The Culmination (Fulness) of God the Father's Salvation Ability Toward Us

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:18-23
Colossians 2:

RECAP of Ephesians 1:19

Inherent ability (power)

Activation of ability (energize)

Degree of ability (strength)

Exercise of ability (use of power)

“The truth that the believer will be revealed faultless before the presence of God’s glory is unfolded in the NT with magnificent detail. The changes to be wrought are incomprehensible; but in all, they indicate that the transformation, so extended, is calculated to obliterate almost every vestige of those elements together which constitute humanity in its present existence.”

L.S. Chafer, Systematic Theology Vol. 7, pg 364

“God’s grace is infinite and therefore requires that the undertakings which measure that grace shall extend into infinite realms”

L.S. Chafer, Systematic Theology Vol. 7, pg 367

THE CULMINATON OF GOD THE FATHER'S SALVATION POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US

- In Christ IS the fulness of the Godhead <u>bodily</u> – Col 1:9
  - He did not <u>become</u> the fulness
  - The incarnation did not ruin that in any way:
    - II Chron 2:6 *"But I have built You a house of habitation, and a place for Your dwelling for ever"* (KJV).
    - II Chron 6:18 *"But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!"*

THE CULMINATON OF GOD THE FATHER'S SALVATION POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US (continued)

NT grace believers <u>are made fulness</u> IN CHRIST – Col 2:10

- **Our fulness** = 1) the completeness of how the Father sees us NOW in Christ and, 2) the future state of our glorification at the Rapture of the Church

- **Our fulness in Christ** = all three tenses of our salvation, fulfilled/completed

- **Our filling** = Eph 5:18 – Christ's life and character (the fruit of the Spirit) demonstrated in us, and through us when we are spiritual (mentally focused on how God sees us in Christ)

THE CULMINATON OF GOD THE FATHER'S SALVATION POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US (continued)

Three more references to our fulness in the Ephesian epistle:

- **Eph 3:19** – the complete knowledge, understanding, and usage of agape love
- **Eph 4:10** – The risen and ascended Christ provides the potential to practice this fulness
- **Eph 4:13** – the completed fulness of our salvation at the Rapture

CONCLUSION

Eph 3:20-21

20 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- The DOXOLOGY (word of glory) of our complete, amazingly glorious salvation – made available to us by God's amazing GRACE!