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THEME

Colossians 2:10

For in him dwelleth
all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And **YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**,
which is the head of all principality and power
Colossians 2:9-10



Message 1: Human Emptiness

Meaning of “Complete” or “Completeness”

Hebrew: **Shalam** - Finished (Nehemiah 6:15); Restored (2 Kings 4:7);
- Perfect (1 Kings 8:16)

Greek: **Pleroo** - Filled (Ephesians 3:19); Perfect (Revelation 3:2)
- Satisfy (Acts 2:28)

The word “Complete” is the opposite of “Emptiness” and “brokenness”

Emptiness (which needs to be filled): Void, lack of meaning, purpose or satisfaction

Brokenness (which needs to be healed): Wounded, no soundness

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The Need Of Every Human Being

Emptiness needs to be **filled**

Brokenness needs to be **healed**

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What caused of human emptiness and brokenness?

How and when did the “emptiness” and the “brokenness” in humans begin?

It all started when **sin** entered:

1. Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and **come short** of the glory of God.
2. Romans 3:12 - They are all gone out of the way, they are together become **unprofitable**; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
3. Isaiah 1:5 - The **whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint**. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

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SIN brought **EMPTINESS** and **BROKENNESS**

- 1. Proverbs 21:4** - An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
- 2. Proverbs 24:9** - The thought of foolishness is sin:
- 3. Romans 14: 7** - ...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin (John 16:9).
- 4. James 4:17** - To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
- 5. 1 John 3:4** - Sin is the transgression of the law
- 6. 1 John 5: 17** - All unrighteousness is sin

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The seven-fold consequence of sin (Genesis 3: 1-24):

- 1. Genesis 3:7; 10** - Eyes opened - Shame (I was naked) - Innocence
- 2. Genesis 3:10** - I was afraid - Fear - Confidence
- 3. Genesis 3:10** - I hid myself - Guilt - Freedom
- 4. Genesis 3:16** - Sorrow and Servitude (bondage) - Joy
- 5. Genesis 3:17-19** - Hardship, anguish - Rest, peace
- 6. Genesis 3:17** - Curse - Blessing
- 7. Genesis 3: 19, 24** - Death, Separation from God - Fellowship

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Example: Deceptive Fulness

Luke 15:11-17 - Story of the Prodigal Son

A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. (Luke 15:12)

“Independence (Autonomy or Identity)”

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country (Luke 15:13)

“Freedom”

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Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.(Proverbs 18:1)

- 1. “Independence (Autonomy or Identity)” - Rebel** (against the authority figures).
- 2. “Freedom” - Seek acceptance from peers** (desire to distance from family unit and strive to form peer relationship (friendship). **Exhibit a Risky behaviour** (Cross Boundaries)

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Example: Deceptive Fulness Leads to Emptiness

Luke 15:13-16 - Soul's Fulness and Spirit's Emptiness

And there **1wasted his substance with riotous living.**

And when he had **2spent all,** there arose a **3mighty famine** in that land;

and he **4began to be in want.**

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country;

and he **5sent him into his fields to feed swine.**

And **6he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat:**

and **7no man** gave unto him.

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Example: Delusional Fulness

Ruth 1: 1-22 - Story of Naomi

Timeline: During the time of Judges,

Spiritual condition: Everyone did whatever right in his sight (Judges 21:25),

Situation: "Famine" in Bethlehem Judah

Story: Elimelech, with his wife Naomi and with his two sons Mahlon and Chilion **went to Moab**. After some time, **Elimelech died** in Moab. Mahlon and Chilion married Orpha and Ruth. After ten years **Mahlon and Chilion died** there. Naomi was alone without husband and sons. Naomi's life can be seen in her words,

"Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. **I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty**: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?" Ruth 1:20-21

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Elimelech = My God is king; **Naomi** = Pleasant; **Mahlon** = Sick; **Chilion** = Broken heart (mental decline)

Bethlehem = House of bread; **Moab** = Wash pot

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Decisions or choices have consequences!

The family of Naomi wanted to survive the famine which the Lord brought because of the disobedience of the Israelites. The right choice would have been staying in Bethlehem and obeying God.

- They chose to go down to Moab. From the “house of bread” to “wash pot”!
- Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion died, “Naomi” (pleasant) saw herself becoming “Mara” (Bitterness) - Ruth 1: 20a
- She blamed the Almighty God - “The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me” (Ruth 1:20b); The Almighty afflicted me (Ruth 1:21b)
- **She became empty** - I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty (Ruth 1:21a).

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The more you tried to get over it, the more empty you become!

Independence and freedom can not fill the emptiness

Decisions will have consequences.

In the world and away from God no can truly fill the emptiness.

“What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself”

- Blaise Pascal

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There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.

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