

# ***THE PRESENT FUTURE-***

## A Call to Radical Reformation

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### **Radically Called to Contentment**

*Hebrews 13: 4-6*

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The Question: Will you live out your life content in Christ?

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#### **Defining contentment for the Christian—**

- It is not...
  - **Settling** for second best!
  - **Deciding** to just get by or just get along.
  - **Passive.**
  - **Doing without** for the sake of doing without.
- It is...
  - Foreign to our **culture.**
  - **Acknowledging** God's grace, mercy, and providence.
  - Actively **pursuing** His will and His way.
  - The satisfaction of a life lived for **Christ.**

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**The Challenge: We are called to be content in our Marriage and our Finances!**

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#### **1. Content in Marriage (4)**

How?

Marriage is to be held in Honor and Purity. . .

- In your **attitude.**
- In your speech.
- In your **home.**
- In your conduct.

Warning: **Judgment!**

- Not just wishful thinking — but God's expectation!
- Not just an ideal — it's a command!

Marriage is “THE” picture of Christ and the Church — Let's celebrate it!

## 2. Content in Finances (5-6)

How?

Focused Love. . .

- The life that is focused upon loving Christ and His church lives with an **open** hand!

Focused Faith. . .

- The **key** to contentment is radical faith in Christ!
  - He is with **you** — His presence!
  - He is helping **you** — His power and provision!

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**The Reality: If we truly trust God then we will live a glorious, faithful, contented life!**

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- Will you acknowledge your need for radical reformation today?
- Are you willing to radically live a contented life for the glory of Christ?
- Will you begin the process today?
- What is it that is hindering the process for you?