

Receiving the Fullness of Life
Sunday Night Prayer Meeting
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I. INTRODUCTION AND GOALS

- A. In September the MOG Council started praying to the Lord asking Him what is the theme for this year Lord? We were seeking a theme from the Lord, a general direction for us all and we received "Fullness of Life" based on Col 2: 11-19

Prayer: Oh heavenly Father, I praise you for your love... your word says - You are the loving Father, and you rejoice in us coming to you and asking of you...to receive the fullness of life from you....as we gather as your people and ask ... teach us the way of the Spirit ...teach us how to walk in the fullness of Spirit ...teach us to obey your Spirit again...We promise to give away all you give and not use it for our glory... all you have given the Church that we might obey your promptings of the heart and obey you today.

- B. God wants to give MOG more "Fullness of Life" ... over next six months we will have several teachings to help us:

1. *To be filled more with the Life of God... Jn 4:24 God is spirit and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth, for they are the kind --- (a special kind of people God is after) of worshipers that the Father seeks...*
2. *To act - by asking more of God's fullness of Holy Spirit to fill you.... Daily in prayer times...*
3. *To learn to identify within yourself the condition of your spirit - Full - over drawn or pressed down*
4. *To know where and how to "fix you" ... EOC, Scripture, Contact, Gifts in the Body of Christ or MOG.... Eph. 4:8 He ascended up on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men...*

Pope Benedict writes: Jesus reveals a greater awareness of the fullness of divine revelation... in personal encounter found in Christian communities as we read Scripture.

Paul writes: Col. 2:9-11 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form and you have been given fullness in Christ...

John Paul II wrote: "*become a partaker of God's life created for the Fullness of grace and truth....*" Redeemer of Man para 18... " We are able being Kings" that is to say, we are able to produce a mature humanity in each one of us. Mature humanity means full use (fullness) of the gifts.... received from our Creator... Redeemer of Man, para 21

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Fr Lawrence Scupoli: And although the almighty stands in not the slightest need of your soul, He is pleased to make it a worthy habitation of himself... rather let your heart be at liberty to stop where and when it finds its God, having no misgivings about unfinished exercises if He is pleased to communicate Himself to you.... Spiritual Combat, ch. 7

St Basil the Great: We believe that the Spirit is present everywhere... "The Spirit of the Lord fills the world... I reckon that this glorifying is nothing else but the recounting of His own wonders... To describe His wonders gives him the fullest glorification possible.. On the Holy Spirit, ch. 23

Q. 1 What is this Fullness of Life. God's Eternal life of heaven. First of all, I myself... I don't possess fullness of Life – I receive it from a loving God our Father.

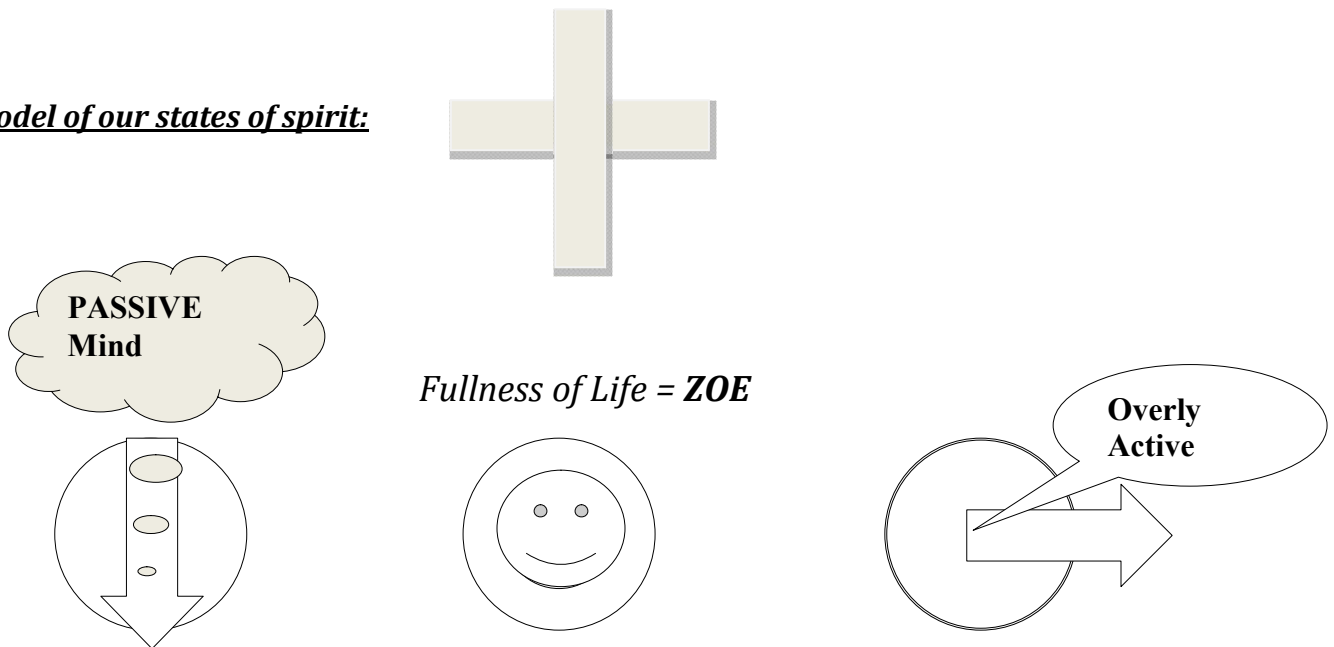
In the New Testament Greek, the Gospel speaks of four types of "life" that God has given to humanity but only one is central in New Testament... a new type of life, **ZOE**.

