

**Complete in Christ**

**Because Christ is Complete**

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**Colossians 2:6 (KJV) — 6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

**Ephesians 2:8, 9 (KJV) — 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

**Galatians 3:2 (KJV)** — 2 This only would I learn  
of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of  
the law, or by the hearing of faith?

**Colossians 2:7, 8 (KJV)** — 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**Ephesians 3:17 (KJV)** — 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

**1 John 4:9, 10 (KJV) —** 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Colossians 2:9, 10 (KJV) — 9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**10** And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:



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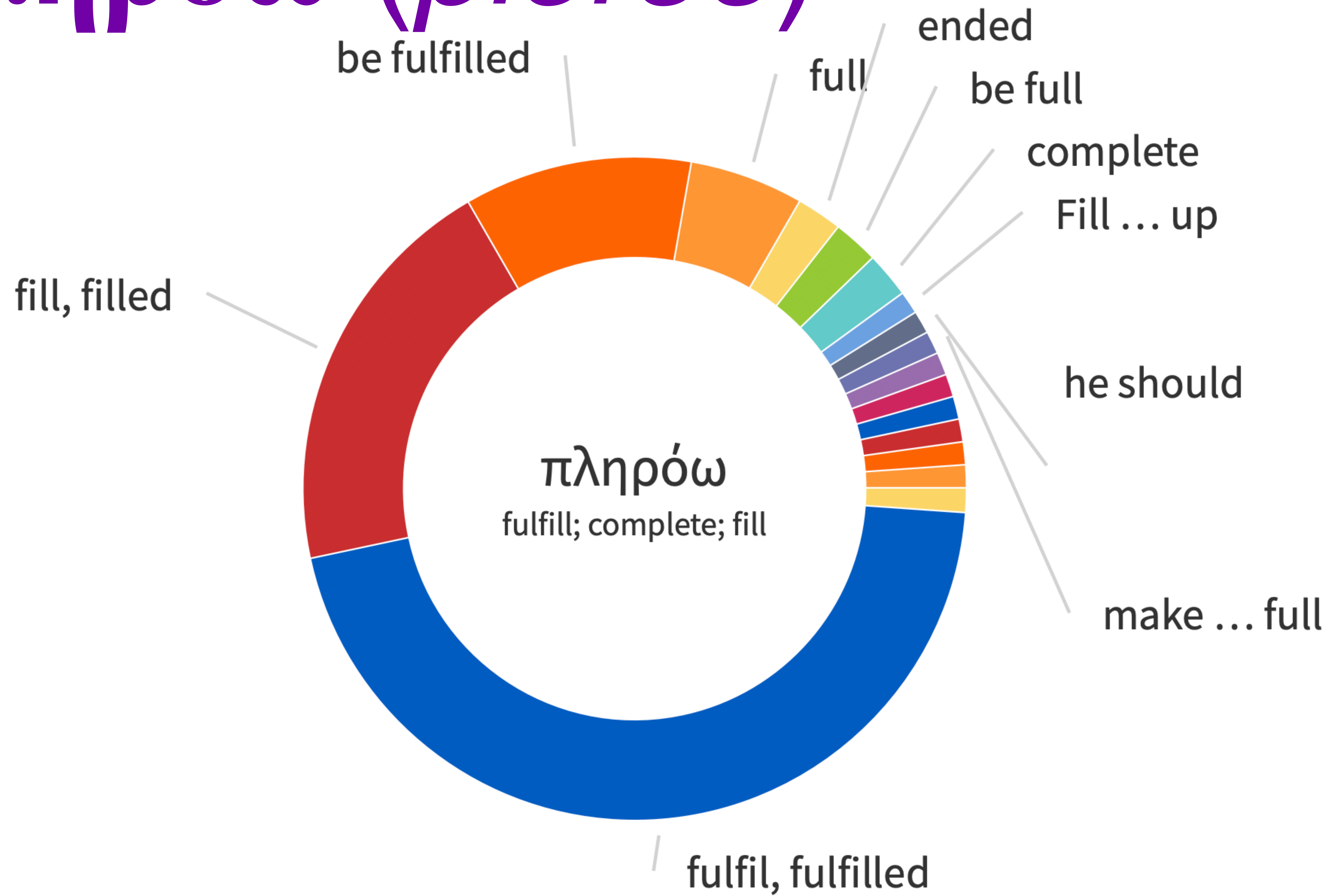
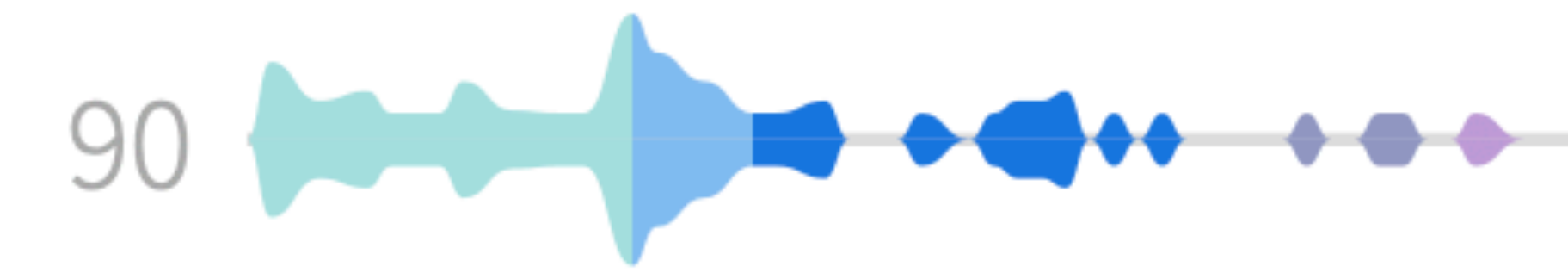
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- It is Christ who has the fulness of divinity in him.

