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The Plérōma

A Brief Introduction to the Threefold “Complement”

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Well-nigh lost is the dominating doctrine of the *plérōma* or fullness.
— A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)¹

Ephesians and Colossians are the epistles of divine fulness, and one of the most profound Greek words used by Paul to characterize important aspects of the revelation surrounding the Secret Administration is *plérōma* ($\pi\lambda\acute{\eta}\rho\omega\mu\alpha$). The pinnacle truths of *plérōma* are unrecognized by the vast majority of believers.



Something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection ... The quantity or number needed to make up a whole. – *American Heritage Dictionary*

Amazingly, Paul reveals to us the most glorious truth that we are *the complement of Christ* and in turn, the Christ (i.e., the many-membered Christ – Head and Body) is *the complement of God*.

THE MEANING OF PLÉRÔMA

The Greek word *plérōma* means:

- completion, that is ... what *fills* (as contents, supplement, copiousness...) – SEC;
- fulness, abundance – TGL;
- that which fills, complement – LSJ;
- that with which any thing is filled – CL.

Thus, we see that the English counterpart of *plérōma* is “complement,”² and thus, it is so translated in the *Concordant Version*.

The root word of our English word “complement” is “complete,” and is defined as,

A thing that completes or brings to perfection. – *Oxford Dictionary*

WE – THE COMPLEMENT OF CHRIST

... *Head over all, to the Ecclesia which is His Body, the Complement [plérōma] of the One completing the all in all* (Ephesians 1:22-23, CV).

... *the realization of the Son of God, to a Mature Man, to the measure of the stature of the Complement [plérōma] of the Christ* (Ephesians 4:13, CV)

CHRIST – THE COMPLEMENT OF GOD

... *to know the love of Christ as well which transcends knowledge – that you may be completed*

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1. *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 4 (1913).

2. It is important to distinguish between “complement” with an “e” and “compliment” an “i.” While complement with an “e” means “a thing that completes,” compliment with an “i” is defined as: “a polite expression of praise or admiration.” – *Oxford Dictionary*

for the entire **Complement** [plérōma] of God”
(Ephesians 3:19, CV).

... for in Him the entire **Complement** [plérōma] of the Deity is dwelling bodily” (Colossians 2:9, CV).

Paul discloses that, just as believers are Christ’s plérōma (*Complement*), so in turn is Christ (Head along with Body) God’s plérōma (*Complement*). This is a truth made known only by *revelation*, and this is the *revelation of Christ Jesus* made known to and through Paul in Ephesians and Colossians. This is not to be confused with the “*Revelation of Jesus Christ*” (also known as “The Apocalypse”) committed to John, the Apostle of the Circumcision.³

Now that, through Paul, this divine “*revelation*” has been made known, it takes a divine “*realization*” to see it. Both *revelation* and *realization* are required, because no one ever could have imagined such sublime truths, for they are truly

3. It is important to note the vital difference that is made in Scripture between “*Christ Jesus*” and “*Jesus Christ*.”

superexcessively above all that we are requesting or apprehending (Ephesians 3:20, CV)!

Dare we expound on this transcendent theme?!

To lay the foundation for these *untraceable riches* (Ephesians 3:8),⁴ it is important that we note that Eve is termed the “*complement*” of Adam.

And saying is Yahweh Elohim, “Not good is it for the human for him to be alone. Make for him will I a helper as his **complement**” (Genesis 2:18, CV).

Adam was not complete; there was something lacking, and yet that lack was within himself. Eve came out of Adam and returned to Him as His “completer.”

Just as Eve came out of Adam in the *old creation*, so Christ came out of God, and we come out of Christ in the *new creation*. In the pre-expectant out-resurrection, every member of Christ’s Body returns back to Christ at His Celestial appearing “*in Glory*,” “far above all Heavens.” Likewise, at the Consummation,

4. “*The untraceable riches of Christ*” (REB, YLT, CV).

– adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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It's a privilege to chronicle the Scripture research of the saints and an honor to add a bit of our own to it. – Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

the Completed Christ (Head along with Body) returns back to God as His “completer,” so that God will be “All in all.”

Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How ... untraceable His ways! (Romans 11:33).

[Oh,] *the realization of the Son of God, [the] Mature Man, the measure of the stature of the complement of the Christ!* (Ephesians 4:13).

THE GREAT SECRET

This introduces us to what Paul remarkably termed the “**GREAT Secret**.”

This Great Secret ... Christ and the Ecclesia (Ephesians 5:32).

