

The ACTS of US:

11- Filled to the Rim

Text: Acts 6:8-7:60; Various

Date: 03-22-2020 Beaver Creek Christian Church

We can be full of a lot of things. Living life to the full, full from eating too much, full of laughter, full of fear, or we can be full of bologna. We can be filled with so many things.

Acts talks about being full. The Greek word is pleres which means abounding in, completely occupied, filled to the rim. When you are filled to the rim with the things of God there is no room in your life for any of the foolishness of this world.

This week we meet a man who is described as being full. I want us to look at Stephen's life and what the scripture says he was full of. We need to be filled to the rim with these things to if we want to be effective and faithful witnesses for Jesus, even unto death.

1. Stephen was filled with wisdom and faith (Ac 6:3,5,10; 7:52-53).
2. Stephen was filled with God's grace (Ac 6:8,15; Es 5:2; 2 Sa 14:17; Ep 2:8; Jn 17:17; Ph 1:6; Hb 12:15-16; Ja 1:7; 2 Co 12:9; He 4:16; 1 Pe 4:10; Ac 7:60; 2 Cor 9:8).
3. Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit (Ac 6:5-6, 8, 4:29-30, 7:51)

The reward for being full and being a faithful servant is a crown. The crown is used throughout the New Testament as a symbol of the rewards God promises for those who are faithful and true to the very end. Stephen's name literally means crown. And by his faithful service to the very end he deserved his crown.

There are 5 crowns mentioned in NT: 1. **The imperishable crown** (1 Co 9:24-25; Mt 6:19; 1 Pe 1:4); 2. **The crown of rejoicing** (1 Th 2:19; Ph 4:4; Lk 15:7; Re 21:4), 3. **The crown of righteousness** (2 Tm 4:8; Ph 3:20); 4. **The crown of glory** (1 Pe 5:4; Ac 7:55-56; Is 42:8, 48:11; Ga 1:5 Ro 8:18); 5. **The crown of life** -(Re 2:10; Jn 10:10, 4:10, 6:35; 1 Jn 2:25; Ja 1:12; 1 Jn 5:3; He 12:2).

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FOCUS MEN’S FELLOWSHIP- We will be meeting on Friday, April 17th at 6:30pm. We will be having BBQ chicken and fixings so make plans and bring your appetite.

THE MERCY TREE - “Mercy Tree” is a wonderful cantata that will be presented by our choir. The date has been moved back due to the coronavirus outbreak which has suspended practices. We would like to invite you to join us for the “Mercy Tree” at the new date of April 26th during our regular worship time (11:00am).

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- April 26: Elk Park Christian Church
- May 31: First Christian Church Boone
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Reading Through The Bible In A Year:

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