

# The Purpose of the Resurrection

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## GOD'S PURPOSE

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The purpose of the resurrection was not just redemption. Redemption is only a part of God's purpose. The purpose of Jesus' ascension was not just to destroy the works of the devil. This is just part of the purpose. To save sinners is not the principal purpose. Saving sinners is merely a step towards God's higher purpose. Yes, Jesus came that we might have life, and that more abundantly. But abundant life is just a paragraph in the broader plan of God. **GOD'S BROADER PURPOSE FOR THE RESURRECTION MAY BE DISCOVERED IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS.** Let's look at some scriptures in Ephesians and see if God is trying to say something to us through them.

## FULLNESS

*Ephesians 1:10 - "That in the dispensation of the FULLNESS OF TIMES he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are on earth; even in him...."*

*Ephesians 1:22-23 - "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, THE FULLNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH all in all."*

*Ephesians 3:19 - "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be FILLED with all the FULLNESS OF CHRIST."*

*Ephesians 4:13 - "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the FULLNESS OF CHRIST."*

*Ephesians 5:18 - "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be FILLED with the Spirit."*

*Ephesians 6:10 (NIV) - "Put on the FULL ARMOR of God so that you can take your stand..."*

Ephesians is the book of FULLNESS! We see fullness of redemption, fullness in the Body of Christ, fullness of love, fullness of maturity, fullness of the Holy Spirit, and fullness of strength through the armor, as well as other FULLNESS teachings not labeled as such. FULLNESS means "to be heavy laden with everything good from God." It means to be "pregnant" with His presence and power. FULLNESS is super-saturation with God. FULLNESS is "my cup runneth over."

## THE BROADER PURPOSE OF GOD

The broader purpose of God and the resurrection of Jesus is found in one verse of scripture.

*Ephesians 4:9 "He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all Heavens, THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS."*

Why did Jesus ascend up to the throne of God? Why was Jesus resurrected? **THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS! FILL ALL THINGS! FILL ALL THINGS! ALL THINGS! FILL EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING!** God's plan is to, literally, fill all time, space, and matter with Himself. God's purpose is to fill

every crack and crevice with His manifested presence. God's broader purpose is to manifest Himself in every human heart, every atom, every molecule, every cell, and every fiber of every person and every thing. He wants to fill every man's spirit, mind, will, emotions, and physical body with Himself. He wants to fill all society, all culture, all arts, and all industry. He wants to fill every sector of business and commerce. He wants to fill every home. He wants to fill the media, television, the atmosphere, government, technology, the military, every department store and restaurant. Fill every township, city, state, and nation with His manifested presence. Fill education, the medical profession, the churches, literature, libraries, hospitals, the radio, the skies, rivers, lakes, fields, roads, communication, transportation, agriculture, the earth, heaven, history, eternity. Fill ALL THINGS! He has ascended that HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS! This is the bottom-line summary statement of all God's dealings with men and creation.

## **HOW GOD FILLS THE UNIVERSE**

God has a precise procedure to fill all things. God has a plan to fill the universe. **GOD WILL NOT CHANGE HIS PLAN. GOD WILL NOT CHANGE HIS PROCEDURE.** God will not bypass or shortcut his procedure. Men have tried to change the procedure. Men will continue attempting to shortcut God's method, but all attempts will fail. We will either experience fullness on God's terms or we won't enjoy fullness at all. God's method is revealed in Ephesians 4:10-16. Open your own Bible and read these verses slowly. The procedure is simple to see, if you read carefully.

Jesus has already ascended (vs 10).

Jesus has purposed to fill all things (vs10).

So Jesus fills his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (vs 11).

Then these five-fold ministers fill the saints (vs 12).

Then these saints fill the body of Christ (vs 12).

Then the body of Christ fills every sector of society by speaking the Word of God; thereby, filling the universe by making increase of the body (vs 15 & 16; and Eph 1:22,23).

Thus we see God's ultimate purpose is to fill the entire universe with His knowledge and glory. And we see that God's procedure of filling is profoundly simple and orderly. Let us experience FULLNESS in our lives. Let us experience FULLNESS in our families. And let us each minister FULLNESS in our own circles of influence!