

Contentment in Christ

Philippians 4:8-13
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Philippians 4:8-13 [Legacy Standard Bible]

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider 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.

¹⁰But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived thinking about me; indeed, you were thinking about me before, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹Not that I speak from want, for I 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 abundance; in any and all things 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.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (LSB)

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.

Two Points

Christ-centered Gospel

Christ-centered Life

"Gospel" - 9 times

Greek **εὐαγγέλιον** - good news

Philippians 1:6 (LSB)

⁶For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:11 / None who seeks for God

Ephesians 2:1 / Dead in your trespasses and sins

God perfects what He begins (1:6) "perfect" -

Gr. *Epiteleo* - to bring to full completion

Philippians 3:4-6 (LSB)

⁴although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

Philippians 3:7-9 (LSB)

⁷But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own which is from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God upon faith,

Christ-Centered Life

Philippians 1:21 (LSB)

²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Colossians 3:1-4 (LSB)

¹Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

³For you died and your life has been hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ, who is our life, is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Day of Christ x 3

Philippians 1:6; 1:10; 2:16

Philippians 3:20-21

²⁰For 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 His working through which He is able to even subject all things to Himself.

John 6:40 (LSB)

⁴⁰“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

Galatians 2:20 (LSB)

²⁰“I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

"Jesus" appears 20x

"Christ" appears 38x

"Jesus Christ" mentioned together 19x

Philippians 3:10 (LSB)

¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Ephesians 2:10 (LSB)

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Christ-Centered Life

A Christ-centered life is to be a witness for the Gospel

Philippians 1:12–13 (LSB)

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

¹³so that my chains in Christ have become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

Philippians 2:17 (LSB)

¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

Christ-Centered Life is Concerned for Others

Philippians 2:1–4 (LSB)

¹Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

²fulfill my joy, that you think the same way, by maintaining the same love, being united in spirit, thinking on one purpose,

³doing nothing from selfish ambition or vain glory, but with humility of mind regarding one another as more important than yourselves,

⁴not merely looking out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5-8 (LSB)

⁵Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men.

⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 4:11

"I have learned to be content."

Christ-Centered Life

Christ-centered life is to trust in the Sovereign God who supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Hudson Taylor: "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."