

**SOME GIFTS AREN'T  
UNDER THE TREE**

**Are you satisfied?**

**Who sang**

**“I Can’t Get No  
Satisfaction”**

# Rolling Stones

**“Yesterday’s thrill is  
today’s old news. We  
always need more.”**

# Two views of satisfaction

# 1. Human view

I'm satisfied when things are going well and I'm getting what I want.

## **2. Biblical view**

**I'm satisfied when I  
allow God to fill my life  
and enrich it with His  
presence.**



**Biblical satisfaction is  
not a natural or easy  
thing. It only occurs  
when we receive it  
from God.**

**Philippians 4:12 I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build;**

a time to weep and a  
time to laugh; a time to  
mourn and a time to  
dance; a time to throw  
stones and a time to  
gather stones; a time to  
embrace and a time to  
avoid embracing;

a time to search and a time  
to count as lost; a time to  
keep and a time to throw  
away; a time to tear and a  
time to sew; a time to be  
silent and a time to speak; a  
time to love and a time to  
hate; a time for war and a  
time for peace.

**What does the worker gain from his struggles? I have seen the task that God has given people to keep them occupied. He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but man cannot discover the work God has done from beginning to end.**

I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and enjoy the good life. It is also the gift of God whenever anyone eats, drinks, and enjoys all his efforts.

I know that all God does will  
last forever; there is no  
adding to it or taking from it.  
God works so that people  
will be in awe of Him.  
Whatever is, has already  
been, and whatever will be,  
already is. God repeats what  
has passed.



**Let's take a look at a couple of principles in regards to satisfaction**

**1. Satisfaction occurs  
when we rely on the  
sovereignty of God.**

**Vs. 1-8**

**Sovereignty:**

**all things come from  
God**

**all thing depend on Him  
God is in control**

**Satisfaction comes  
when we relinquish  
control to God.**

**The pairs listed in this passage tell us about who is in charge.**

**Born/Die**

**How much control do  
you really have?**

**Ex. Your next breath**

**2. Satisfaction occurs  
when we rest in the  
providence of God.**

**Vs. 9-11**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has  
made everything  
appropriate in its time.  
He has also put eternity  
in their hearts, but man  
cannot discover the work  
God has done from  
beginning to end.**



**God's providence  
orders the events of  
our lives.**

**Do you believe God  
will guide you through  
all of life?**

**God's providence will  
guide you even in  
difficult and unsettling  
times.**

**Human satisfaction is  
based on  
circumstances, but  
biblical satisfaction is  
based on the nature of  
God.**

**Hebrews 13:5 I will  
never leave you or  
forsake you.**

**3. Satisfaction occurs  
when we seek eternal  
significance.**

**Vs. 11**

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made everything  
appropriate in its time.  
He has also put eternity  
in their hearts, but man  
cannot discover the work  
God has done from  
beginning to end.**

**Giving our hearts and  
lives to a cause that  
will outlive us.**

**Making a difference in  
eternity.**



**What is the only thing  
that will make that  
difference?**

**The Gospel**

**4. Satisfaction occurs  
when we trust the plan  
of God.**

**Vs. 11**

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made everything  
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beginning to end.**

**Our plans quite often  
are different from those  
of God.**

**Isaiah 55:8-9 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways.” This is the Lord’s declaration. “For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

**God's plans don't always  
make sense. We have  
two options how to  
respond though.**

**A. Rebel, ignore, and  
avoid His plan**

**B. Trust Him and follow**

**The Bible is full of  
people who trusted and  
followed even when it  
didn't make sense.**

**Moses, Noah, David, Job  
Mary, Joseph, Jesus**

**5. Satisfaction occurs  
when we join the work  
of God.**

**Vs. 14-15**



**What is God's work?**

**Redemption**

**Ecclesiastes 3:14-15 I know  
that all God does will last  
forever; there is no adding to  
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of Him. Whatever is, has  
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**The work of God is**

**-eternal 14a**

**-perfect. 14b**

**-constant 15**

**So what is our job?**

**Join in His work**

**What role do you play  
in the redemption of  
man?**

**Are you satisfied?**