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I CAN'T GET NO 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 much 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...*

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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 forgiveness of our sins for Jesus' sake**
- 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

CONCLUSION: *The joy of the Lord –
better than any "satisfaction" the world offers*