In Greek the word is **Zoe**, which is translated to means "Life of God himself, "Eternal life" is the actual Life of the Eternal One himself.... Found in New Testament 130 times...

Jn. 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. Jn. 10:10 "I have come that they may have life and life to the full...

Jn 1:16 from his fullness of his grace.... you have all receivedone blessing after another....

Model of our states of spirit:



There are three states of our spirits but only one is open to the "Fullness of Spirit" and is mature.... The mature have learned to abide in His Full presence longer during their day.

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1. *State One: Our spirit pressed down out of Spirit, oppressed, crushed or depressed - we have fallen from the path of inner peace ... this serves to increase humility.. Watch and pray moreask for more of Holy Spirit to lift or Bind the Strongman...(cf. Mk 3:27)*
2. *State Two: Our spirit receiving freely of the ZOE "Fullness of life"... Baptism in the Spirit gives a personal flame of a love of God.... which is the right position of all those seeking to be mature In poise, peace, and calm control.. Fr. Scupoli calls it the Eternal moment state.... "seek and desire God alone: and whenever and wherever you find him, there stop, go no further. While God dwells with you enjoy his company with celestial peace of the saints....(Spiritual Combat, ch. 7)*
3. *State three: Our spirit overdrawn out beyond poise... drawn out of the Spirit...drawn into flesh - out beyond poise when it is in strain or a driven condition... Fr. Scupoli in Spiritual Combat writes " there one is taught that to love ourselves, to follow our own wills, to obey our sensual appetites and to destroy ourselves are one in the same thing.... Far from finding God we are actually running away from Him, pretending to please him, yet not conforming to his Holy will. (ibid.)*

Life in the Spirit is between two forces. As we mature, we can know when our spirit is in the right position of "fullness of life/light" and when it is overwhelmed by emotion. Cf. Jn 1:4 **Blessed John Paul II** states that in modern culture we get driven beyond the due measure of humanity by economics and politics. He states that mature humanity becomes a partaker of God's life (ZOE)...created for the fullness of grace and truth... (Redeemer of Man, para. 18)

And that only the Father gives identity and destiny to each person...

Question....do you know "how to read" how your spirits are functioning?

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. (Prov. 4:23)

II. THREE EXAMPLES FROM MY LIFE....

Example 1. Black Friday 11-25 prayer time: I was thirsty for God... just wanted to be thankful I Chron 16 is a great prayer of thanksgiving.. God had blessed me with a sense of His tremendous love for me.... He gave me ZOE life... his eternal life from above and instantly groaned inside myself... felt breathed into by the Father..... Father said to me while reading St Basil the Great "there's a place by me, you will stand upon the rock The Holy Spirit is a place I can go to.... I experienced a fullness inside of me that made me feel I had risen above all the troubles of my day....

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2. *Jn 1:4 The human spirit can be compared to a light bulb... If I'm in contact with the Holy Spirit the bulb is full of light..... I have the fullness.... When I allow myself too much strain I get dulled. Also when I allow a passive state I am dulled or light is covered..... Fr Marcel and I were talking this morning and a person was there. He asked what were you doing last night....*

3. *Jesus first takes my sin at the cross, cleanses me off and then He fill us with himself –...as we pray...Eph 1:23 the fullness of him who fills everything in every way....*

JP 2...Redeemer of Man, para. 9 "His is a love that does not draw back before anything that justice requires in Him." "Therefore for our sake (God) made him (the son) to be sin who knew no sin for us... so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God 2 Cor 5: 21

Luke 11:13 "How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him".

Example 2: Over drawn - ambushed

Earlier in the year I was at a business meeting and one of the executives was retelling a situation I worked hard on and giving recognition to all the other people who helped complete a complex and multi-faceted deal. He was announcing all the great achievements of my team and then started giving credit in front of all the division... He didn't mention me.....

I had worked extra weekends and long hours day and night and had been told by the customer that I had impacted the direction of the outcome... I was stressed and inside I was annoyed how he was retelling something that he really wasn't involved in day to day... My mind started saying he doesn't know what he's talking about... A harshness was inside of me...

Then I turned in prayer and offered up the situation and the results to the Lord... sat back and reread a community teaching that week... Who is to be praised? By offering my work results up to the Lord it could become eternal... his fullness could enter into my heart and I could return to peace....

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Example three: Pressed down. I came home from a meeting and was depressed. I was crushed with suspicion and criticism of this person. Lea and I discussed an issue and it left me more agitated .. an invisible force was pressuring me...

I went into my chair and started to think through the situation. My thoughts were not good.... But felt this state was the real situation

- 1. Everyone is against you..*
- 2. Are you really qualified to do this ... who are you?*
- 3. This has been going on for years and really will never change..*
- 4. I was feeling crushed and a failure.. --- I went to SNPM and the Lord said to me "Why do you question in your heart my faithful love for you? As I read Matt 12:29 "First bind the Strong man..." Word of knowledge came to me..... that's me... Good will release me - it will change the faith level in the atmosphere... there is a release of supernatural power when you step out in faith and the body is built up... strengthened for the Holy Spirit*

Eph 4:7 but to each one grace has been given - as Christ apportioned it

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts... if we are to prepare we should ask Holy Spirit to fill us so we are full of ZOE life of God.

Let's pray to Holy Spirit..... 5 minutes

Write down on piece of paper the sense of where you are at....
