

for God. Every desire, every aspiration, every longing of our nature is nothing less than a yearning for God. We were born for His love and we cannot live without it. He is the happiness for which we have been searching all our lives. Everything that we desire is found in Him—and infinitely more.

And so, when you find yourself restless and thirsting for something more in life, respond to Jesus' invitation, "Come to Me and drink" (John 7:37). Go to Him, drink freely of His grace and forgiveness, and experience true joy. — David H. Roper

All that I want is in Jesus;
He satisfies with the joy He supplies;
Life would be worthless without Him,
All things in Jesus I find.

—Loes
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Happiness depends on happenings, but joy depends on Jesus!



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CENTRAL MOUNTAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

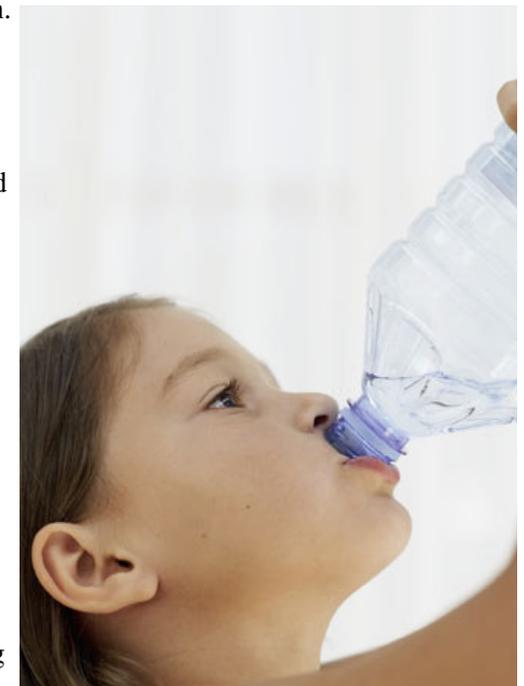
The Only Way To Be Happy

Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink." --John 7:37

There is no lasting earthly satisfaction. Marriage, family, money, fame, enlightenment, travel, athletics, academic achievement—nothing completes our joy. Any satisfaction we gain in our quest fades quickly and becomes a vague memory, if it can be remembered at all.

Oh, to be sure, there are happy events along the way, unexpected moments when we experience pure delight. But those moments are fleeting, and we can never go back in time to relive them and recapture the sensation.

Why then do we keep seeking for something to satisfy us? Simply put, it's because we *have* to. Whether we realize it or not, our souls are thirsting



The servant Finding satisfaction in Life

If we are to find satisfaction in life there are three boxes we must be able to tick:

1. _____, John 7:37

(Galatians 3:10) "... Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

(Romans 3:23) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

(Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death,"

2. _____, John 7:37, 40-43, 45-51, 37-38

(Deuteronomy 18:15) ""The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, ..."

(Matthew 2:23) "And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be



Modern 'Sukkot' or 'Feast of Tabernacles'

fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene.""

(Isaiah 9:1-2) ".... By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. {2} The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined."

(Deuteronomy 16:16) ""Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles;..."



Stylized representation of Sukkot showing: lambs goats and bullocks to be sacrificed, a booth, branches, singing, blowing trumpets, fruit (eg grapes) and High Priest pouring water

(Leviticus 23:42-43) ""You shall dwell in booths for seven days. ... {43} 'that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: ...""

(Isaiah 44:3) "For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;"

(Psalms 118:25-26) "Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. {26} Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD."

(Jeremiah 2:13) ""For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns; broken cisterns that can hold no water."

3. _____, John 7:37-39

(John 1:12) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"

(1 John 5:12) "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."