

When Living Means Christ: We Have Contentment
Philippians 1:21; 4:11-13, 18-19

<u>Pre-Christian Self</u>	<u>Living Means</u>	<u>Christian Self</u>	<u>Living Means</u>
common self	trying to create/complete self (Jer 2:5)	uncommon self	Christ in me (Phil 2:13)
sinful self	self-cleansing/improvement (Jer 2:22)	righteous self	rightness of being (Phil 3:9)
self-for-itself	self protection/preservation (Jer 2:11)	self for others	life for others (Phil 2:17)
separated self	find something join selves to (Jer 2:23-24)	self in union	supply/sufficiency (Phil 4:13,19)

Contentment Is the Gift of God Assuring Us of His Sufficiency - That He Is Enough! - Phil 4:11-19

- It liberates us from greed, envy, covetousness (more than enough!) - Ro 1:28,29; Col 3:5
 ...that life is in the "goods" (not God) - Lk 12:15; Heb 13:5
- The contentment we are made for is in God (not the goods) - Habakkuk 3:17-19
 ...the secret to contentment is not in "abasing" - Phil 4:11-12
 ...the secret to contentment is not in "abounding" - Phil 4:11-12
 ...the secret to contentment is in "abiding" - Phil 4:13,19
 (Abiding in Christ who supplies us with all we need for life and godliness - II Pet 1:3,4)
- When will Jesus be enough?

The Witness of Contentment Is upon the Life That Seeks God First (Not "Also") - Matt 6:33

- What will it be... Philippians 1:21 or 2:21?
 ...II Cor 9:8 - How much more do I need than this?
 ...II Cor 12:9-10 - My weaknesses/lack are the hand of God pointing to His sufficiency
- What if I'm not getting what I think I need?
 ...we are being taught to know Who is the "Lord of time" - Ps 31:15; Is 33:6; Acts 1:7
 (in the eternal rhythms of grace with patience and endurance - Is 40:31; Ja 1:2-4)
 ...we are being taught the difference between "desire" and "need" - Matt 6:8,32; Phil 4:19
- Give Jesus Christ the pre-eminence, live under His righteous rule, and every need will be supplied
 ...AND WHATEVER I DO NOT HAVE IN HAND AT THE MOMENT...
 ...I MUST NOT NEED! - Matt 6:33