STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

- 9. Memorize Psalm 139:23-24-Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- 10. Memorize Philippians 3:13b-14-forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means "good news." The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God's presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God's perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn't end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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SERMON NOTES

Content or Content?

Hebrews 13:5b

"... and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'

What does it mean?

- Content
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- Contentment
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- Satisfied
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Old Testament Satisfaction

- Deuteronomy 6:11-12; 11:15
- Psalm 90:14; 107:9
- Jeremiah 31:14, 25

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SERMON NOTES

New Testament Satisfaction

- 2nd Corinthians 12:10
- Philippians 4:12-13, 19
- Hebrews 13:5

Contentment and Satisfaction are about?

The Problem

• Ecclesiastes 7:29

The Solution

• Philippians 3:7-11

- Philippians 3:13-14
- Philippians 3:18-20

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. What does your life revolve around?
- 2. How would you define contentment?
- 3. How often are you content with what you have?
- 4. Hebrews 13:5 says to "keep our lives free from the love of money" why do you think that is?
- 5. What are some areas of your life where you get distracted the most?
- 6. Read Ecclesiastes 7:29 What is one of your biggest distractions that takes your focus away from Christ?
- **7.** Are you filling your life with content or contentment?
- 8. Based on Philippians 3:7-20 what is one way you can start the process of being content?

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