

### Peace in Circumstances—Part 3 (Philippians 4:10-19)

The Diligence in Seeking Contentment—Remembering God's grace

I. Lessons from the Past—"the Lord is my Portion"

A. Remembering THY Words (Lamentations 3:21)

B. Trusting in HIM (Lamentations 3:24)

C. Obedying THY Words (Psalm 119:57)

II. Lessons from Paul—Be Content (Philippians 4:10-19)

A. Be Content—God will strengthen and sustain you (v. 10-13)

The basis for Paul's peace—his contentment in all situations—was that he trusted in God to strengthen and sustain him as well as to supply his every need. He knew that his Lord was faithful. This was a truth that transformed him—it was knowledge that changed him.

1. Paul's Rejoicing—"In the Lord" (v. 10)
2. Paul's Learning—"to be content" (v. 11)
3. Paul's Trusting—God is faithful (v. 12-13)
  - a. The Scope of his contentment (v. 12)
  - b. The Source of his contentment (v. 13)

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** And He said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is [*being*] made perfect in weakness." "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of **Christ** may rest upon me." **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for **Christ's** sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

When I \_\_\_\_\_ my weakness and humbly \_\_\_\_\_ upon my strong, loving and faithful Savior, I am then strong in Him as He \_\_\_\_\_ me—"for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2Co 12:10).

**B. Be \_\_\_\_\_—God will \_\_\_\_\_ for you (v. 14-19)**

Paul understood how to \_\_\_\_\_ on the strength of Christ in his own weakness, during his times of need, allowing God's grace to be sufficient.

1. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-16)
2. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17 & 18b)
  - a. His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)

Paul took pleasure in seeing others genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ God. It encouraged him to see selfless, \_\_\_\_\_ worship knowing that it would please the heart of God.

**b. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18b)**

When our worship is offered with a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude of the heart, our all-seeing Lord is pleased and He \_\_\_\_\_ this kind of worship.

**Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, as **Christ** also hath loved us, and hath given **Himself** for us an offering and a sacrifice to **God** for a sweetsmelling savour.

**1 Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively [*living*] stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood [*consecrated or set apart*], to offer up spiritual sacrifices [*non-carnal worship*], acceptable to **God** by **Jesus Christ**.

**3. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18a)**

**4. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as he was \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)**

**a. What is a "\_\_\_\_\_"??**

Answer:

**b. Who is "\_\_\_\_\_"??**

Answer:

God is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

God does not \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 1:2)

cf. Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 6:30-34

**Lamentations 3:24** The **LORD** is my portion [*every need / satisfaction*], saith my soul; therefore will I hope in **Him**.

**"Biblical contentment is learning to thank God for our troubles while we are still in them."**

**Summary:** Biblical contentment becomes a reality in the believers life when we become humbly dependent upon the Lord for both the strength to endure our trials and His supply of our every need.

In order for **me** to learn to be content in whatever state **I am** are in **I** must...

- \_\_\_\_\_ the stabilizing truths of God
- \_\_\_\_\_ upon God to be faithful to His Word
- \_\_\_\_\_ in obedience

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And **God** is able to make ALL grace abound toward you; that ye, ALWAYS having ALL sufficiency in ALL *things*, may abound to EVERY good work: