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Have yourself a contented Merry Christmas!  
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#### A. God did everything right at Christmas.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

##### 1. The right moment.

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Psalm 18:30 This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

##### 2. The right Messiah.

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Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 4:25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

##### 3. The right message.

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Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Romans 5:8 god showed his love for us and there's that why we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

## B. How to grow in contentment at Christmas and beyond?

### 1. We are commanded to be content.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

### 2. We have to learn contentment.

Philippians 4:11... I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**If \_\_\_\_\_ would change in my life then I would be content.**

### 3. How do we know when we are content?

a. When we are content when we are not complaining or grumbling about God or others.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

b. When we are content, when we have a thankful spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

c. When we are content, when we have a joyful spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

## Resources:

*The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* by Jeremiah Burroughs

*Chasing Contentment: Trusting God in a Discontented Age* by Erik Raymond