# Complete:

1. Having all the necessary or appropriate parts.
2. To the greatest extent or degree

# πληρόω (*plēroō*)



**John 14:6 (KJV)** — 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am  
the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh  
unto the Father, but by me.

**1 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) — 7 Purge out  
therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new  
lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ  
our passover is sacrificed for us:**



**1 John 2:1, 2 (KJV) — 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**Hebrews 12:1, 2 (KJV) —** 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Colossians 2:1–3 (KJV)** — 1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**1 Corinthians 1:24 (KJV) — 24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV) — 30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

**Romans 10:4 (KJV)** — 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV) — 9** And he said unto me,  
My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is  
made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore  
will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of  
Christ may rest upon me.

**Colossians 4:12 (KJV)** — 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.



The Greek word for complete is again from πληρόω (*plēroō*) meaning to be full and the word we translate perfect from is τέλειος (*teleios*) and while in Hebrews 5:14 it is translated *of full age* it certainly has the main meaning of unblemished or perfect. The LXX uses *teleios* in texts such as:

**Psalm 139:22 (KJV)** — 22 I hate them with **perfect**  
[*teleios* in LXX] hatred: I count them mine enemies.

**Song of Solomon 6:9 (KJV)** — 9 My dove, my  
**undefiled** [teleios in LXX] is but one; . . .

**Ephesians 5:18 (KJV) — 18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

**Acts 2:4 (KJV)** — 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Christ is the greatest Teacher that the world has ever known. And what is the standard that He holds before all who believe in Him? “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48. As God is perfect in His sphere, so man may be perfect in his sphere.

*(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, p. 64.1)*

The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness.

There is opened before us a path of constant advancement. We have an object to gain, a standard to reach, that includes *everything good and pure and noble and elevated*. There should be continual striving and constant progress onward and upward toward perfection of character.

*(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, p. 64.2)*

**Revelation 14:14–16 (KJV)** — 14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; **for the harvest of the earth is ripe.** 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.



**Revelation 14:17–19 (KJV)** — 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for **her grapes are fully ripe**. 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

**2 Corinthians 3:1–3 (KJV)** — 1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

**2 Corinthians 3:4, 5 (KJV)** — 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;**

**Colossians 2:9 (KJV)** — 9 For in him dwelleth all the  
**fulness** [from πληρόω] of the Godhead bodily.

**Ephesians 4:13 (KJV)** — 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness [from πληρόω] of Christ:





**The End**