

I “Can” Get Satisfaction

I. Satisfaction – Why not with God?

What things in your life have you sought satisfaction from that have proven to be empty pursuits for satisfaction.

If you are lacking in true satisfaction, are you willing to admit it, and are you at least willing to consider and explore the possibility that lasting satisfaction can be obtained through Christ.

II. Is there a problem in our belief system?

Do we trust God in all areas of our life?

In Worry

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ... 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Matthew 6:25,33-34

In Crisis

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. Matthew 8:26

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:29-31

In Life

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

We call ourselves “believers” but do our lifestyles reveal that we really “believe”.

III. Where is my faith?

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment. Mathew 9:22

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; 30 and their sight was restored. Matthew 9:27-30

57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. Matthew 13:57-58

IV. What will my life look like when satisfied?

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:6 nasb

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, 9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and **be content with what you have**, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6*

*Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. 19 Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. 20 **He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.** Ecclesiastes 5:18-20*

V. Who's faith am I imitating?

*7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and **imitate their faith**. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:7-8*

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We not only have to believe Jesus can satisfy we have to take action based on that belief for it to become a reality in our life. That could mean saying no to some things, yes to others, wait on some things, go or don't go here or there at times, ask for help with the right motive when in need, and so on.

Are we in danger of remembering his death and what was done for us on the cross, while forgetting about or not living in the resurrection life and the belief that we can do all things through Christ and that he will meet all our needs in Christ Jesus? Do we really believe?

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26