

Day 8 Colossians 2: 2 -3

Money - we all want it. My brother has a saying - the curse of being rich is the fact that it is never enough. And so, it is with all of us. It doesn't matter how much we have, be it little or much, we all struggle to be content.

And it's not just money. We want more from our relationships, our jobs, our looks, our popularity.

We have a hard time with feeling completely content in every area of our lives at the same time. We are on a mission to plug every hole of discontent, and it keeps us all very busy.

But don't feel bad because it is part of how we were created.

God has put something within us that is constantly drawing us to know Him.

The problem is we strive to fill that draw ourselves. The problem with this striving is that it can only be filled by Him because God who created us desires a relationship with us.

And that relationship with Him is the something we are always looking for, the thing that will keep us content in every situation. Our Father is the everything we ever dreamed of.

The great thing is God not only put this draw to Him within us, but that He provided a way for us to have it. This is the very treasure we have been seeking, a Savior.

It is a mystery, that we as believers have been given the understanding of Christ as that provision. And we should not take the fact that we have been given this insight lightly.

We can trust that if this "treasure" has been given to us that its provision will continue in us.

There is a passage in Philippians where Paul focuses on this truth.

Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

I know what is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

That kind of contentment is not just for Paul, it is for all of us. But notice he had to learn it. It is a process.

As we walk through our lives, we will have to seek out the treasure that has been given to us. We will have to sort through the riches and apply them to our situations and our needs. We will need to draw on them to encourage each other as well.

As we do that, we will discover that our situations will not diminish the reality of our salvation and the sustaining power that it has within us.

And as we are sustained by it, we will be passionate to share these riches with others. Our Father has plenty for us all, and longs for us to have that desire that He gave us, met by His treasure, Jesus Christ.