

## Why do I need Jesus?

### *Prayer*

I remember an old Ford Rideau 500 back in the 80's as a teenager. It was very uh... special. It was a 70 something. It had a blue paint Job with red flames on the sides and the back half was cut and welded with a flat deck dual rear end.

This was the most mongrel vehicle ever. This car should have been ground down into powder and sold as a Girl repellent...

Anyway, I was driving from Williams Lake to Horsefly and was just driving towards 150 Mile House when I looked down at my gas guzzling jalopies gas gauge and realized that I had a very urgent need. Well... I ran out of gas about 5 km from the gas station. My friend, who was with me at the time, did not want to push me the 30km home nor the 5 km to the filling station. So I had to face the reality that I had a need. If I wanted to continue forward, I needed fuel and I needed it because I had reached the end of what I could do myself.

Anyone else here ever reached the limits of their personal ability and needed something more?

Here is an even more important question... Why does anyone need God? Why do I need God? In this world, have you ever found yourself in situations and circumstances that are beyond your control? I mean we all like to think we can do anything right?

What can't I handle?

- I have a 172 IQ
- I have amazing looks
- I have enough money to eat and live
- I am somewhat healthy
- I have a hot wife
- I am pretty comfortable

I can cope with problems and come up with solutions and am pretty confident that there is not much I cannot accomplish on my own without God. I can take care of myself.

Also I am a good person, shouldn't I get into heaven because of that? Why do I need a relationship with God?

It doesn't seem to make sense... why would I need God? I have my own trinity... (Me, Myself and I)

We all are pretty content in ourselves and our abilities to deal until...

- Right now in this world, there are those who are strapping bombs to their children
- Right now women are being abused, husbands are being mistreated, children are being hurt
- Right now people are being killed in our society for different beliefs and even different skin color
- There are those out there who would love to take away the freedom that you enjoy.
- There are governments harvesting organs from peaceful protestors
- Young women are terminating pregnancies and falling into despair and sorrow.
- People are trying to take their own lives
- Consider the elderly woman in the nursing home who is being abused because she cannot control her bladder and makes a mess that angers her not-too-closely supervised care giver
- A person is being forced into sexual slavery
- A woman is being forced into carnal acts at gunpoint
- An angry man holding children hostage shields in a police standoff
- 25% of the population is estimated to steal
- Truth is becoming convoluted for many. Truth becomes an individuals perspective of the truth.
- Porno makes more money than football, basketball and baseball combined

But most of us aren't struggling with a porno or substance addiction. We are not rapists or murders, we are primarily good people. So I ask again why would we need God?

Those that are suffering, who have hit rock bottom and know it may be motivated to seek God, but why us if we live well and are reasonably good people?

As Canadians we watch the news and the headlines tell us that our world is a scary place right now and it only seems to be getting worse. Our world is suffering from what God calls SIN.

Now the bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to save the world not to condemn it. It also says that it doesn't matter how good we are, we have all sinned against God. It is for this reason that God sent his Son Jesus to pay for our crimes against him. Jesus did this and because of his perfect sacrifice we are free and have the hope of eternal life.

What does this cost... NOTHING! Jesus says that if we turn away from our sin and ask him to be our savior and simply believe in him we are saved... NOTHING else is required.

Humm... I don't like to hear that... but let's check this bible thing out a bit further.

"I heard that Christians are holier than thou people" There is some bite to this but here is what God says in Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." In romans 6:23 he says: "... The wages of sin is death"

1 John 1:8 deals with that arrogant and pretentious attitude. It says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

In short, we cannot get to heaven on our own merit. I would like to see friends and family that have gone on again? Wouldn't you like to see a lost child or a mother, father, even a husband perhaps?

You see there are some things in life that money, intelligence and reason cannot manage without major damage.

So if we can't ever be good enough for heavens standards what do we do?

Jesus has said in John 14:6 "'I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father."

Gotta say folks, that seems pretty clear to me.

God is perfect there is no sin in him and he cannot abide sin. He also cannot simply allow sin to go unpunished due to the nature of who his is. So the only solution was a sacrifice or scape goat that would take our punishment for us. This is what the son of God did at the Cross.

He died to redeem us. Which means to pay for our sins for us  
He did to justify us. He is perfect and righteous and when we accept him, he wraps us up in the cloak of his righteousness so that God the father no longer sees our sin.  
He makes us in fact a new creation in him.

He reconciled us. After the fall at the garden of eden, God put a plan into place to make us right with himself once again. That plan culminated in the work of the cross.

He was our propitiational sacrifice. In short, he took our place on that cross for our transgressions

So...

He paid for us

He erased our sins

He restored our relationship with the Father

And he took the punishment for us.

And all he requires is that we confess our sin and ask him to be our lord and savior.  
That's it!

When I got saved I learned John 3:16 which says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life"

What can we take away here?

- There is a God
- His Son is Jesus
- God loves us

\* You see God has pulled off the greatest scam in the history of scams, he has taken the death and sin that belong to us and switched them for life with no end and a changed heart. Jesus came to earth as a man, lived a perfect life, and then died our death, and gave us his life, which opened the door for those people that God calls to himself. But still people do not see a need for God, they do not see that they are doomed to die and to always be a slave to evil unless they come to saving faith in God. Is God calling you tonight? Is he tugging at you from somewhere deep inside your soul right now? We said that most people believe in God, but mere belief is not enough. While the gifts of salvation and a new life are free from God, they cost you everything. You see you cannot earn salvation from God by a good life, but to gain salvation it cost you your life. Not literally in that God wants you to kill yourself, but the plans, the dreams, the control, the rights to your life and your future you give over to him and you submit to his control. He ask for this because he is a wise father who knows what is best for us. So is this you tonight, have you ever began a relationship with God through Jesus? Have you ever said to God as best you knew how, "God I need you to come save me, I cannot do it. I am sinful God and I need you to come and make me clean. I believe that Jesus made this possible for me and that you have chosen me to be your child. Give me a new heart and a new life." If you have never given your life over to God and seen that new life grow inside and outside of you then I am asking if you see a need for God? Do you see a need for God today?

Lets pray...

For some of us in this room we have done this, we have seen a need for God and we responded to it with faith that God would save us and change us. If this is you then I ask you to pray for the people who have not done this.

If you are here and you know that you are not saved. You know that you have never given your life over to God and his control, but tonight you do see a need for God and you are ready to respond in faith that God will save you and change you, if you feel something pulling you toward this inside then cry this prayer out to God.

God I need you to come save me, I cannot do it. I am sinful God and I need you to come and make me clean. I believe that Jesus made this possible for me and that you have chosen me to be your child. Give me a new heart and a new life. Amen

If you prayed that know that in the book of John it says that God will give you the power to be saved. He will begin the salvation process in your life.

Welcome Home.