



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: When Christ is Enough

Passage: 1 Timothy 6:3-10

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Introduction: We may laugh at a child who thinks a few dollars will make him happy, but adults often do the same thing with bigger price tags. We convince ourselves that just a little more money, a nicer home, or greater success will finally satisfy us. But in 1 Timothy 6, Paul shows us that the real issue isn't money; it's contentment. True riches are found when we discover that Jesus Christ is enough.

I. False Treasure Always Leaves You Empty (Verses 3-5)

Paul understood that wrong living always begins with wrong thinking. Long before a person's life falls apart, something has already gone wrong in his heart and in his understanding of God.

When you move away from the truth about Christ, it never stays in the classroom. It eventually shows up in your life.

When our understanding of God is healthy, it ought to make us look more like Jesus, not less.

Somewhere along the way we have to ask an honest question: If God never gave me another blessing, would Jesus still be enough?



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Christianity is not a business transaction where we give God our obedience so He gives us a better life. Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

II. True Riches are Found in Contentment (Verses 6-8)

The richest Christian is the one whose heart has learned to be satisfied in Christ.

A contented Christian can enjoy God's blessings without depending upon them.

We spend so much time worrying about getting more that we sometimes forget how much God has already given us.

A discontented heart will always find another reason to be dissatisfied. If contentment depends upon our circumstances changing, we'll spend our entire lives waiting for happiness to arrive.

Contentment doesn't say, "I'll have joy when life changes." It says, "Because Christ never changes, I can have joy today."

III. The Love of Money Always Costs More Than it Pays (Verses 9-10)

The problem isn't possessing money. The problem is being possessed by the desire for money.

Sin always promises freedom, but it always produces bondage.

The human heart is always looking for something besides Christ to satisfy it.

The heart that has discovered Christ is enough has found a treasure this world can never give and can never take away.



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Conclusion: The world tells us that contentment is always found in the next possession, achievement, or opportunity. But God never designed the things of this world to satisfy a soul that was created for Him. There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's blessings, but we must never confuse His blessings with God Himself. As Paul reminds us, "godliness with contentment is great gain." True contentment is realizing that because we have Jesus Christ, we already have enough.



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