

# Christmas in all its Fullness! Part IV

## Ephesians 3:16-19 & 4:11-16

### January 7, 2023

- I. In the fullness of time God sent His Son
- II. All the fullness of God indwelt the Son.
- III. And from His fullness we have abundant and eternal life!

## IV. So that we can reach the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

*"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—...." (Ephesians 4:11-16; NKJ)*

*"I pray that according to the wealth of his glory he will grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner person, that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because you have been rooted and grounded in love, you will be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled up to all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19; NKJ)*

**Maturity Mark #1.** \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
body with one's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. (v13)

**Maturity Mark #2.** Unmoving in the face of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or deceptive \_\_\_\_\_. (v14)

**Maturity Mark #3:** Proclaiming the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in genuine \_\_\_\_\_. (v15)

**Maturity Mark #4:** Training in distinguishing  
\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Hebrews 5:13-14; NKJ)*

**Maturity Mark #5: Exercising " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ "!**

*"... If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body." (James 3:2; NKJ)*

*"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29; NKJ)*

**Maturity Mark #6: Reflecting the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48; NKJ)*

**Maturity Mark #7: Keeping the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ in mind!**

*"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ...." (Phi 3:12-16; NKJ)*

*"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18; NKJ)*

*"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (1 John 3:1-2; NKJ)*