

Introduction:

1. The morning marks the final lesson in a seven week series of lessons on Jesus the Christ.
 - a. We have answered a number of questions about Jesus; we have seen the unexpected Jesus; we have even seen unexpected blessings from Jesus.
 - b. Why all of these lessons about Jesus? Because of need. If I don't see my need for Jesus, then I am going to be left out of the greatest blessing of all time.
 - c. We can talk about Jesus fulfilling prophecy, being the Son of God, dying on the cross, raised from the dead—and a hundred other things about Him. But if I don't see my personal need for Him then everything—everything—that my life is about will ultimately come to nothing!
2. I need to accept Him for who He is and what He has done. There is no one else like Him. There is no one who can do for me what He has done. And the same applies to you.
 - a. You can follow your favorite athlete, singer, movie star, politician, hero, family member, or character from history—the list could go on and on. They can't do what Jesus can do!
 - b. The story of Jesus is what the world and our existence is all about. History is His Story. And He wants you and me to be a part of that story.
 - c. Let us begin with Paul's words in **Galatians 2:20**. Paul expresses His need and our need!

The Lesson:**I. I Need Jesus as My Savior from Sin.**

- A. We have all sinned against the Lord, **Romans 3:23**. Here is what sin does:
 1. Sin separates me from God, **Isaiah 59:1-2**.
 2. Sin brings about spiritual death **Romans 6:23**. We will all die physically; this is different.
 3. This death is eternal death—eternal separation from God, **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9**.
- B. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost—that's me, **Luke 19:10**; **Matthew 1:21**.
 1. He shed His blood for my sins, **Matthew 26:28**; **Galatians 2:20**. He gave Himself for me.
 2. He saved me when I obeyed His gospel, **Acts 2:38**.
 3. Without Him, I have no hope, for there is no other Savior from sin, **Acts 4:12**.
- C. Have we heard this story so often that it has lost its value to us? Has it become trite or stale?

II. I Need Jesus as My Intercessor.

- A. After obeying Christ in baptism, do we never sin from that time forward?
 1. You know better than that, and so do I. We feel that sting of our own disappointment with ourselves, knowing that sometimes we stumble! We sometimes still sin.
 2. We need an intercessor, an advocate to help us. You may look at someone and say, "He needs a good lawyer!" It is, "We need!" **Galatians 2:20**. We can't make it without Him.
- B. Jesus is our lawyer, who speaks for us, **Hebrews 7:25**; **1 Timothy 2:5**; **1 John 1:7-9**.

III. I Need Jesus as My Role Model.

- A. This is the Man to model!
 - 1. We can learn something from good and bad examples. Examples are sometimes easier to follow than a list of directions. “Don’t tell me how to do it. Show me!”
 - 2. Jesus always shows us the way that is right, [Hebrews 4:15](#). Most of the people our culture offers as role models are folks who already have more problems than I have. “I wanna be like Mike!” I would like to play ball like he does, but Mike has a gambling problem! “I wanna be like Roger!” I would like pitch like he does, but he has a problem telling the truth.
 - 3. Jesus has no problems; I can safely follow him all the way to heaven, [1 Corinthians 11:1](#).
- B. I learn from Jesus how I should live, how I should speak, and how I should think.
 - 1. He models the correct behavior in dealing with friends, family, enemies and brethren!
 - 2. He shows me how to handle heartache, disappointment, and mistreatment.
- C. I need to be able to say what Paul said in [Galatians 2:20](#), “Christ lives in me.” He is my model. He teaches me how to handle temptation and sin. He teaches me life! I can live in Him!

IV. I Need Jesus as My Reason for Living.

- A. At one time or another, most of us tried to fool ourselves about the meaning of life.
 - 1. “Life is about fun, food, pleasure, possessions, goals, getting your own way.” Those things only lead to dissatisfaction and frustration. Life becomes empty and vain. It is like going round on the merry-go-round until you just fall off. What is our reason for living?
 - 2. The “me” generation of which we are part is the emptiest of all. When Solomon tried the “me” philosophy, he tried everything but had nothing, [Ecclesiastes 1:12-14](#).
- B. Only when Solomon brought God to the equation did life had meaning, [Ecclesiastes 12:13](#).
 - 1. Jesus brings God to our lives. With Jesus, life has purpose. With Jesus I know what I am living for. I know where I am going. And I know who is going to take me there!
 - 2. I am living for someone who died for me, [Galatians 2:20](#); [John 10:10](#). Thank you, Lord!

Conclusion:

- 1. What Paul needed—and had in his life—is what you and I need in our lives.
- 2. Are there more reasons why you and I need Jesus? Of course there are. But these four are plenty enough. Jesus is the only one who can keep me out of hell and take me to heaven. I don’t need more reason than that to follow Him.
- 3. When do I need Him? I need Him now—because my life could come to an end at any time. Don’t leave planet earth without Him. Don’t go to the Judgment Day without Him.
- 4. If you know you need Him now, then repent and be baptized now, [Acts 2:38](#).