

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Spiritual Contentment in God

## **Philippians 4: 10 – 13**

As believers, we will endure much in our service to Christ. We must remember, it is Christ who supplies our needs, it is Christ who strengthens our heart. It is possible, to live contently, in humbleness, to the glory of God. We are to be content, while suffering through much, in our lacking. Contentment in our spiritual life is found in Christ alone. He is our support and our supply. This spiritual contentment, that we are speaking about is, not to always be content when we are in our time and place, in our spiritual maturity with Christ, because we are to strive for perfection in Christ.

**Philippians 3: 12,....**not that I have already obtained, or am already perfected, but I press on....

This contentment that we are talking about, is to be content with, Gods saving grace, his redemptive plan of salvation, his word, the indwelling Holy Spirit, so that we might never find ourselves turning back to the wisdom of this world, no matter what state that we may find ourselves in, in our life.

**1 Corinthians 3: 18 – 21,....**let no one deceive himself....for the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God....the thoughts of the wise are futile....let no one boast in men....

**Philippians 4: 10 – 13,....**not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content....

Wherever we are in our life right now, there will always be things around us, that will give us reason for discontentment. But remember, God has given us a better plan. This should be, very exciting, in our Christian life to think about. That is Gods greater plan.

Greater than what, greater than our own plan, greater than the world, greater than anything that we could ever imagine. There is limitation to the greatness of God.

**Isaiah 40: 28,....**have you not known, have you not heard, the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, never faints or is weary. His understanding, or greatness, is unsearchable.

We as Christians, need to be reminded, who God truly is. The word tells us, he is our, all powerful creator, our generous provider, our strong tower, our gentle shepherd, our peace, our defender, our ever present help in time of trouble. We must never forget that our God is the same yesterday, today and forever. In him is everlasting strength, eternal power, and life.

God gave his Son, his only begotten Son, to bring us peace, through the hope of eternal life. We just need to learn, to get our eyes, off of the world, and keep them focused on Christ. In this we will not only find contentment now, as we live our life on this earth, but we will also experience it eternally.

Man today is looking for a trouble free life, and will go to any means to find it. This includes the believer, that does not want to put the time, and effort into searching the scriptures, and waiting upon, and relying upon God, so he begins to turn to the wisdom of the world. This to him seems to be a quick reliable source of understanding, to overcome the stress of the everyday trials and tribulations that we are going through. Sadly though, it is only a temporary, emotional solution, to a situation in our life that God wants to use as a priceless lesson of testing our faith, so that the outcome may be one of spiritual growth and maturity, not only in our lives, but in the lives of those that God allows us to come in contact with daily, and for times to come.

Contentment in our salvation will bring about consistency in our spiritual life. Believers need consistency in their spiritual life. Life gets busy, we take on new projects, start new jobs, make new friends, our lives fill up with activities and schedules, we sacrifice our time with God, to gain consistency with the world. When this happens, and things begin changing in our lives, we find our selves wondering why, am I not, as close to God as I should be. When we begin to lose consistency in our spiritual life, due to the activities of the world, we will find that we will begin to miss the work that God does on our behalf, we begin to miss God. The goodness of God is, and always will be, that he will always be working in our lives. Our desire should always be to grow closer to God, to be consistent.

**2 Timothy 2: 1, 3, 10 – 13,....**be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus....you therefore must endure hardship....therefore I endure all things....that they may obtain salvation....if we are faithless, he remains faithful....

As believers, needing continual maturity in our lives, there will be days, when you will not feel like studying Gods word, you will not feel like praying, due to temptation, trials and tribulations, we will want to reframe from our spiritual growth, but in the end, we will realize that consistency in our spiritual will win out over this temporary lack of spiritual servitude in our life.

In order, to overcome and have victory we must grow in the truthfulness of God's love.

Do we know how to love like God.

Christ the night before his crucifixion, explained it to his disciples like this,

**John 15: 13,....**greater love hath no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends....

Even though Christ disciples, who portray all of us as Christians, would abandon him, deny him, betray him, he was still going to become an offering for their sin debt, and not only for them, but for the whole world, for those past, those present, those future, and any and all, who will have faith in him. He willingly went to the cross, as a free will offering of love, for his friends, who are his body, the church. Just as Christ loved and cherished the church, he gave himself for it.

To be content and consistent in our salvation, we must abide in Christ, and reflect his love to others, in the same way that he loved us. The deeper the love, the more content and consistent we become in his power, and in his strength, as not to stray from Godliness, so that we may be able to lay down our lives, removed from the worldliness, to become a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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