



## Meditation #1

### *Fill It Up*

Experiencing the Fullness of God in Every Way!

## Rich in Love

“that ye...may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.”

**Ephesians 3:17-18**

I can remember as a small child those rare occasions when I was able to receive a new pair of **Keds** brand tennis shoes. My favorite colors were navy blue and red. I was so excited about getting those shoes with the shiny white rubber siding and the pretty red and blue trimming. My excitement was due to the infrequency with which I would get a new pair. I treasured these shoes so much that I developed the custom, unbeknownst to Grandma Rowena of course, of sleeping in them each night. This was not so much trouble except in the morning when it came time to put my pants on. I could not get them on past my shoes. Determined not to detach from my **Keds** I missed the school bus more than once delayed in the effort to get dressed. I remember Grandma yelling, “Boy what’s taking you so long!” The lesson: pants first then shoes.

Sometimes we have to go back in order to go forward.

This is especially true if we somehow got things out of turn on the journey. You know what I mean? For real, think about it? If you’ve only got one slice of bread and you’re doing p and j, it’s the peanut butter then the jelly right? It just doesn’t work the other way around when you’re putting it on. That’s how it is with the fullness of God. We must be determined and steadfast in pursuing full knowledge and experience of God’s love first and foremost.

Prospering in God’s love protects us from the emotional brokenness and destruction that can result when the affections of men betray or disappoint us. Prospering in God’s love helps us to avoid vain affections toward the shiny things God desires to give us which can steal our hearts and hinder our worship. Prospering in God’s love prepares us to receive the prosperity of God in all of the other ways in which our God seeks to bless us with his fullness.

Pray this:

**Lord, fill my heart first with your love. Prepare me to be filled with the fullness of all of your inheritance for me. Lord first, make me rich in love.**

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