

- > **Great Day**.... You know, every day can be a Great Day, when we will just: slow down, study God's Word, and learn from it. His Word really does teach us so much about: how we can live a Great life on earth, while we are here!
- **Today**, We are so glad that you've joined us, to hear another message segment – brought to you by "**Discovery Crossroads Ministries**".... Our ministry is all about the reality that: "**with God, Dead ends, become alive again!**"  
We Fully know that: "**God can do the miraculous, in & thru us, when we will just let Him!**"
- > The message title today is: "**How Perfect Is that!**". This is a statement that suggests: "**Everything Is Just Right**" – "**Good To Go!**". **Speaking of which**: I would always ask the Farmers in South Georgia, "**How are you doing?**", and they would reply, "**Just Right!**". **Simple, and yet telling...** they were saying that: "**they were alive, well, and had all that they needed!**"
- These days, many young people have shortened the phrase "**How Perfect Is That!**", down to just: "**Perfect!**".
- When speaking of your life, **Can you say that "Everything Is Just Right" – "Good To Go" – or "Perfect"?**

> **Today**, as I speak about: "**Everything Being Perfect, In & For Your Life**" - I'll be driving the point that: "**Perfect**" can be understood Biblically, as being: "**Complete**", or "**Full**".

-- Let me hit you with 2 passages, to show you where I am going today. **1) Colossians 1:27b**, "***This is the secret: Christ lives in you.***" NLT..... **Wow**, *now that is a "Mega-secret!"*

- **Many people**, even some believers, do not understand this Mega-Truth.... when we accept Jesus Christ, as Savior & Lord, He comes to live ( **dwell** ) within our very being. This is the essence of "**transcendence**" (*which is: an experience that goes beyond the normal, or physical, level*)/(*its spiritual*)

- **Again**, Many people (*some believers too*), do not understand God's mystery of: "*Him living **inside** of His children*".

*\*(It may be a mystery to many people, but it's NOT to God!)*

- Paul confirms all this, when he asked the people in the church of Corinth...( **1 Corinthians 6:19**, "**Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?**" NLT)

Understanding the mystery is hard for us, but we are called to live "**in Faith**" - "**trusting**" that God is really living in us, changing us & empowering us, just as this passage says!

**Phillipians 2:13**, "**For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.**" NLT

- **And so**, Jesus can/does live in us.... **Now**, let's further the thought, with the second passage: [Colossians 2:9-10](#), "9 For **in Christ**, lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So **you also** are complete through **your union with Christ**, who is the head over every ruler and authority." NLT
- **This is so Big**..... **All** the "**Fullness**" of God, dwells in Jesus (*in His One & Only Son*). **Grab that Truth**, and seek *understanding*... **Everything that God is, and everything that God is capable of, dwells in Jesus!**
- **Now**, the next part of that passage says that: when "**we**" are "**connected (in union)**" with Jesus, "**we too**" have God's "**Fullness**" living in us! [1 John 4:4](#), "*But you belong to God, my dear children. **You have already won a victory** over those people, because **the Spirit who lives in you, is GREATER than, the spirit who lives in the world.***" NLT
- ...**See**, When we accept Jesus as "**Savior & Lord**", we instantly become one of God's children. And the minute that happens, God makes us "**Complete**", by **giving ALL OF HIMSELF to us!**....(*That's Heavy & Powerful folks.... think about that!*).
- God holds Nothing back, from His children! He lavishes us with Every "**Perfect**" thing, that **IS Him!**....(*Lavish means: He gives us so much, in "Generous & Extravagant" portions/quantities!*).

> **So**, "The **Completeness/Fullness of God**" – **What does that look like, IN US?**.....