Have you ever read this passage and it seemed to you to be quite anticlimactic? If so, you are not alone. It is not until we are granted “realization” that we are able to perceive this “Great Secret.”

“Realization” of the advanced truths set forth in Ephesians and Colossians – the present *Secret Administration* – is the sole act of Divine Enlightenment. These truths cannot be humanly taught, they must be divinely imparted.

The “Administration of the Grace of God” was given to Paul for us (Ephesians 3:2). By “revelation” the “Secret” that had been previously “hid in God” (:9) was now gloriously made known to Paul, so that we may

be “able to apprehend” his “understanding in the Secret of the Christ, which, in other generations, is not made known to the sons of humanity” (Ephesians 3:3-5).

Thus, the passionate prayer of Paul for us is “realization”:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may be giving you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the realization of Him (Ephesians 1:17, CV);

Unto the end that we should all attain to the unity of the faith and of the realization of the Son of God, to a Mature Man, to the measure of the stature of the Complement of the Christ (Ephesians 4:13, CV);

That you may be filled full with the realization of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ... growing in the realization of God (Colossians 1:9, CV).

Being united in love, and to all the riches of the assurance of understanding, unto a realization of the Secret of the God and Father, of Christ (Colossians 2:2, CV).

Without such a divine “realization” we will be left to mistakenly assume that the teachings of Ephesians and Colossians are merely expositions of previously revealed truths, and that the “Great Secret,” instead of truly being a “secret” which had “been concealed from the eons in God” (Ephesians 3:9, CV), “which,



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Paul's Priestly Ministry (A Compilation)

Prior to the revelation of the present *Secret Administration* found in Ephesians and Colossians, Paul’s ministry was a prophetic light “to the Gentiles” (Acts 13:47) under the auspices of Israel (Isaiah 49:6), Paul himself “acting as a priest” (Romans 15:15-16, CV). During his earlier ministry, by his own admission, his teaching was limited to what “*the prophets and Moses did say should come*” (Acts 26:22), proclaiming “*the hope of Israel*” (Acts 28:20). This vital key is crucial to the proper understanding of the epistles which Paul wrote prior to Ephesians, letters which were “*out of an installation*” (I Corinthians 13:9-10, 12, CV).

This is a collection of eight important articles, by four authors: Vladimir Gelesnoff (1877-1921), A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), Adlai Loudy (1893-1984), and Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.



in other generations, is not made known to the sons of humanity” (Ephesians 3:3-5, CV), is only a continuance of the earlier Jewish revelation of the “*the bride, the Lamb’s wife*” (Revelation 21:9).

It is important that we not insert human meaning into this passage that is not intended by divine revelation. A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) reminds us that “reasoning from figures wrecks reason.”

Juggling with figures of speech is one of the saddest and most serious sources of error among the saints. It is most illogical to use a figure as the premise of a syllogism [deductive reasoning], yet it is a common practice.⁵

Instead of the passage teaching us that the “One Body” (of Ephesians 2:16; 4:4; Colossians 3:15) is the so-called “Bride of Christ,” it reaches back to the original design of union as the illustration of completion and oneness.

Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called THEIR name Adam (Genesis 5:2).

This *plérōma* (“complement”) is NOT illustrated by the bride and bridegroom, nor even the husband and wife (Adam and Eve) as individuals, but as, “members of His Body” (Ephesians 5:30, CV); “... the two shall be one (:31, WNT, GWT). This is the “Great Secret” (:32). As Eve came out of Adam and returned to Him as His “completer,” so we likewise return to Christ as His “completer.” It speaks of the *plérōma*, or the Com-

5. Unsearchable Riches, Volume 31 (1940).

plement of the Christ – **Head and Body as ONE.**⁶

As the two – “male and female” – were called “Adam,” so also two – the Head and Body – are called “the Christ.” This does not deny the Person of Christ, but is rather the divine *expansion* of His Person to include us as His “Complement.” God has ordained that we complete “the Christ.” God has decreed that “the Christ” complete Himself. This is the *many*-membered Christ. Oh, the glorious wonders of His grace!

That we should be for the laud of His glory, who are pre-expectant in THE CHRIST (Ephesians 1:12).

By which you who are reading are able to apprehend my understanding in the Secret of THE CHRIST (Ephesians 3:4).

