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What does Paul mean by "Filled"?

"maximization" - you can't get more into the space



1. What are the Colossians to be filled with? Knowledge of His Will

What comes to your mind when you see words like theology and doctrine?

How does Paul view knowledge?

"epi"gnosis - deep profound knowledge

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His Will = God's Pleasure / Desire

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How do we grow as spirit-filled, image bearing, God glorifying believers

Knowledge- The gaining of facts. Collect, remember, and access information. This person can know the scriptures.

Understanding- Getting the meaning out of information which birth principles i.e. What, how, why.

Wisdom- They do the right thing. This person has the right next step.

Matthew 7:1-6 "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ⁶ "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

1 Cor 2:13-14

¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned

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What is the fruit of a believer?

- 1. Ministry Trophies Converts, disciples, gospel conversations etc.
- 2. Godly Character

Gal 5:22-24

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **patience**, **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, ²³ **gentleness**, **self-control**; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Eph 5:18-21

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Col 3:15-17

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, **teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts** to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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In the pinnacle discussion of Spirit filledness in the NT, there is not one sign or wonder in the list.

The struggle will always be that Christ isn't enough.



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