



Hello everyone We all continue to press forward in the middle of a very different time. Is different the right word? Maybe not, significant? Troubling? Unusual? You know honestly there is a lot of things that we could say about it. I think more important than what we could say about it, is what we will learn from it. Will we learn? I certainly hope so.

You know sheep are a very needy animal. They need a shepherd. They can get turned over on their backs with their feet in the air and an inability to get themselves back on their feet. If there isn't a good shepherd to watch over his flock, one that get's on his back could honestly end up dying. They are dependent on their shepherd.

We are the same. It reminds me of the song "I can't even walk, without you holding my hand". I guess it's important to recognize the balance in that statement. Because we don't want to be so timid as to think we can do nothing, but instead be humble to realize, that we can do plenty, but with Christ as the head.

The best we will ever be when we realize where our supply is coming from. "In everything we are enriched by Him". It's easy to understand our need for oxygen. We can scientifically break down how it works and what it does for our body. We can easily understand what happens when we lack it. To compare oxygen to God, probably doesn't really give us the full picture, but it certainly does bring things into frame. You quit taking in Oxygen, and you will know about it quickly. But people are walking around without looking to God all of the time. There are the dead or dying all around us, who are spiritually depleted because of the absence of God in their lives. I make that statement and we immediately begin to think about the lost. But how many in the Church are just getting by in their walk. Who really do

more of holding the reins than trusting God to lead.

I think it's something we all have or do struggle with. "And Ye are complete in Him". Searching for God, and walking in the fullness of God, is what makes us complete. Even a claiming Christian can be incomplete because they are only giving God the crumbs of their lives, rather than the whole of it. If we saw ourselves as we really are, it would make a difference. If we saw ourselves as that little sheep turned over on its back, legs in the air, with no ability of our own, to get turned over, but knowing that we have a loving Shepherd, who is watching over us.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
-- Right Praise the Lord. We struggle, but God is there, we hurt, and God is there, we need, and God is there. Whatever it is, we have a Good Shepherd that tends to His flock. We have a Shepherd that makes His people complete.

It's encouraging to be reminded of the riches we enjoy as a part of God's Kingdom. The fullness of this relationship, our adoption as the children of God. Keep plowing forward. Trust in Him..... and all will be well.

God bless Pastor Paul

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In everything ye are enriched by him.

When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. — He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

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.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. — To will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. — Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done

unto you. — Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

I COR. 1:5. Rom. 5:6. -Rom. 8:32. Col. 2:9,10. John 15:4,5. -Rom. 7:18. -Eph. 4:7. John 15:7. -
Co1. 3:16.