



Pastor's Comments

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He's All I Need!

Some folks say that when you get saved and come to the Lord you have to give up everything you have ever enjoyed. They think that pleasure and fulfillment are over and that you must stifle all your natural desires and become a sad-faced recluse. **Nothing could be further from the truth!** God created us with the capacity for pleasure and fulfillment and affirmation. He made us with the capacity to enjoy, and to delight and exult in good things. The problem comes when we try to fulfill those desires in our own way and the way of our fleshly lusts as opposed to God's way. That is called SIN! The Bible states that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). To try to fulfill our desires in ways that God has declared to be wrong is sin. But God never intended for us to stifle all fulfillment; in fact, **He wants to become that fulfillment.** Everything He created us to need, **He wants to supply. He wants to be our joy, peace, pleasure, delight, satisfaction, contentment, affirmation, self-worth, security, sustenance, strength, wealth, glory, communion, and the cause of our exultation, our lifted spirits, and our emotional "high!"**

King David discovered that **his EVERY longing was met in his Lord. He needed NOTHING else!** He said in the first verse of the 23rd Psalm, **"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall NOT WANT."** In the 34th Psalm he said, **"... there is NO WANT to them that fear him"** and **"... they that seek the Lord shall NOT WANT any good thing."** The author of the hymn "Joy Unspeakable" tells us, **"I have found the pleasure I once craved, it is joy and peace within. What a wondrous blessing I am saved from the awful gulf of sin."**

Is a "good time" your goal this weekend? Come to church and find it!
Find everything you need in JESUS!

– Submitted by church member, Carl Edwards