Things You Cannot Be – Part 2

Scripture: Eph. 5:18-19

Intro: What could you desire from the Holy Ghost that His presence and fullness cannot provide?

1. He never provides what violates His person. (Jn. 14:16)
2. He never pursues a course contrary to scripture. (Jn. 16:13)
3. He never provides what would damage cause of the church. (Acts 2:41,42,47)

I. Cannot Have More Fullness Than He Gives. (Eph. 5:18)

- A. He is the fullness. (Eph. 5:18; 3:19)
  - 1. Fullness of providence.
  - 2. Fullness of power.
  - 3. Fullness of promise.
    - a. Provides blessings (Eph. 1:3-14)
    - b. Produces gifts. (I Cor. 12:27-28)
    - c. Promotes fruit. (Gal. 5:22-24)
- B. He uses the filled. (Acts 4:31)
  - 1. To be speakers. (Acts 4:31,33; 2:4)
  - 2. To be servants. (Acts 6:3; Lk. 17:10)
  - 3. To be soul winners. (Acts 2:1-4)
    - a. By the use of His spirituality. (Mt. 10:19-20; Lk. 12:11-12)
    - b. By the use of His scriptures. (Jn. 15:26-27)
    - c. By the use of His saints. (Eph. 5:18)
      - 1. Intercession: Heavenly line. (Rom. 8:26-27)
      - 2. Instruction: Holy word. (Ps. 68:11)

II. Cannot Have More Fitness Than He Gives. (I Cor. 12:27-28)

- A. Fits the saints with His gifts. (I Pet. 4:10-11; I Cor. 12:7,11)
  - 1. Two important qualities.
    - a. Ministry: Duty performed.
    - b. Methods: Design pursued.
  - 2. Two important groupings.
    - a. Offices: Positions.
    - b. Operations: Policies.
- B. Fits the servant to His gap. (Ez. 22:30; Eph. 4:11)
  - 1. Pastoral position. (Acts 20:28; II Cor. 3:6; II Tim. 3:16-17)
  - 2. Particular people. (I Cor. 12:18,27)
    - a. For use of time. (Eph. 5:16)
    - b. For use of talent. (I Cor. 4:2)
    - c. For use of tithe. (Mal. 3:10)
    - d. For use of tongue. (Isa. 50:4)
    - e. For use of toil. (Tit. 3:8,14)

Notes: Emblems reveal His ability to fit us.

1. Oil: To anoint
2. Wind: To refresh
3. Dove: To love
4. Fire: to warm
5. River: to give
6. Finger: to point

III. Cannot Have More Finesse Than He Gives. (II Cor. 3:17)

A. The skill to address providence. (Heb. 4:15-16; Rom. 8:26-27)
   1. Skill in approach. (Eph. 2:18; Jn. 4:24)
   2. Skill in appeal. (Eph. 6:18; Jd. 20; I Tim. 2:1-2)
      a. Faith skills its way Heavenward. (Heb. 11:6; I Jn. 5:14-15)
      b. Favors petitions by use of His name. (Jn. 14:13-14; 16:24)

B. The skill to address people. (Isa. 50:4; Acts 1:8; Lk. 12:11-12; Isa. 61:1)
   1. Bold speech. (Acts 4:31; 4:8,19,33;)
   2. Graceful speech. (Col. 4:5-6; Acts 6:3,10)
   3. Learned speech. (Isa. 50:4; Acts 2:3,4,6; 4:13)
   4. Powerful speech. (Acts 1:5,8)

Notes: He who addresses God will be able to address people.
He who gives God an audience will be given an audience by God.