The Fullness in Christ
John 1:14-18

Introduction:
A. Need to understand the fullness we have in Christ.
   1. *Fullness* means filled to fullest, complete, lacking nothing.
   2. Same word used as *full* in Mark 8:20.
B. Need to appreciate all the areas of fullness we have in Christ.

Discussion:
I. The Fullness Of Time. (Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:9-10).
   A. Historically.
      1. Jews had furnished world with idea of one God and divine revelation.
      2. Greeks, under Alexander, had furnished world with universal language.
      3. Romans had furnished world with universal peace.
      4. Summary: The *intellectual* civilization of the Greeks and the *organizing* civilization of the Romans came into contact with the *religious* civilization of the Hebrews to create the right circumstances for the birth of Jesus.
   B. Religiously.
      2. Jews work (The Law) way into righteousness and failed. (Gal. 2:16).

II. The Fullness Of Christ. (Col. 2:9).
   A. The fullness of deity (“Godhead”). (John 1:1; Heb. 1:3).
   B. The fullness of humanity (“bodily”). (Phil. 2:5-8).
   C. Thus, fully qualified as mediator. (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15).

III. The Fullness Of The Church. (Eph. 1:22-23)
   A. The church is the fullness of Christ.
      2. Reflects the fullness of his authority (Eph. 1:20-22).
   B. Members to be filled with fullness of God.(Eph. 3:17-19)
      1. The fullness of His redemption. (Eph. 1:7).
      2. The fullness of His peace. (Eph. 2:14-16).
      3. The fullness of His blessings (Eph. 1:3).
      4. The fullness of His will. (Col. 1:9-10).

Conclusion:
A. The fullness of time produced the fullness of Christ.
B. The fullness of Christ brought fullness to the church - collectively and distributively.
C. The fullness of Christ answered all of man's real needs in the fullness of time -- Why not obey Him and be saved?