- **It looks like**: The totality of everything that God is – which is His: Divine nature (*that is: His attributes & character, which collectively are His defining features*)... He also gives us His: perfection, holiness, righteousness, truth, power, love, peace, joy, hope – as well as: everything that we would ever need, or desire, in this life.
- **Seriously**, all that God is, and capable of, dwells "**in us**", thru God giving us "**His**" Holy Spirit! **Understand**, The Greek word for "Fullness" is: "**Pleroma**", which has the English meaning of: "**Full measure**"...(*that's a WHOLE cup of sugar, not just a half, or lesser cup*). **Again**, the understanding here, is that: God holds **NOTHING back**, from those who love Him and obey Him!.....(**really hear that today!**)
- **Check it out**, having the "Completeness & Fullness" of God, dwelling within us - brings about the "**Sufficiency**" of God, to our soul. **OK**, if **1 + 2 = 3** - then God's **Completeness + His Fullness = His "Sufficiency"**, in/to us!
- **Look**, there are 2 major uses of the word "**Sufficient**" in Greek language: **1)** "**arketos**", and **2)** "**eparkis**" – both carry the meanings: "**adequate, ample, able, capable & enough**".

...from these definitions, the "**ALL of God**", really stands out. Just look at the thought of God being "**All able**".../ When life gets tougher than me, knowing that God is "**ALL able**" to see me thru – brings me great peace! When I know that He is "**Fully Capable**" of handling things, GREATER than I can – is when my "soul-chaos" flies away, and I am filled with "**Awe & Wonder**" about my Great & Incredible God! It is in these moments that I really realize that: **God IS "Enough (All sufficient)"** – for everything that I should ever need or want, in this life! I have spent a lifetime, trying to live out of the "**sufficiency of MYSELF**" – having failed in every conceivable way possible...(sure, I scored some life-wins, but I also scored some pretty tough life-losses, as well).

- I cannot believe the amount of "pain & sorrow" that I brought upon my life, by demanding to do things "**my way**", thru "**my weak sufficiency**". When I finally "got to the end of myself", and told God, "**If you can do my life better than I have - have at it**", is the moment God took control of my mind & heart – and my life changed, like I never could have imagined Him doing so. The negatives, became positives. The chaos, became peace. God became the Rock that I climbed onto, to keep from drowning in this life's floodwaters! God became the Great Shield that I hid behind, to keep from being pierced by all of this life's fiery darts! To this day,

God's Good Sufficiency for my life, is the best thing that I sought after, with all of my heart! I'm glad that my life went thru many snares, pitfalls & collapses - for if it hadn't of, I never would have turned to God to be my: **Rock, Shield, Savior, God, Friend & Sufficiency!** Truly, God alone is Sufficient for providing us with everything that we need "*physically, spiritually & emotionally*". [2 Corinthians 3:5](#), "*Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God*". ESV

-- Let's speak of some tangibles... tangible ways that God is Sufficient to us:

a) **He is our Guide**.... As our Guide, He leads us to paths of safety & righteousness. [Proverbs 16:9](#), "***We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.***" NLT  
...(Goodness, I used to live this "backwards" - yeah, *God made His plans for my life, but I knew better & changed them, so that I could go off/step MY WAY!*)

- [Psalm 23:1-3](#), "***1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name, for you are close beside me.***" NLT

**Question is:** Do you "let Him" Guide you thru life, or are you still deciding the pathways that you will take?

b) **He is our Protector**.... As our Protector, God is constantly watching our movements, **READY** to step in and take care of us from all dangers! Psalm 23:4, "4 Even when **I walk** through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for **your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.**" NLT...(even when I took the wrong roads, God was always there, helping me & protecting me – just as He does for you too.)

