

"I Just Need Jesus"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

What does it mean to need Jesus?

Romans 8:5-8 - **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 3:9-18, 23 - **9** What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." **13** "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." **14** "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." **15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** in their paths are ruin and misery, **17** and the way of peace they have not known." **18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes." **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Jeremiah 17:5-6, 9-10 - **5** Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. **6** He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. **9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? **10** "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

1 Kings 18:16-18 - **16** So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. **17** When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" **18** "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. (NIV)

1 Kings 22:6-8 - **6** So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—about four hundred men—and asked them, "Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" "Go," they answered, "for the Lord will give it into the king's hand." **7** But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?" **8** The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is still one prophet through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah." "The king should not say such a thing," Jehoshaphat replied. (NIV)

Proverbs 1:2-7 - **2** for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; **3** for receiving instruction in prudent behaviour, doing what is right and just and fair; **4** for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young, **5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance **6** for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. **7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (NIV)

What does it mean have Jesus?

1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (NIV)

Hebrews 5:11-14 - **11** About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, **13** for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. **14** But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by **constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 1:22-26 - **22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. **26** Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein (bridle) on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. (NIV)

James 2:17, 24 - So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **24** You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. (demonstrative and proved)

Romans 3:28 - For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Romans 5:2 - Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (declared righteous by God)

Matthew 7:22-23 (NIV), Mark 9:38-40 (NIV), Acts 8:18-20 (NIV)

Truth Warnings

1 John 1:8 - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the **truth** is not in us.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 - **10** and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the **truth** and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie **12** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the **truth** but have delighted in wickedness. (NIV)

John 8:31-32 - **31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, **32** and you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will set you free."

John 17:17 - Sanctify them in the **truth**; your word is **truth**.
(ESV used unless otherwise noted)