

(PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11)



## IF WE ALL FOLLOWED JESUS

There would be NO:

- School shootings!
- Crime!
- Wars!
- Drug O.D.'s
- Broken homes!
- Moral confusion!
- ETC.



NOT SO WE CAN HAVE OUR BEST LIFE NOW!

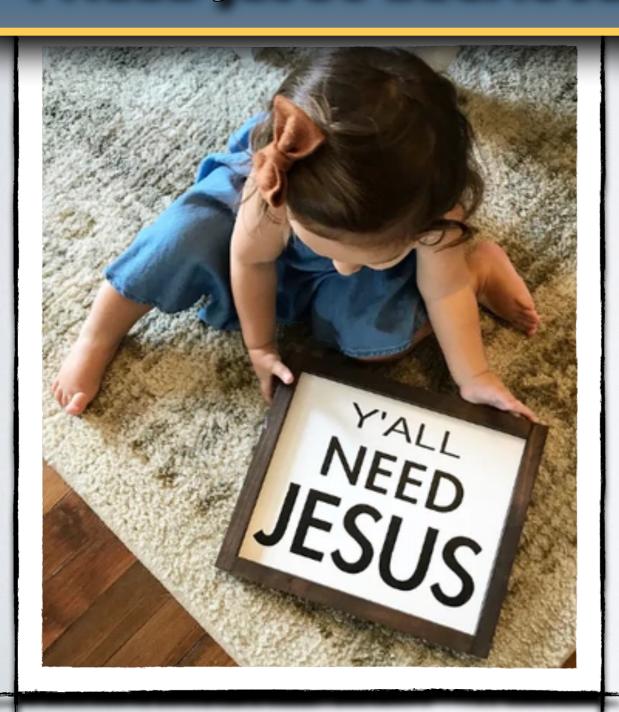
NOT TO DELIVER
US FROM OUR
WORLDLY
PROBLEMS!

NOT JUST TO SAVE US FROM HELL!

#### Philippians 3:7–11 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

#### I NEED JESUS BECAUSE:



He Is The Way, The Truth, & The Life

John 14:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the

Father except through Me.

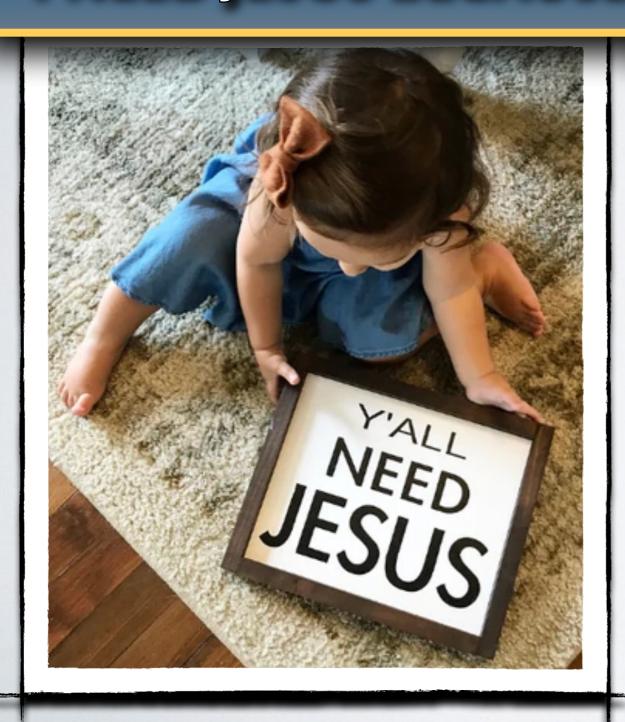
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## He Is The Way, The Truth, & The Life

- The ONLY WAY: (Mat 7:13,14; Heb. 12:1,2; Acts 4:12).
- The SOURCE of all that is TRUE, (i.e., actual, real, trustworthy) (John 1:14,17; 8:32; Heb. 1:1,2)
- The SOURCE of life (Jno. 6:33,51,57,68; 11:25,26; 1 Jno. 1:1, 2; 5:11, 12)

