

Foundations of Christ - Part 6

Of His Fulness We Have All Received

John 1:16

Here is the constant struggle for believers. Did we receive salvation at rebirth or did we receive the savior? One is a thing and the other is a Person who makes the thing possible. Because without Jesus, there is no salvation. For most Christians, we think in terms of receiving healing, or some supply to meet our needs. But in reality, Christ is our healing, health, and well-being. He is our supply; He is everything.

Psalm 27:1 tells us that "*the Lord is my light and my salvation*". Thus, the Lord, Jehovah, is salvation itself.

John 1:12 (KJV) says, "*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name*".

The power to become the sons of God rests in the Person Jesus, whom we receive first and foremost. It is not some independent thing. All of God's powers are not detached from Him as if we could obtain five pounds of power in a box, open it up, and use it. We receive by taking into ourselves Christ the Person. It is like opening a door to your total being, then inviting in God who then begins to be everything to us. Again, it is the process of the **already and the not yet**. We have already received of His fullness, but it is not fully manifested in us. His fullness grows by our agreement, our faith, for it to grow; and by our acting on that faith!

This challenges our thinking. We are used to doing it all by ourselves. When in reality, God wishes for us that He become everything and by Him everything can be done which pertains to a Godly life with all of its blessings. Grace upon grace.