

Do you ever feel like you and God have drifted apart? Do you ever feel like the love and joy you once experienced with Him has faded? If you do, you aren’t alone. Many Christians, including myself, feel like the experiences they have with God diminish over time and that they need another filling…and another filling…and another filling. But that isn’t what the New Covenant teaches.

**Hebrews 13:5: “For God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.’”**

If that’s true—and it is—who moved? As believers, we’re all capable of living in the fullness of God every day of our lives. God’s continually pouring out His love, peace, joy, revelation knowledge, and every other blessing. But we can get to a point where we aren’t receiving and “feel” like He’s drifted away. That’s never the case. Remember this important truth: God didn’t drift away from man, man drifted away from God. God came to man, seeking him in his unbelief. Fail to understand this and you’ll find yourself imagining a God who retreats from you rather than runs towards you, a God who drifts away from you rather than dwells in you.

Believer, you have fullness!

Paul told the Colossians in chapter 2, verse 9 that in Jesus Christ, the whole fullness of the Godhead lives in bodily form. That means the Holy Spirit was in Jesus; the Father was in Jesus; and of course, there was Jesus Himself. The entire triune God. Paul continues to write in verse 10…

**Colossians 2:10: “And, by your union with Him, you also are filled with it.”**

What are you filled with? Just the Holy Spirit alone? No! Your union with Christ fills you with the entire Godhead. In other words, you’re hooked up to the fullness valve.

If you think God’s fullness shrinks in any way, you’re mistaken! If you think it’s up to you to take hold of it, how far along are you? Two percent? Twelve percent? Anybody ever get hold of ninety-five percent of God? Sounds ridiculous! You have all of Him! You have fullness! That’s been God’s plan all along. If you started to actually believe how much heat you’re packing inside of you, you could change the world in a single day.

We’re in a series called *God’s Plan.* This weekend we’re talking about the fullness of God that’s available to you. In order to walk in the fullness of God's plan for your life, you have to change the way you see God and yourself. You aren’t an orphan. You aren’t weak, empty and purposeless.

God has always had thoughts "to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11) since before you were conceived.

He created you and equipped you to prosper. And He gave you the freedom to make choices.

Do you really believe it?

If not, renew your thinking to the destiny and plan God has for your life. As you meditate on the Word, your mind will begin to grasp the truth that you aren’t an accident. You’re a child of God. And His plan is to lead you along a good road that will prosper you in every area of your life – spiritually, emotionally, physically and materially.

Our theme verse, Romans 1:21, contains four separate keys that can lead us into and keep us living in the fullness of God that’s already ours. Expressed positively, they are (1) glorify God, (2) be thankful, (3) recognize the power of imagination, and (4) have a good heart. We have the power to control each of these in our lives.

**1. Glorify God**

**Mark 9:23: “All things are possible to him that believeth”**

**2. Thankfulness**

**Psalm 103:2-5: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits** (In other words, remember or remind yourself)**: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”**

**Psalm 100:4-5: “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.”**

**3. Imagination**

**1 Corinthians 2:9 “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard…The things which God has planned for those who love Him.”**

**4. A Good Heart**

**Matthew 23:25-26: “Woe to you, Pharisees, and you religious leaders—hypocrites! You are so careful to polish the outside of the cup, but the inside is foul with extortion and greed. Blind Pharisees! First cleanse the inside of the cup, and then the whole cup will be clean.”**

**Matthew 12:35: “A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.”**

**Mark 7:21-23: “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”**

**Proverbs 23:7: “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”**

**Romans 8:6: “To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”**