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"richly dwell"

From plousios enoikeo - means to "extravagantly/abundantly" + ("to live in" or "to be at home"); parallels "filled up to all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:19) and the "filling of the Spirit" (Eph 5:18); in context, refers to Holy Scripture's rightful place as dominating presence (cp. Php 2:16)

1Co 2:9

but just as it is written,

*"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,
AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."*

Ro 5:14

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Mt 23:33

"You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?"

Lk 6:43

"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit."

1Jn 4:18

There is no fear [e.g., anxiety] in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

Practical Sanctification

Shedding fear and anxiety may be better thought of as "leaving behind" rather than "pushing away through exertion". To move towards love (aka God) is to be sanctified. That person is focused on the prize in front, not the rubble behind (ala Php 3:13-14).

"rooted"

from hrizoo - means to take root, to plant, to firmly establish; to cause a person to be thoroughly grounded

"grounded"

from themelios - means to lay a foundation of; to found; metaphorically, to make stable, establish

"filled up to the fullness of God"

Compare with the fullness of Christ in v4:13, and the fullness of the Spirit in v5:18.

J. Vernon McGee on "the fullness of God"

Christ was thus filled. In proportion to our comprehension of the love of Christ, we shall be filled with all the fullness of God.

Synthesize...

- Point 1: whatever is not from faith is sin (Ro 14:23)
- Point 2: faith is a grace gift (Ro 12:3; Eph 2:8)
- Point 3: every gift from God is perfect (Jas 1:17)
- Point 4: God's gifts are the seeds of good fruit (e.g., encouragement) (Jas 3:17-18)

Courage Is Faith Applied

Courage is really just another word for faith (applied). Therefore to be encouraged means to inspire one's faith in the direction of doing righteously.

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Eph 6:13

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

What Is Love?

- God is love (1Jn 4)
- God gave His Son (Jn 3:16)
- Love is not characterized by romance, it is primitively selfless and giving (1Co 13)

There is no sanctification in the absence of love.