

## “Real Satisfaction”

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

**INTRODUCTION:** *The #1 rock & roll song of all time?*

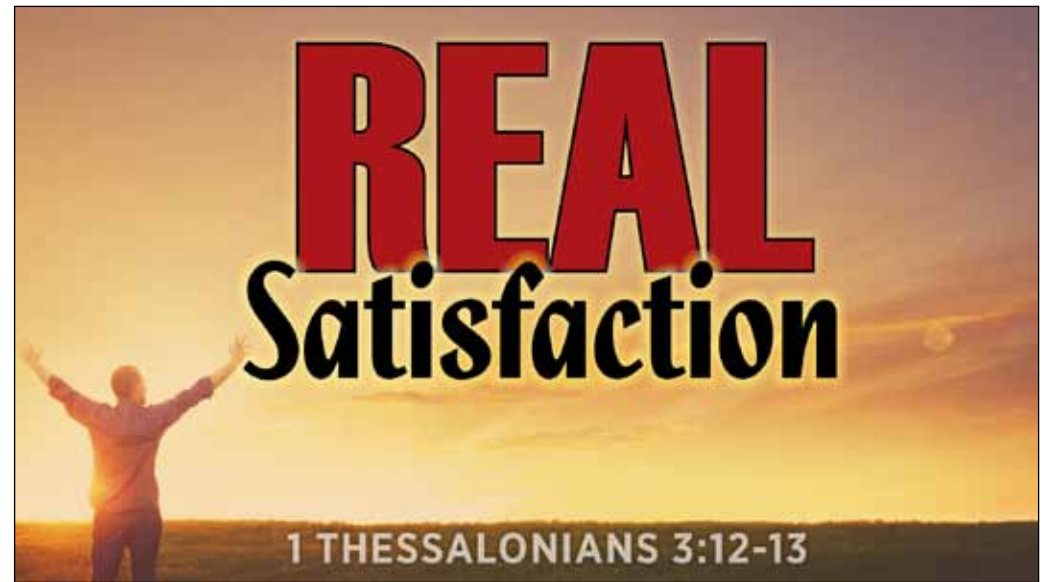
### I. WHERE DO YOU FIND REAL SATISFACTION?

- A. It is a gift from Almighty God (1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)
- B. Yet, the lyrics of that 1965 song sums up the last 50 years of our lives:
- C. *“And I tried, and I tried, and I tried . . .”*

### II. OUR SEARCH FOR SATISFACTION

**LEADS US DOWN THREE PATHS** (Galatians 5:19-21; John 16:33)

- A. Some people are obsessed with **happiness**
- B. If happiness doesn't work then perhaps **thrills**
- C. Then perhaps, **pleasure**
- D. None of these work; **we can't get no satisfaction!**
- E. *It is like pouring water into a vegetable strainer . . .*



### III. THE TRUTH IS THIS:

**GOD'S GIFTS REALLY SATISFY**

- A. Here's a “Christmas list” of God's satisfying gifts for you . . .
  1. **His never-ending love**
  2. **His assurance of the forgiveness of our sins**
  3. **His promise at our baptism to be our Father . . . no matter what**
  4. **His promise that we are the Temple of the Holy Spirit**
  5. **The reality that this short life is not all there is**
  6. **The power of His Word & Sacraments**
  7. **The fellowship of believers in the Church**
- B. The end result is *the joy of the Lord* – **true & lasting satisfaction**
- C. This is satisfaction without all happiness, thrills, & pleasures

### CONCLUSION:

**God's real satisfaction –**

*“The world didn't give it & the world can't take it way!”*