



*Happiness ...*  
**Where?**

### • **In Power?**

Napoleon Bonaparte was one of this world's most powerful military leaders. Yet in his last days he confessed sadly: "There is not a man who would lay down his life for me." His great renown and magnificence as a general dwindled to nothing.

### • **In Money?**

Jay Gould was a multi-millionaire railroad tycoon. Yet on his deathbed he summed up his life this way: "I suppose I am the most miserable devil on earth." Money brings no happiness to a dying man. You can buy almost anything with money except happiness – here or in eternity.

### • **In Pleasure?**

Lord Byron, the famous English poet, lived for pleasure. Yet he described the end of his life as being filled with nothing but guilt, disease and grief. The pleasures of sin do not satisfy. Sorrow inevitably comes at the end of a life wasted in pursuit of pleasure.

### • **In Fame?**

A well-known politician, who enjoyed more than his share of fame, wrote: "Youth is a mistake, manhood a struggle, old age a regret." The deceptive bubble of fame had burst! Anyone who describes

his life as "a mistake," "a struggle" and "a regret" has not found happiness.

### • **In Unbelief?**

Voltaire was an outspoken philosopher who scorned Christianity. Near the end of his life, he wrote: "I wish I had never been born." He discovered that unbelief does not produce happiness. It takes away and gives nothing in return. Instead of the love of God, the saving blood of Christ and the assuring Word of God, the unbeliever is left with nothing but uncertain theories, a hopeless deathbed and the frightful judgment of God.

### • **Where Is Happiness?**

These famous men confirm what Solomon, the wisest man in the world, said about man's futile search for happiness: "All is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:17).

Where, then, is happiness found? In Christ alone! The Bible says that "the God of hope (will) fill you with all joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13).

You have sinned, and you need to be forgiven. Until your sins are washed away you will never be happy. And this cleansing comes only through the shed blood of Christ (1 John 1:7).

## • **You Can Have It!**

You will never be truly happy if your future is dark and uncertain. The only way to bring light to the days ahead is by accepting Christ as your own personal Savior. He says of Himself: “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

If the troubles of life are weighing you down and crushing your spirit, you cannot be happy. Jesus Christ alone can give you true happiness day by day.

The Bible says if you trust in Jesus as your Savior, you will be able to “rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8). Where can real happiness be found? Only in Jesus. Won’t you come to Him today?

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