

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Philippians 4:10-23--June 4th, 2023



Sermon Recap:

Christ is Enough

I. For Contentment (v.10-13)

a. Lessons Learned

- While thankful for their generous gift, Paul wants them to know that his contentment is not subject to his circumstances.
- In riches and poverty or lofty comfort and lowly hardships, he has learned to find his contentment elsewhere.

b. Secret of Contentment

- Paul's contentment and strength lies in the immovable, eternal, all-powerful person of Jesus Christ.
- With a strength found in Christ, Paul is strong and content to endure all circumstances.

c. Making a Choice

- It is our nature to be discontent. With faith in Jesus Christ, we must make a conscious decision to choose contentment.
- If we grasp who we are in light of who God is, we will understand that we are entitled to nothing. Everything we have is by grace. In faith, and thanksgiving, we learn to be content with whatever God gives us.

II. In Active Generosity (v.14-20)

a. Generosity at Work

- Paul celebrates the generosity of the Philippians. They have been the only church to support Paul ministry since the beginning.

b. Sacrificial Generosity

- Being a small church, they had little to give, but it did not stop them. They gave sacrificially, providing a "fragrant offering."
- Sacrificial giving is "pleasing to God."

c. Content Generosity

- Understanding that God will meet our needs frees us to meet the needs of others.
- Being content with what we have, frees us to give sacrificially, without the fear of "being without."

III. In Witness & Grace (v.21-23)

a. Growing the Church

- When we practice what we preach, the church grows.
- By modeling Christ, being humble, rejoicing in the Lord, being content and generous, along with all of the instruction provided in Philippians, the Church becomes attractive to the world as it stands apart, leading even those in "Caesar's house" to salvation.

b. Grace to You

- We will inevitably fail at following all of Paul's instructions.
- There is grace for us in our failures.
- However, that grace is not a license to continue in sin.

The letter to the Philippians can be summed up by saying, "Christ is enough." He is the source of our joy, peace, strength, and contentment that allows us to endure all circumstances for the advancement of his Gospel.

Christ is sufficient. Christ is enough. To him be glory forever and ever.

Discussion Questions:

- What does 4:10 tell us about ways we can partner (fellowship) with those who are involved in gospel ministry?
- What are some of the things that make us discontent? How does Paul's teachings help us to be free from discontentment?
- Considering the context of Philippians, what is it that Paul can do through the strength of Christ?
- How are contentment and generosity connected?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. What are the results of generous giving? for the giver and the receiver?
- What happens when we live the way Paul has called us to live in Philippians?

Application:

- In what areas of your life do you struggle with discontentment? How can you cultivate a deeper contentment in Christ in your life?
- Are there ways that your joy and contentment are dependent upon your circumstances? What can you do to better find that joy and contentment in Christ your Savior?
- Is there a standard of living that is hindering you from giving sacrificially in a way that "pleases the Lord?" What can you do to restructure that standard?
- Very simply, does the life you live match the message you proclaim? Would others in your life (believer and unbeliever) say the same?
- Is Christ enough for you? How would you defend your answer?