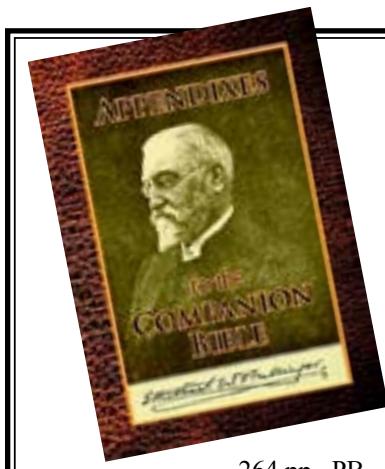
The realization of the Son of God, to a Mature Man, to the measure of the stature of the Complement of THE CHRIST (Ephesians 4:13).

Thus, what we have is a *prior* calling and expectation (hope), unrelated to Israel, being

– “complete” in Christ (Colossians 2:10);

(see PLÉRÔMA, last page)

6. “The facts are clear. We must be *subject* to our Head. And why should not a wife learn from this subjection to find her true place in relation to her husband? If we go on and inflate this figure beyond its legitimate bounds, as we did with other figures, then there is cause for fear. Then we will come into conflict with the wife of Jehovah and of the Lambkin. But if we leave it without artificial additions, as it stands, all is well. There is not even any infringement on the fact that the husband is to love his wife as his own body – as Christ loves His ecclesia.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), “Reasoning from Figures Wrecks Reason,” *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 31 (1940)



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Philippians

Words Demonstrating Its Dispensational Placement

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Most who have come to see the *Secret Administration* have included Philippians with Ephesians and Colossians. It is easy to understand why they did so. Yet rather than being a part of the *Secret Administration*, Philippians actually stood on the threshold of the grand Ephesian-Colossian writings.¹ It is the gateway epistle to the Celestial writings of Paul.²

The purpose of this study is to show simple internal evidence that Philippians, while clearly making preparation for the *Secret Administration*, was firmly founded within the *Acts Administration*.³

The revelation committed to Paul was given “out of an installment” (I Corinthians 13:10, CV). Thus, he received the “abundance of revelations” (II Corinthians 12:7), and even midway through his ministry he was yet to “come to visions and revelations of the Lord” (II Corinthians 12:1). Like the “Old Testament,” his

1. Even on the surface it is easy to see the Canonical order of Ephesians-Philippians-Colossians and simply assume that they belong together. However, is important to know that the order of the so-called “Canon” of Scripture is *not* chronological.
2. For a look at this *gateway* aspect, see:
 - “Philippians: Paul’s Pivotal Letter Pressing Toward the Mystery,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., *Bible Student’s Notebook* #788.
3. At a later date we will also consider the rest of the “Prison Epistles,” as they are often termed, to see that they, too, with the exception of Ephesians and Colossians, fall firmly within the *Acts Administration*.

revelations came “... line upon line ... here a little, and there a little” (Isaiah 28:13).⁴

Paul appears to have been granted revelations even prior to his being commissioned to release them, things that were “ineffable declarations, which it is not allowed a man to speak” at the time that they were given (II Corinthians 12:4). The key in allowing Ephesians and Colossians to be written was the complete fall and casting aside of Israel at the end of the *Acts Administration* (Acts 28).

Those enlightened to see the *Secret Administration* will benefit from the simplest possible survey of Philippians – a mere listing of words and phrases that are in harmony with the *Acts Administration*.⁵ This is our intent here.

4. For more on “progressive revelation” see:

- “Progressive Revelation: Paul’s Latter Epistles – The Pinnacle” (editorial), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., *Bible Student’s Notebook* #643;
- “Proof of Paul’s Progression,” Stephen Hill, *Bible Student’s Notebook* #529;
- “Using All Scripture in Light of the Most Recent Revelation” (Reader’s Question Box), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., *Bible Student’s Notebook* #507.

5. We refer to the administration in operation during the Acts-Period as the “*Acts Administration*.” Others have referred to it as the “Pentecost(al) Administration,” the “Readjustment Administration,” the “Charismatic Dispensation,” the “Transitional Administration,” etc.

His Grandest Glories: Studies in Colossians

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)



Christ and His highest honors come before us in Colossians, even as the saints and their celestial blessings are the theme of Ephesians. There the transcendent truths of the present secret administration were set forth as they affect the believers among the nations, who become peers of an election out of Israel in spiritual, supernal dignities. Here these tremendous truths are a halo on the brow of Christ. His glories as the Messiah of Israel on the earth are magnified to universal dimensions. All is created in Him in the beginning, and all is reconciled in Him at the consummation.

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After verse location is provided, the *Concordant Version* English word will be given, then we will provide equivalent English words from other translations. This will be followed by the Greek word, the *Strong's*

Exhaustive Concordance Greek number, and other word data (such as the number of times it is used in Ephesians and Colossians; then the rest of the Greek Scriptures), as well as a brief commentary.

