

THE GREATEST LIE

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Do you ever wonder why so many people are disillusioned and unsatisfied with their lives and the things of this world? Yet, here we are the most prosperous nation in the world and yet alcoholism, drug addiction, sexual promiscuity, sexual abuse, divorce, violent crime, you name it – all are indications on every level of people’s unfulfilled lives whether they are guilty of any of the things we mentioned or not.

The Bible gives us two reasons: (1) God has put eternity in the heart of man (Ecclesiastes 3:11). In other words, there is a spiritual nature to man that cannot be satisfied by the material (which is what this world and things are – material). (2) Thus, the NT reminds us, “For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15-17). Our fleshly desires whether good or bad are never satisfied.

The greatest lie we allow Satan to convince us of is that we can find fulfillment in pleasure. The truth is that pleasures, like all human pursuits, are insatiable because they are fleeting and momentary. The pleasure driven life, which moves by the impulse of its desire, has no purpose! The apostle Paul warns us, “Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds...They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.” (Ephesians 4:17-19). Walking in the “futility of their minds” is the language of the Old Testament sage when he declares, “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). The New Testament writer tells us, only in Christ are we made full/satisfied (Col. 2:9-10).

Friend, that is why in Christ alone, we find that which truly answers to the eternity God has placed in our hearts! It is because in Christ alone means a committed spiritual relationship that transcends this material world.