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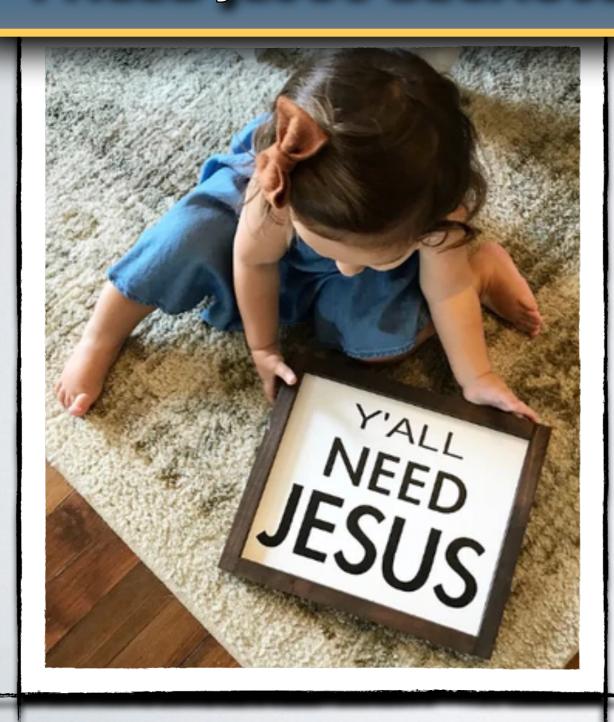
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Matt. 7:21-27; Luke 6:46-49

#### Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ...

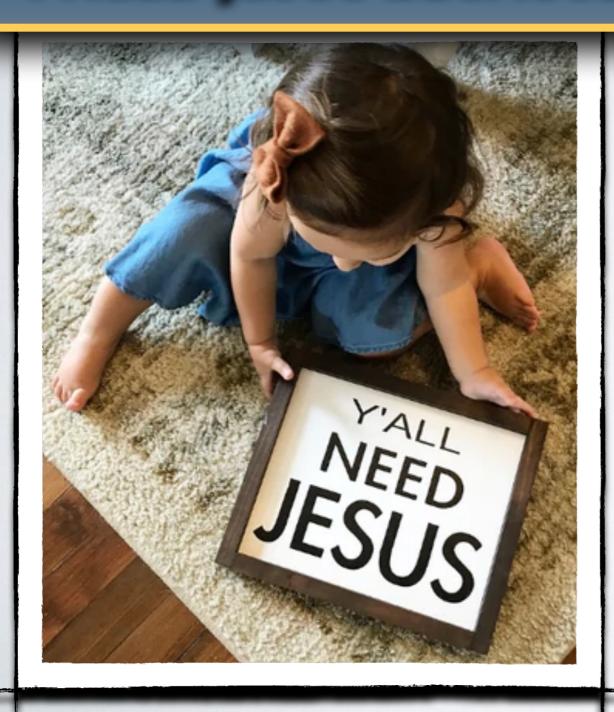
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- To become a Christian (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; etc.
- My worldview (Rom. 12:1,2; Col. 1:13; 3:1,2; Rev. 4,5; 2 Pet. 3:10-14)
- So I can know and do what is right and good, and refuse what is not (Prov. 14:12; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:1-18; etc.)

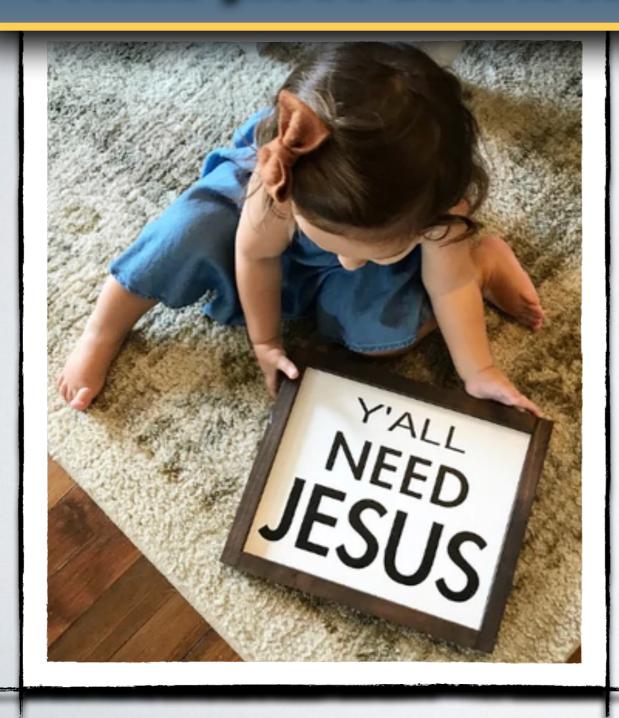
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- As a spouse (Mat. 19:3-9; Eph. 5:22-33; Co. 3:18,19; 1 Pt. 3:1-7; 1 Co. 7; etc.)
- As a parent / child (Ep. 6:1-4; Co. 3:20,21; He. 12:7-11; Pro. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13)
- As an master / servant (Ep. 6:5-9; Co. 3:22-4:1; 1 Pt 2:18)
- As a citizen (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Ac. 4:19)

