

“MANS’ DEEPEST NEED”

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QUESTION: What is the single most important thing I need to focus on as a human being?

ANSWER: The single most important need of every human being is the forgiveness of sin. Jesus came to earth to “*seek and save the lost*” (Luke 19:10). Paul clearly stated: “*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).

These scriptures clearly identify forgiveness as our deepest and most important need. Ephesians 1:7 says, “*In whom (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*” Therefore, the only way to enjoy fellowship with God is through His Son (1 John 1:5-10).

If one is outside of Jesus, those that have never put Christ on in baptism (Ephesians 2:11-12) fellowship with God does not exist. However those that have heard the gospel (Romans 10:17), believed that Jesus is God’s Son (Mark 16:16), repented of sins (Acts 17:30-31), confessed Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) are added to the Church (Acts 2:47).

Paul identified forgiveness as his greatest need in 1st Timothy 1:15, “*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*” Paul humbly acknowledged his total dependence upon Jesus to meet his deepest need. He knew forgiveness came only through God’s Son.”

Peter informed Simon of his greatest need in Acts 8. Simon acted contrary to the will of God and Peter told him, “*Thy money perishes with thee because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee*” (Acts 8:20-22). Simon sincerely asked, “*Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me*” (Acts 8:24).

Please recognize that your deepest need and mine is the forgiveness of sin. Only in Jesus can this need be met.