

Emptiness

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. —Psalm 16:11

The summer is past. Parents are buying school supplies, farmers are getting their crops in, and families are taking their last vacation days. Many people reminisce about a special time they had with friends and family; others feel an aching emptiness about tasks left undone.

Even when our needs are met we can sense that something vital is missing. Many of us yearn for the joy of Christ's presence in our life. The Psalmist declares, *My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you (Psalm 63:5).*

Sometimes we try to fill the void in our lives with the idols of this world. They never satisfy but instead leave us empty. Paul offers the thought that one of the characteristics of those who follow Christ is that they turn to God from idols.

Our Savior desires for us to be full of joy. He promises to fill us with the joy of His presence. We need to seek the Lord's presence and put aside the cares that are dragging us down. When you feel empty come boldly to God, pour out your heart, and confess your needs.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:16