**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Our Contentment in Christ*** *(Part 1)*

**Philippians 4:10-14**

***Contentment*** is an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ job.” It is a deep-down sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is not dependent on outward circumstances, but is based on a right relationship with Jesus Christ.

In **vv 10-14,** we see that ***Christ is Our Source of*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***Contentment***; and in **vv 15-20,** we see that ***Christ is Our Source of*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***Contentment.***

According to **v 10**, the Philippians had given to Paul in the past but then, for some unknown reason, they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to give again for quite some time.

**I. True Contentment Is A That Must Be** *(v 11)*

Paul had learned to be content with what God had provided, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his circumstances.

It’s so important for us to understand that Paul had to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Christlike virtue of contentment.

In the Greek, the word translated ***“have learned”*** speaks of entering into a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Greek word translated ***“content”***means “to live independent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.”

**II. True Contentment Is A That Can Be** *(v 12)*

In this verse, Paul was making it known that true contentment is a reality that can be experienced, regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ highs and lows of life.

In other words, what he was saying was that internal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not dependent upon external \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Regardless of our circumstances, we can still know a true and lasting contentment that comes from a totally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship upon Jesus Christ.

In both cases, Paul was content because his ultimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was in Jesus Christ!

**III. True Contentment Is A That Will Be** *(v 13)*

“I am ready for anything, and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me, that is, I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency.” (***v 13 -* The Amplified Bible)**

The inner contentment Paul enjoyed was not affected by his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.

Paul was a man who had boundless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the ability of Christ to match every situation of his life.

If we will only trust Him, then God will give us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be content in the various circumstances of life - no matter how trying and perplexing they may be.

A living Christ on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more than sufficient to enable us to endure any circumstance on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Conclusion:**

***Regardless of the ever-changing circumstances of your life, you can be strengthened by the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***power of Christ. You can be content!***

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