

CHAPTER 30.5  
*Jesus is All*

“CONTENTED RELIANCE”  
Philippians 4:2-23  
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“I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” (11)  
Situations don’t make us content. Jesus does.

Rely on Jesus!! That is where contentment is found. (4-5)  
When Jesus is our all, we live contented reliant lives.

I. Reliance through prayer (6-7)

- A. Stop worrying!
- B. Tell Him everything.
- C. Thank Him for being enough, in every situation.
- D. Result: “the peace of God”

II. Reliant Thinking (8)

Since there is excellence, since there is that which is worthy of praise, think on these things. Found supremely in Jesus.

III. Reliant Practice (9)

- A. You have seen how I live for Him and in Him.  
You do the same!
- B. Result: The God of peace will be with you.

IV. Reliant Strength (10-13)

- A. Jesus is our strength. (13)
- B. Thankful for the Philippians’ gift. (10)
- C. The secret of contentedness is relying on Jesus and being satisfied by Him.

V. Reliant Generosity (14-19)

- A. God supplies our needs. (19)
- B. Because His supply is sufficient, we can supply the needs of others.
- C. The source of supply is Jesus.

We are most content when we are most reliant on the absolute sufficiency of Christ to satisfy us.

**How does this apply to me?**

## NEXT WEEK

“OUR RESPONSE MATTERS”  
Acts 17:1-15

### **Historical Timeline:**

Thessalonica was the leading city of Macedonia. Paul’s time there was probably quite short. Luke records only three consecutive Sabbaths that Paul taught in the synagogue. His stay may well have extended beyond those three weeks, but it didn’t take long for leading Jews to foment mob action that resulted in Paul’s speedy departure.

Leaving the main Roman road called the Egnatian Way, Paul and Silas turned south, arriving in Berea. Their reception by the Jews in this town was significantly different, because their esteem of the Word was fundamentally different.

### **Passage Overview:**

There are two significant themes that immediately jump out at us through this narrative. The first is the consistent centrality of Jesus. “This Jesus ... is the Christ (Messiah).” Paul’s message was clear and unambiguous. Our message must be the same.

This clear message about Jesus resulted in both belief and animosity. It is always that way. Only through Jesus can anyone be saved. Yet it is when we clearly speak of Jesus, instead of speaking in more general terms, that some will turn against us. Still, the gospel is Jesus.

Secondly, how people respond to the Word is critical. In Thessalonica, many of the Jews, who had the Word, simply responded out of jealousy because so many God-fearing Gentiles, and some Jews, had followed Jesus. But in Berea, those who hear Paul eagerly searched the scriptures, to see if what he said corresponded with the Word.

What we do with the Word matters; both the written Word and the Living Word.

**Reading for Next Week:** Acts 17:1-15