



- Today, we live in a very \_\_\_\_\_ society. By the world's standards, most people in America are affluent and wealthy, yet people don't seem happy and content.
- Contentment isn't something that comes naturally. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to be content.
- Contentment has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with our circumstances. Paul was in prison when writing this.
- This text will explain to us how we can live life in a state of contentment.

**First, we must learn to rejoice in the Giver, instead of the \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 10**

- Paul is thanking the church for a love gift that they had sent him.
- He receives this gift and the first thing he does is rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you receive a gift or blessing, what is your first reaction?
  - Do you get excited over the gift?
  - Or, do you immediately rejoice in the Lord and give \_\_\_\_\_ to Him?
- If we rejoice in the Giver, then we view every blessing as a gift of God's \_\_\_\_\_ that we don't deserve.

**Second, we must look to \_\_\_\_\_ for strength in every situation. vs. 12-13**

- Paul realized that life has its ups and downs.
- He also realized that whether it was \_\_\_\_\_ times of prosperity or \_\_\_\_\_ times of adversity, he knew where his strength came from. It came through Jesus Christ who lived \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- *“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27*
- Paul understood that as long as Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ was flowing in and through him, there was no situation that he couldn't be victorious over.
- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this power? Does Christ live within you? If not, you can know the reality of His resurrection power today.