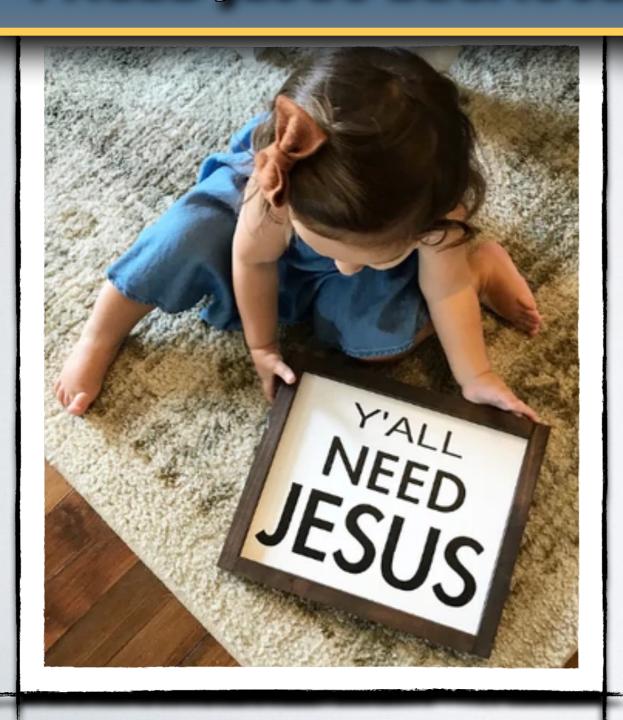
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- My relationships
- My interactions and dealings with others
- My time
- My money
- My possessions
- My thoughts
- My words
- My deeds

#### I NEED JESUS BECAUSE:



#### I Need To Be Saved From My Sin

#### Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

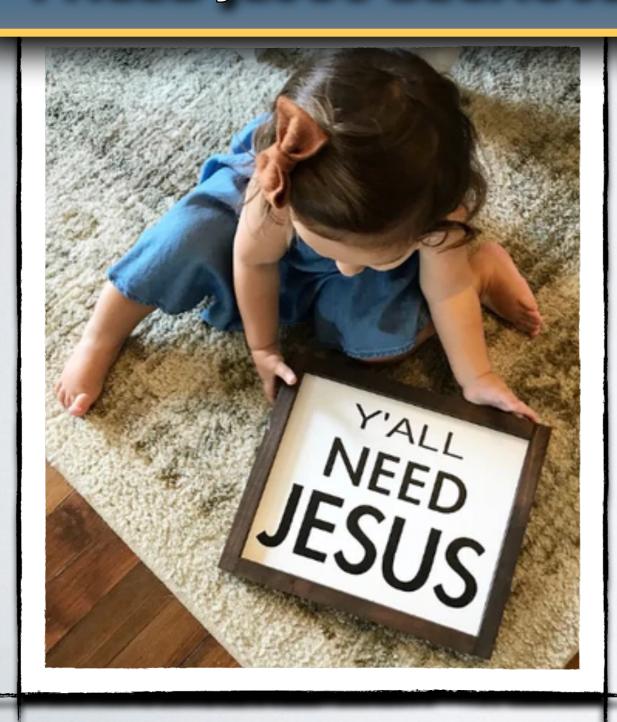
#### Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death,

