



Connecting People to **Jesus**

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the source of all life and goodness. Grant us the faith to find contentment in all circumstances because we know that we are Yours and You are with us. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

"So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

Devotional – “Let it Melt”

Scientists from the Universities of Dundee and Edinburgh have formulated a new recipe for an ice cream that doesn't melt. The recipe is the result of the discovery of a new protein, BsIA, that binds the air, fat and water in ice cream to make it more stable.

The new ice-cream could be available within three to five years, and it is anticipated to contain lower levels of saturated fats, fewer calories and a smoother consistency.

This advancement will also benefit manufacturers, allowing it to be more easily transported.

"We're excited by the potential this new ingredient has for improving ice cream, both for consumers and for manufacturers," said Professor Cait MacPhee, of the University of Edinburgh's School of Physics and Astronomy, who led the project.

What possible objection could anyone have to ice-cream that contains lower levels of saturated fats, fewer calories, and has a smoother consistency? One online blogger who responded to the article did. He wrote: "Hey, isn't that one of the signs of the Apocalypse? Pestilence, famine, disease, lambs lying w/ lions, and ice-cream that doesn't melt!?"

Ice-cream that doesn't melt. It does seem a little too perfect, doesn't it? Maybe we should just let the ice-cream melt. And while we're letting ice-cream be, why not consider how we might let some other things be, even if they're not perfect.

I'm talking about all the things we try so hard to reengineer but probably shouldn't—things like circumstances and people. How much time and effort do we expend trying to force life into our own preconceived mold of perfection, and in the process, only bring more stress and dissatisfaction into our life?

The Bible says that we should be content in our circumstances, whatever they might be, and God never tells us to do something without first giving us the means to do it. We can be

content in all circumstances not because they are always as they should be, but because we know and trust our risen Lord Christ who promised in His final words in Revelation 21, "Behold, I am making all things new." If our Lord who suffered unjustly at the hands of sinners doesn't feel the need to jump in here each day and *make* everything perfect, but rather works His grace and salvation through our imperfection, then maybe we should learn to let go a little and trust in Him a lot more.

As flawed as life is, if God wanted it a different way in His perfect love and will, it would be a different way. Our loving God came into an imperfect world not in order to fix it, but save it, to save all who would believe and trust in Him. We are here because our Lord has determined that this imperfect world is the perfect place for our faith to be challenged and to grow as He prepares us to inherit the new heavens and the new earth that He has gone to prepare for us.

So let your ice-cream melt, and remember that God has forgiven yesterday, is with you today, and has already taken care of tomorrow. Amen.