

Feasting on His Fullness

I. Opportunities to Order the Chaos

A. Creative Potential

Gen 1:1 In the **beginning**, God **created** ... **2** The earth was **without form and void**, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was **hovering** over the **face** of the waters.

B. The Word Orders the Chaos into Goodness

Gen 1:3 **And God said**,...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..

II. From His Fullness... Grace upon Grace

A. The Word **Became** Human Flesh

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh** ... **full of grace and truth**,
16 For from his **fullness** we have all received, grace upon grace.

B. His Body is His Fullness in the World

In Jesus, the invisible God has become as visible, audible, tangible as any human being.

Col 1:15 He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For **by him** all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created **through him** and **for him**. **17** And he is before all things, and **in him** all things hold together. **18** And he is the **head of the body, the church**. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

19 For **in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**, **20** and through him to **reconcile to himself all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Col 2:9 For **in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily**, 10 and **you have been filled in him**,

11 **In him ... circumcised ...**, 12 ... **buried with him in baptism**, ... also **raised with him through faith** ... 13 ... **made alive together with him**,.

Eph 1:22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the **church**, 23 which is **his body**, the **fullness of him** who fills all in all. ...

2 Cor 6:16 NKJ ... As God has said:

*"I will dwell **in** them and walk **among** them.
(walk around **inside** them)*

I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

III. Filling Up (Feasting) on the Fullness!

A. Bringing it Home - It's Human and Very HOLY

Luke 22:1 Now the **Feast** of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the **Passover**.

7 Then came **the day of Unleavened Bread**, on which the **Passover lamb** (Thursday) had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent **Peter** and **John** (**zeal & insight**), saying, "Go and **prepare the Passover** for us, **that we may eat it**." 9 "Where ...?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, **a man carrying a jar of water** will meet you. Follow him ... 11 and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, **Where is the guest room**, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 12 And he will show you a **large upper room furnished**; prepare it there." 13 And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "**I have earnestly desired** (lit - **With desire I have desired**) to eat this Passover with you before I suffer..

PREPARE OUR HEARTS -

- 1 Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,¹
- 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “**This is my body**, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
- 25 In the same way also **he took the cup, after supper**, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood**. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
- 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.
- 1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a **participation in the blood of Christ**? The bread that we break, is it not a **participation in the body of Christ**? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

¹ Along with lamb, **unleavened bread** was a central part of the Passover meal. Retelling Exodus story through questions and answers, sung parts of the Hallel Ps 113–118, ... a prayer of thanks over the bread and eat the Passover meal. Jesus acting as the father of the family and gave thanks for the bread. In this, he replaced the Passover celebration with a new celebration of unleavened bread. This one **interpreted the bread** not as what Israel carried out of Egypt but **as the body of Jesus** broken on the cross for his followers.

B. Great and Precious Promises

2 Pet 1:3 NIV His **divine power** has **given** us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4 Through these he has given us **his very great and precious promises**, so that **through them** you **may participate** in the **divine nature** and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

V. Participate in the Body of Christ – Be the Voice, the Hands, the Feet!

A. *There are NO HOPELESS SITUATIONS!*

IT MAY LOOK LIKE I'm SURROUNDED BUT I'm ...

Ezek 37:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "**Prophesy** over these bones, and **say** to them, O dry bones, **hear the word of the Lord...**"

The GREAT COMMISSION:

Rom 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.