

**Saturday, February 29**  
**Jesus Paid It All**  
**Philippians 4:10-20**

Paul writes to the church at Phillipi thanking them for their generous gifts as he shares the Good News throughout the early Christian world. He tells the Philippians that while he is grateful for their gifts, he does not need earthly treasures because he has learned to be satisfied with what he already has. He goes on to reassure the Philippians that he will use their gifts to further Christ's message and that their generosity is like 'a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.'

Paul faithfully believes that God will equip him for whatever may happen. He believes that true fulfillment comes from surrendering to the will of the Lord and trusting His providence. Paul does not depend on material goods for reassurance, safety, and inner peace.

Human beings are on a never-ending quest for the next "big thing" – and yet, once we find it, we easily tire of it, feel empty again, and then begin the search anew. What if we, like Paul, stopped looking out and began looking up? What would happen if we surrendered our cares and desires to Jesus and learned to trust His providence rather than trying to buy happiness with a payment plan? Jesus doesn't require a payment plan. He's paid our accounts in full – and He wants us to cash in on His investment.

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## **Philippians 4:10-20 New International Version (NIV)**

### **Thanks for Their Gifts**

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it 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 well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.