

**Sermon**  
Contentment in Christ  
Hebrews 13:1-17

Contemporary American culture is often discontented.

Sadly, that attitude has infected much of Christianity and many Christians.

Do we focus on the wrong thing?

How often has the desire to find something more (which can be holy) turned into  
covetousness, dissatisfaction, discontent, thanklessness.

Is St. Paul's tempted like this?

The Letter to the Hebrews calls us to contentment.

The recipients were facing affliction.

They were tempted to revert to Judaism or to give into to the world.

Hebrews encourages them to faithfulness and gives some reminders:

As things get tough it is easy to forget who we are and who we are called to live.

The Reason for Contentment: God's promise.

I will never leave you nor forsake you. (v. 5)

The Lord is *my* helper. (v. 6)

What can man do?

The substance of contentment: Christ.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (v. 8)

He "suffered outside the gate. (v. 12)

He bore (our) reproach. (v. 13)

We are sanctified through his own blood. (v. 12)

He gives us a lasting city. (v. 14)

The result of our security in Christ: a life of contentment.

Content with love.

For each other. (v. 1)

For strangers in hospitality. (v. 2)

For the afflicted. (v. 3)

Content with marriage & our spouse.

Let marriage be held in honor among all.

Faithful, pure lives.

This is a blessing.

Content with possessions.

Free from the love of money. (v. 5)

Content with God's truth.

Biblical doctrine. (v. 9)

Faithful ministers and leaders. (v. 17)

Content enough to share. (v. 16)

Content to go out (v. 13) in praise. (v. 15)