	CV Rendering	Other Renderings	Greek Word	SEC No.	Eph. Col.	Elsewhere	Comments
1:1	<i>supervisors</i>	<i>Bishops (KJV); Overseers (REB)</i>	ἐπίσκοπος (episkopos)	G1985	0	4 More Times: Acts 1x; 1Ti. 1x; Titus 1x; 1Pe. 1x	During the <i>Acts Administration</i> the ecclesias (in the plural) had “ <i>supervisors</i> .” There are no “ <i>supervisors</i> ” during the <i>Secret Administration</i> .
1:6	<i>day of Jesus Christ</i>		ἡμέρα Ἰησοῦς Χριστός (hēméra Iēsous Christos)	G2250 G2424 G5547	0	8 More Times: In various forms ⁶	All references to Christ’s Day are found in the Acts period.
1:10	<i>no stumbling block</i>	<i>without offence (KJV); offenceless (REB)</i>	ἀπρόσκοπος (aproskopos)	G677	0	2 More Times: Acts 1x; 1Co. 1x ⁷	Offense (causing a stumbling block) was an issue while Israel, her law and customs were in play. All references are found in the <i>Acts-Period</i> .
2:17	<i>libation</i>	<i>offered (KJV); poured out (REB);</i>	Σπένδω (spendō)	G4689	0	1 More Time: 2Ti. 1x	This is the pouring out of the Old Testament drink-offering. Σπένδω (spendō) is found 18 times in the Greek translation (<i>LXX</i>) of the Hebrew Scriptures.
3:2	<i>curs⁸</i>	<i>dogs (KJV)</i>	κύων (kuōn)	G2965	0	4 More Times: Mat. 1x; Luke 1x; 2Pe. 1x; Rev. 1x	The Jews called the Gentiles “dogs.” Paul reverses the phrase, using it on the Judaizers.
3:20	<i>awaiting</i>	<i>looking (KJV)</i>	ἀπεκδέχομαι (apekdechomai)	G553	0	6 More Times: Rom. 3x; 1Co. 1x; Gal. 1x; Heb. 1x	During the <i>Acts Administration</i> believers were “ <i>awaiting a Savior</i> ” <i>out of</i> the “ <i>heavens</i> ” (CV; cf., 1Co. 1:7; 1Th. 1:10; 2Th. 3:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28). During the <i>Secret Administration</i> our hope is “ <i>pre-expectant in the Christ</i> ” (Eph. 1:12, CV), “ <i>manifested together with Him in Glory</i> ” (Col. 3:4).
4:3	<i>scroll of life</i>	<i>book of life (KJV)</i>	βίβλος ζωή (biblos zōē)	G976 G2222	0	7 More Times: Rev. 7x (G975 ⁹)	This is the census roll of the living citizens of Israel. No such roll is kept while Israel is <i>Lo-Ammi</i> (“not My people”).
4:5	<i>the Lord is near</i>	<i>the Lord at hand (KJV)</i>	Κύριος ἐγγύς (Kurios eggus)	G2962 G1451	0	1 More Time: James 1x (1448) ¹⁰	“Near”/“at hand” is a recurring theme with Israel related to their King and Kingdom. There is no such theme during the <i>Secret Administration</i> .

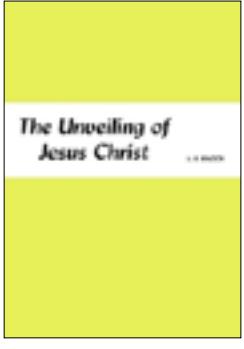
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6. “*Day of Christ*” Phil. 2 more x; “*day of the Lord*,” Acts 1x; 1Thes. 1x; 2Thes. 1x; 2Pet. 1x; “*day of the Lord Jesus*,” 1Cor. 1x; “*day of our Lord Jesus*,” 2 Cor. 1x.
7. The root word προσκόπτω (proskoptō) is found an additional 8 times: Mat. 2x; Luke 1x; John 2x; Rom. 2x; 1Pet. 1x.
8. “A mongrel or inferior dog” – Merriam-Webster; “an aggressive dog or one that is in poor condition, especially a mongrel” – Oxford Dictionary.
9. On two occasions of the phrase “*the book of life*” the Greek word for “*book*” is G975 (βιβλίον, *biblion*) instead of G976 (βίβλος, *biblos*), but I have listed the occurrences of the phrase using both Greek words.
10. Cf. Matthew 24:33; Mark 13:29; Luke 21:31; Revelation 1:3; 22:10.


