

Title: Satisfaction  
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**My subject is:** Satisfaction.

Has anything in this world ever satisfied you? There are some whose satisfaction is found in this life, in carnal things. David prayed to be saved from such men. He describes them in Psalm 17: 14 as:

**Psalm 17: 14:...men of the world, *which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.***

- **They are men of the world**—worldly men; they belong to the world; they are satisfied with the world.
- **Their portion is in this life**—only in this life. In their lifetime they receive their good things.
- **Whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure:--**They live for their belly, for their flesh. And God fills their flesh with earthy things—with hid treasure—treasure dug out of the earth like silver, gold, diamonds and so on.
- **They are full of children. And leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.**

To many, that sounds good! They would be satisfied with those things. Nothing is worse than to find satisfaction in this world. David does not pray to be one of these men. He prays to be saved FROM these men. When we were dead in sin we were satisfied with those things. But the believer is no longer satisfied with earthly treasure. What is it that satisfies the believer?

**Psalm 17: 15: As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.**

**Proposition:** One day every believer shall awake to behold the face of God and we shall be perfectly conformed to our Savior. Then we shall be satisfied.

## **I. THE OBJECT OF OUR SATISFACTION—V15: I will behold thy face...**

### **Face of Christ Through Faith**

Right now, every true believer, beholds God's face through faith. It is only when God causes his face to shine into our hearts that we are saved.

Psalm 80:3: Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

We behold the face of God in the face of Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

2 Corinthians 4: 6: For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,...

Genesis 1: 2: And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3: And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

2 Corinthians 4: 6: For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God hath shined into our hearts. He has given us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God—a spiritual knowledge of the gospel. Where do we behold the glory of God? in the face of Jesus Christ.

God has made us to behold his glory, the glory of his gospel, the glory of our salvation, and it is all in the face of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:18: And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19: For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

The invisible God manifests his glory to his saints in the person of the GodMan, Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:9: For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Hebrews 1:3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person,...

The gospel of God is Christ Jesus. Before time began, God the Father blessed his people with all spiritual blessings in Christ according as he chose us in him. He predestinated us to be his adopted children, adopted to himself, and he did so by Jesus Christ. He made us accepted in Jesus Christ. In whom we have redemption by his blood. It is by Jesus Christ that we have been given grace and life and light to behold his face. God's gospel is "concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Christ Jesus is our Salvation.

- **He is our Wisdom**—by whose knowledge we are justified.
- **He is our Righteousness**—through faith in Christ we have established the law in perfect righteousness.
- **He is our Sanctification**—our new man—created in true holiness—is Christ in you the hope of glory.
- **He is our Redemption**—we have been bought with the price of his precious blood; Freed from the curse of the law, freed from sins dominion, freed from death and hell.

### Through a Glass Darkly

We do see, but for now, we see through a glass darkly—like in a mirror. But soon—face-to-face!—**v15: I will behold thy face.**

1 Corinthians 13:12: For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Brethren, we shall see the living God with these eyes.

Job 19: 25: For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth: 26: And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

**Application:** The triune God in the face of Jesus Christ is the object of our faith now. And he shall be the object of our satisfaction when we behold him face-to-face in that day—**v15: As for me, I will behold thy face**

## II. THE STATE IN WHICH WE SHALL BE SATISFIED—V15: in righteousness

### Righteousness

We shall be righteousness with no more sin--**I shall behold thy face IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.** The guilt of sin is removed from us now by the blood of Christ. The dominion of sin has now been dethroned by the Spirit of Christ within us. But when we stand before God's throne we will be completely free from sin—made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21: For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Ephesians 5: 25:...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27: That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

In that day we shall be holy, unblameable, unreprieveable IN HIS SIGHT!

1 Thessalonians 3:13: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

This will all be the result of God's work alone—to the praise of the glory of his grace!

**III. THE TIME OF OUR SATISFACTION—V15:...I shall be satisfied, WHEN I awake, with thy likeness.**

### **Death is Sleep**

For the believer, scriptures say death is only sleep. When we take our last breath we shall fall asleep but immediately, our soul shall awake in the presence of the Lord.

Luke 23: 42: And [the regenerated, believing thief on the cross] said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

2 Corinthians 5:8: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

In the resurrection, our body, shall awake a glorified body.

1 Corinthians 15: 50: Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51: Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53: For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54: So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55: O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? 56: The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. 57: But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Awake Conformed to Christ**

We shall awake with his likeness—conformed to Christ—**Psalm 17: 15:...I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.**

Romans 8:29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Right now sinners are changed into his image in the inner man by a sight of him through faith,

2 Corinthians 3: 18: But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

But then we shall be perfectly like him because we shall behold him face-to-face.

1 John 3:2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

#### **IV. THE MEASURE OF OUR SATISFACTION—*I shall be satisfied—fully satisfied!***

First, God our Father shall be satisfied because Christ his Son shall deliver up every elect child whom the Father entrusted to him, saying, “Behold, I and the children which thou hast given me”.

Secondly, Christ shall be satisfied for he “shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied.” (Is 53: 11)

And every child of glory shall be fully satisfied--**v15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.**

#### **Application:**

2 Peter 3:14: Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

**AMEN!**