

## *Sufficiency For Contentment*

**Introduction:** Christmas is that time of year when we as Christians experience the great contentment that comes with our understanding that God is sufficient and all is well.... Or is it? Even we who pursue God and seek to live a life that expresses the assurance of His amazing will and promises for our lives, can get caught up in what can turn into the Christmas rat race. Let us stop, regroup, remember and thank God for His all-sufficient grace. Jesus was born that you would be forgiven. That was and is enough of a reason to be content; Let's look at three things concerning Christ's; Sufficiency for Contentment.

- Contentment must be part of the Christian attitude. **1 Timothy 6:6-7** *Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.* Your understanding of God's sufficiency should be reflected by your countenance. Because God in your life is sufficient for all things in your life, striving for riches for the sake of being rich is certain to leave you discontented.  
*A content Christian is a godly Christian.*
- Contentment must be learned and practiced. **Philippians 4:11-13** *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased and how to abound.* Jesus promised to always be with you in the high times and in the low times. All the seasons of your life serve as life-lessons and when you go through times of abundance and of drought; you survived by Christ who strengthened you.  
*Be content in all situations and watch your contentment grow.*
- Contentment comes when we understand that God is always with us. **Hebrews 13:5-6** *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He... has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.* Even when your neighbor has more; God is always sufficient. You cannot be content if you decide that you never have enough. When our attitude is one of "just a little bit more, then I will be content" you will always be trapped by a perceived insufficiency of God.  
*Be content while reaching for all that God has for you.*

God is gracious and His grace is sufficient for our contentment. This Christmas Season, choose to not engage in a celebration that allows for stress. God loves a cheerful giver. If the gifts that you are giving come with the price tag of stress; they are not worth giving. This is the season when we are to remember the greatest gift ever given. The Son of God; born as the all-sufficient One. Choose to be content, after all it is a choice. Celebrate contently believer.