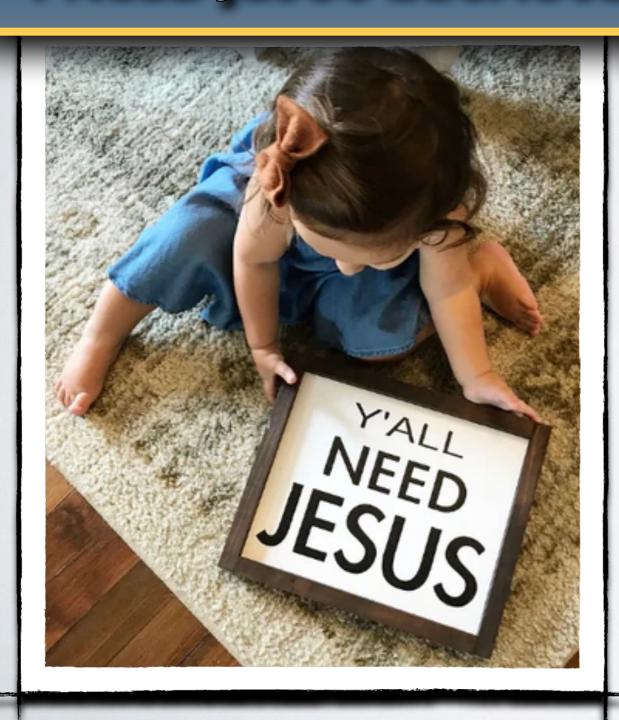
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- Every accountable person has sinned and therefore needs forgiveness (Rom. 3:23)
- Sin has separated every sinner from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
- The result of sinning is spiritual death, i.e., hell (Rom. 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- We can do NOTHING to get rid of our sin apart from Jesus (Acts 4:12; Ep. 2:1-9; Rom. 7)

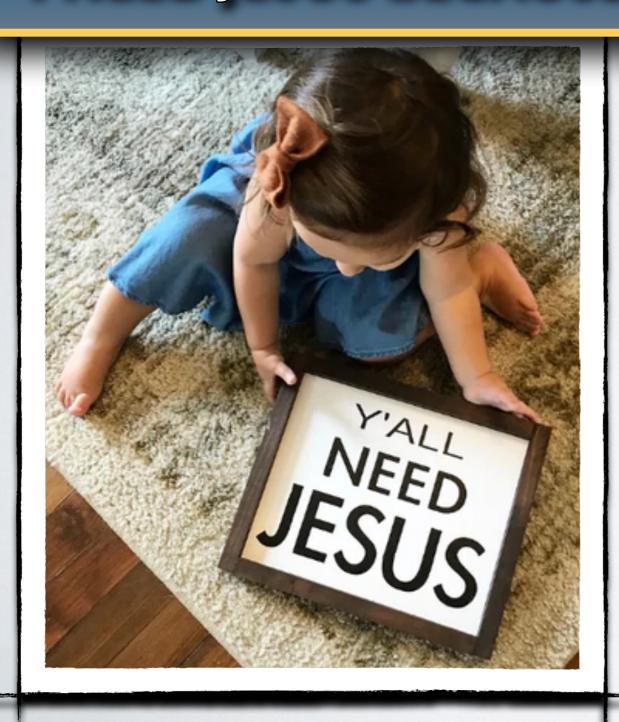
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- Jesus came to this earth to "seek and save those who are lost" in sin from the eternal consequences of their sins (Lk. 19:10; Matt. 1:21).
- He suffered death on the cross, shedding His precious blood, that we might be redeemed from sin (Mat. 26:28; 1 Jn. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
  - ONLY Jesus can save us from our sin! (Acts 4:12; Ro 7:24-8:2)

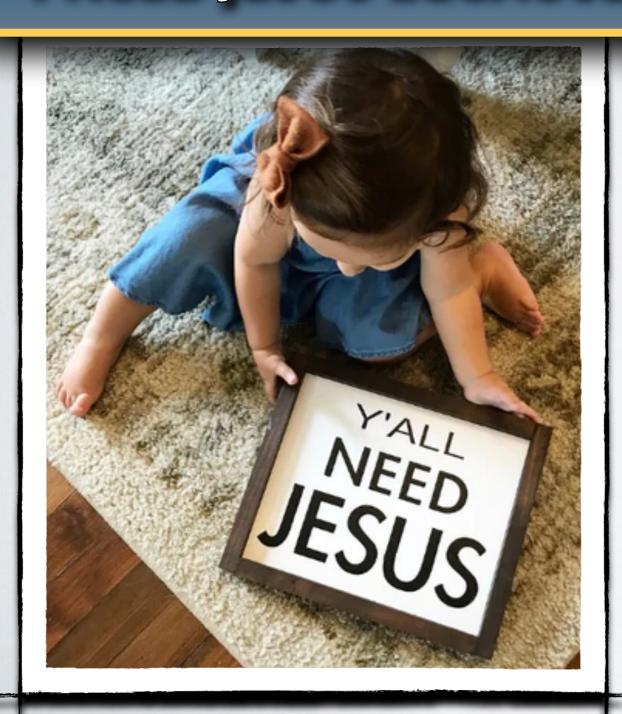
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- Our sins are forgiven by God when we are baptized according to the teaching of Christ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12,13)
- This is how one is justified by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 5:1; Acts 2:41; 10:43,47,48; Gal. 3:26,27)
  - We continue to be cleansed by Christ's blood as we walk in the light (1 Jn 1:9,10)