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I am in the midst of reading [I Am²](#) ... and loving every word! ... They ... remind me of the foundational "spiritual blessings" which are mine In Christ Jesus as a member of His Body. Things I needed to be reminded of. – **SD**

I am in agreement with dispensational distinction that covers the **entire** Acts of the Apostles period. It just makes sense. Thanks for presenting this point of view from the voice of such dedicated and sincere saints of the Most High. Their only agenda was/is discovering the truth by way of acknowledging God's sovereignty and their own experiential growth while existing **within grace** ... that is the critical litmus test of a truth-seeker. – **IN**

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- “chosen in Him before the disruption of the world” (Ephesians 1:4);
- with a “*pre-expectant*” hope in the Christ (Ephesians 1:12);
- of a celestial “*appearing*” or “*manifestation*” with Christ “*in Glory*” (Colossians 3:4);
- “*far above all heavens*” (Ephesians 4:10).

As Christ’s Complement, we have been

... given to the Son, in order to complete the Universe. What a calling we have – to take part in this supreme enterprise! – A. Sonnichsen⁷

COMPLEMENT OF THE AGES

Then, likewise, it is important that we realize that the revelation given to Paul in Ephesians and Colossians also involves the *plērōma* of the ages, for Paul speaks of the,

Administration of the Complement [plērōma] of the Eras (Ephesians 1:10).

This is the third *plērōma* (“Complement”) of Ephesians. Without the revelation given to Paul, there would be no fullness, or completion to the ages. Paul shows us the completion of Christ, the completion of God, and then the completion of the Ages.

NOTE: While this is an introductory article to the *plērōma*, we have dealt with the *plērōma* many times

7. *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 51 (1960).

here in the *Bible Student’s Notebook*,⁸ and we will develop this theme in future issues. In fact, in our next issue we will devote an entire *Tidbits of Truth* to the theme of the *plērōma*. **BSN**

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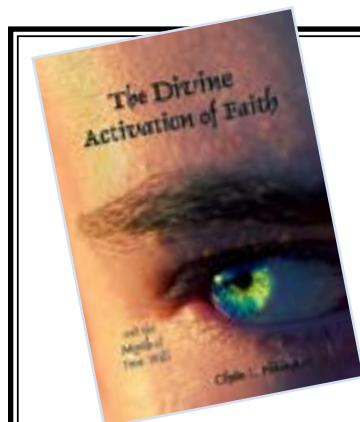
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ABBREVIATION KEY

Scripture Version

ALV: Analytical-Literal Version
ASV: American Standard Version
AV: Authorized Version
BBE: Bible in Basic English
BSV: Bible Student's Version
CEB: Common English Bible
CLNT, CLV, CV: Concordant Literal Version
CPV: – Cotton Patch Version
DAR: Darby Translation
DT: Dabhar Translation
EB: Exegeses Bible
ED: Emphatic Diaglott
EGNT: Englishman's Greek New Testament
ERV: English Revised Version
ESV: English Standard Version
FF: Ferrar Fenton Bible
GB: Geneva Bible
GLT: Green's Literal Translation
GN: Goodspeed New Testament
GWT: God's Word Translation
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible
JMNT: Jonathan Mitchell New Testament
JWNT: John Worsley New Testament
KJV: King James Version
LSV: Literal Standard Version
LXX: Septuagint
MB: Mirror Bible
MCT: Montgomery's Centenary Translation
MKJV: Modern King James Version
MLV: Modern Literal Version
MNT: Moffatt New Translation (James Moffatt)
MSG: The Message
NAS: New American Standard Version
NCV: New Century Version
NET: New English Translation
NIV: New International Version
PME: Phillip's Modern English
PNB: Panin's Numerical Bible
REB: Rotherham's Emphasized Bible
RCV: Recovery Version
ST: Scarlette Translation (1798)
TCNT: Twentieth Century New Testament
TNT: – Tyndale New Testament
VT: The Voice Translation
WAY: The Arthur Way Translation

WEB: World English Bible
WET: Wuest Expanded Translation
WI: Workman's Interlinear
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WT: Weymouth Translation
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RWP: Robertson's Word Pictures
SEC: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
TGL: Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon
TtC: Things to Come
UR: Unsearchable Riches
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WWS: Wuest's Word Studies
YAC: Young's Analytical Concordance

Reference Notations

cf. – compare
e.g. – for example
et al. – and others
etc. – et cetera (and so on)
ff. – and the following
i.e., – that is