



News and Events Bulletin

Are You Happy?

Some say, “I will be happy when...” or, “I will be happy if...”

What is the source of your joy? What will it take to make you happy? Is it in money that you trust to make you happy? Or do you need land, property, or other physical things to fill this gapping hole of emptiness in your life?

God has made all mankind with this feeling of emptiness where something is missing. He has left a hole in the center of our emotional makeup that must be filled. The lack of peace, happiness, and joy are purposefully missing and can only be filled by God.

Peace, happiness, and joy are inexorably linked together and, for all Christians, they come from the same source—God’s Holy Spirit! David wrote, “...all my springs *are* in Thee” (Psa. 87:7). Is God the origin of your happiness and joy? Do you put your trust in Him? Do you rest confidently in Jesus as the source of your peace?

As I was walking through Wal-Mart before the holidays, the store was filled to over capacity with pallets and pallets of merchandise stacked in the center of nearly every aisle. As I mused over such quantities of every physical thing, the Spirit of God spoke to me in my mind, “When you have Me, you have everything!” We don’t need all these physical things to be happy. The possession of more and more of the physical is not the answer to our peace of mind or happiness.

All of our needs are supplied when we allow God to be the center of our lives. Jesus said, “So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and **He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern**” (Matt. 6:31-33 NLT 2005). “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17 NKJV).

If you want to be truly happy, you must go to the source. Jesus Christ is our wellspring of both joy and peace. He said, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). Don’t crave physical things. Place all your hopes and desires in God.

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