- Psalm 121:1-3, "1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? 2 **My help comes from the Lord**, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 **He** will not let your foot slip - **he** who **watches over you**, will not slumber".... Verse 5, "**The Lord watches over you - the Lord** is your shade at your right hand"...  
Verses 7-8, "7 **The Lord** will keep you from all harm - **he** will **watch over your life**; 8 **the Lord** will **watch over** your coming and going, both now and forevermore." NIV....(4 times "watch over you")

**So I ask:** Will you "let Him" protect/watch over you from all harm? Come on, Are you really so tough, that you can keep yourself from all harm? I doubt it!

c) **He is our Provider**.... As our Provider, God knows exactly what we “**need**” daily. As the “Lover of our Souls”, He will NOT fail to provide everything that we “need”! *Seriously, He doesn’t leave us high & dry!* **Matthew 6:26**, “*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and **yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?***” NIV

- **Look**, Paul tells the church in Phillipi, (in **Phil 4:19**), “*My God **will meet all your needs**, according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*” NIV

...God is Fully **Capable & Able**, to provide everything you need in this life – **depend on Him!** I guarantee you, His Providence for you, is better than yours is for yourself!

**Question:** **Are you still acting as the Provider for your life, or have you “let God” BE the ultimate Provider for you – letting every good thing come down to you, from the Father of heavenly lights?**

d) **He is our Savior**.... As our Savior, No big brother is better than He is! When we need “saving”, Jesus is the “*Master of Salvation*”! He steps in (in the gap), to fight for us, and to save us, from all evil (*including the evil that resides in us*). When it comes to God’s “Holy

requirements" to get into His Kingdom (*at the end of our lives*), it takes **Jesus'** holiness & righteousness, to get us in! **Point is**: None of us are free from sin & vileness – and we cannot stand before a Holy God, doused in the sludge of our filthy sins! The prophet Isaiah wrote (in **Isaiah 64:6**), "**All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.**" NIV.... That speaks volumes of how impossible it is for human beings to reach (*obtain*) God's "righteous requirements", to getting into heaven! Even the apostle Paul said (in **Romans 3:10**), "***There is no one righteous, not even one!***" NIV...(*we are NOT as good & holy, as we like to think that we are!*)

\* Jesus Christ was/is the Only One, who came to this earth and lived a holy, sinless, righteous, life – and that qualifies Him (*by God*), to be the ONLY Savior of the universe! **Apart from** placing our Confidence, Trust & Sufficiency in Him, we can never enter the Kingdom of God!....(*please let me repeat that*).

- **John 14:6**, captures Jesus speaking this Truth, when He said: "***I am*** *the way and the truth and the life.* **No one comes to the Father except through me.**" NIV

\* Guide, Protector, Provider & Savior... **God** does all of these major tangible things in our life for us, every new day – ***and sadly***, half the time, we do not even take notice of Him doing it! *Do you ever try to notice Him helping you?*

**The greatest question, still must be asked of us: Have you asked Jesus to BE "your" Lord & Savior?**

> **So**, Let me **unpack** the totality of this message, thus far.....  
...unpacking it down to "3-Rs" (or, 3 Big Rs):

**a) Revelation**.... Revelation is: the opening of our "**spiritual eyes**" to **God's** Truth, Knowledge, Wisdom & Understanding. God "unveils" (*removes*) the cover, that evil has placed over our "**unspiritual eyes**", and then He "**discloses**" **His** Divine Truths, **His** close-hold Secrets, and **His** Future plans for our lives...(*plans that reveal "His" intended purpose for our life*).

**b) Redemption**.... Redemption is: what God is doing presently to rescue us, because sin took us over and lead us away from God, and away to an eternal disaster (**hell**). Just like when we get our lives in trouble on earth, and we need some help from beyond ourselves – God is redeeming us away from evil & satan, to make us His very own – to love & hold us forever!

**c) Restoration**.... Restoration is: Why God first gave us Revelation & Redemption... He is ultimately aiming at

bringing about our "Restoration" (*or, our "Completeness", as we were first intended, by Him, to be as human beings!*)

Currently we are all broken vessels, **But God is ABLE** to completely put us "back together" again, and make us "whole" (*as He intended for us, before we chose evil & sin*).

