

Sunday March 1, 2020

Contentment in Christ

Philippians 4:10-20

¹⁰**But I rejoice in the Lord greatly**, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹**Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.** ¹²I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; **in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.** ¹³I can do all things **through Him** who strengthens me. ¹⁴Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

¹⁵You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; ¹⁶for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. ¹⁸**But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied**, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹**And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

²⁰**Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Psalm 34:19

¹⁹**Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

James 1:2-12

²**Consider it all joy**, my brethren, **when you encounter various trials**, ³**knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.** ⁴**And let endurance have its perfect results, so that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing...** ¹²**Blessed is the man who perseveres under trials**; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1 Peter 1: 1-9

¹To those who reside as aliens, scattered...**who are chosen** ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with His blood. ³...who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...⁶**In this you greatly rejoice,**

even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ⁸and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

1Timothy 6:6-11

6But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹**But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.**

Philippians 1:29-30

²⁹For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, **not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,** ³⁰experiencing the same conflict you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Philippians 3:2-21

²Beware of...the false circumcision; ³for **we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh...** ¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. ¹⁸For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰**For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.**

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things.** ⁹The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, **practice these things,** and **the God of peace will be with you.**