

**Sermon Outline** for October 15, 2017

Text: Philippians 4:4-13

Title: "Contentment"

Introduction

- I. Acknowledge good deeds.
  - A. Encourage past positive actions to be repeated.
  - B. Words without deeds offer no comfort to the distressed.
- II. Know that God has already supplied our needs through Jesus Christ.
  - A. "My God will supply every need of your according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (v.19).
  - B. "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7).
  - C. "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)
- III. Acknowledge that contentment is a learned lesson and a gift from God:
  - A. Learn to be content. (v 11)
  - B. Learn the secret of being content. (v 12)
  - C. Understand that true joy is found in Christ and eternal life.
- IV. Acknowledge that Jesus is the source of all strength for everything.
  - A. True joy is found in the kingdom of heaven.
  - B. "Rejoice in the Lord," not in ourselves, but in the Lord! (v. 4)

Conclusion