- > **Ok so**, Paul sums up today's message, when he said that: Jesus told him (*in 2 Corinthians 12:9*), "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for **my power** is made perfect in (your) *weakness*." ESV **Gosh**, as I get weak (*unable*) to make life happen for myself, is when Jesus cranks up His Power inside me, so that He can accomplish it thru me – *Wow!*
- **Look**, All that God is, and is Capable of, is ours – once we become God's adopted children... because then, God can Fully invest upon us, His overflowing, rich, abundant, inheritance – ***Yes, ALL that He has, He gives to us!***
- **But** that only happens when we: **1)** Repent (*turn from our sins*)
  - **2)** Ask Jesus to forgive us of all our many sins – and **3)**  
Seek Jesus to forever be our Savior & Lord.
- > **The sufficiency of God**.... **Ephesians 3:20**, "*Now to him who is able (more than able) to do far more abundantly, than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us*" – **let us therefore Pray**.....

## Discovery questions:

- 1) What does something need to be, to be "**Perfect**" for you?
- 2) What does God "need to be", to be Perfect for you?
- 3) Do you understand **Colossians 1:27b** statement, about the secret of how Jesus "is able" to live in people? Explain it!
- 4) **1 Corinthians 6:19** says that "your" body is to be the "**Temple**" of God's Holy Spirit – what do you make of this? (*I mean seriously, God, in all His Fullness, Completeness, and Power, living in us; Colossians 2:9-10*)?
- 5) Do you really understand, that the moment you ask Jesus to be your Lord & Savior, you instantly become one of God's "Adopted" children? Does becoming one of His treasured children, have any real significance to you?
- 6) As one of God's children, can you fathom the depth of His riches, and the vastness of the inheritance, that He "lavishes" on His kids?
- 7) As a child of God, do you yet to understand what it means to be "**Full**" ("*Sufficiently*" Full) of God and His Goodness – so Full that you KNOW that you don't anything else but Him? What does the word "**Sufficient**" mean? Why did Jesus tell the apostle Paul, in **2 Corinthians 12:9**, that "His grace was

sufficient for Paul – and that in Paul’s weakness, is when Jesus’ Strength shines through”?

- 8)** Do you KNOW the **Sufficiency** of God (*His **Ableness***) to do ANYTHING in and for your life? OK, so do you live like you really KNOW it?
- 9)** Let me ask the deeper question: Are you “**Self-sufficient**”; totaling depending on your own providence? Do you Guide yourself – Protect yourself – Provide for yourself – and Save yourself? How is that going for you – have you hit any dead-ends yet, while relying on yourself? I remind you of what Paul learned early on in his faith – that his sufficiency was absolutely useless, when it came to things bigger than him;  
**2 Corinthians 3:5**
- 10)** Have you ever stopped to think that you should have been dead by now, and yet you are still alive & kicking? Haven’t you chosen some dark & dangerous roads for yourself, that you should not have survived from? Did you stop long enough to cry out to God, to save you? Did you maybe cut a deal with Him, that if He spared your life, you would walk a better course with Him as your only Guide? Haven’t you at least once been so down & out, that you lifted your eyes to heaven to ask for God’s Help?

- 11)** Have you ever slowed down long enough to consider that God is there, always watching over you, guiding you, protecting you & providing for you? Have you ever even thanked Him for doing those things for you every day? I mean, do you even say the blessing to Him, when you sit down to eat a meal anymore?
- 12)** Will you “**LET**” God do what He’s been trying to do, from the onset of your life – i.e. trying to give you **Revelation** (*the opening of your spiritual eyes*), **Redemption** (*saving you out of the hands of the evil one, who wants to drag you away to Hell*), and lastly **Restoration** (*God’s Work of fixing the flaws of your sins, so that you can be as He first designed you to be – without sin, shame, guilt, pain & suffering*)? Will you “**LET**” Him do these major life-saving things for you?
- 13)** Reread **Ephesians 3:20**, and really seek to understand the immensity of that passage!