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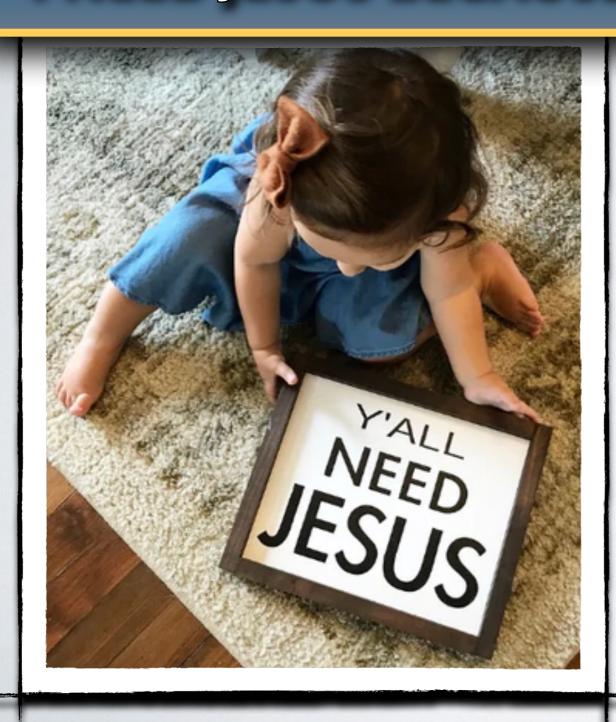


#### I Need To Be Made Spiritually Alive

#### Ephesians 2:1-5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked ... <sup>3</sup> ... and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

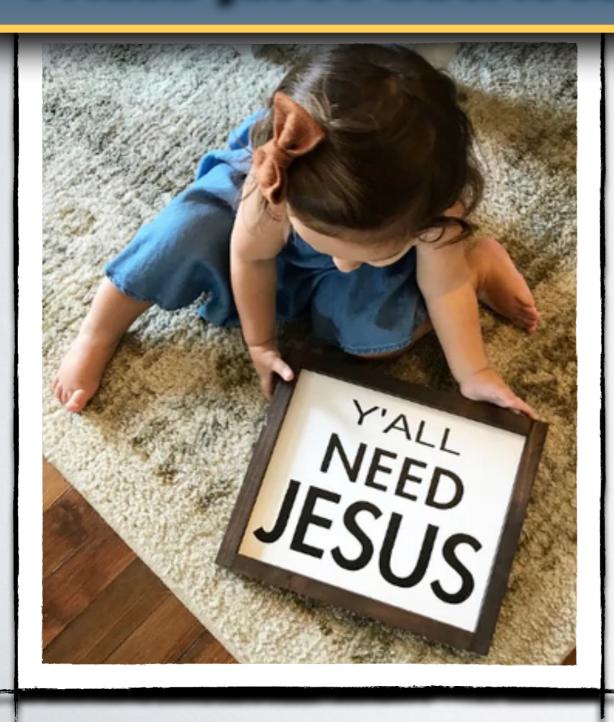
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- He has the words of life (John 5:24,39,40; 6:63,68)
- We MUST be born AGAIN (John 3:3-5; 1 Pet. 1:22,23)
- Occurs when we are baptized into Christ's death, forgiven of our sins, and raised up a new creature in Christ (Rom. 6:3-7; Col. 2:13; Ac 2:38; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; Titus 3:5)

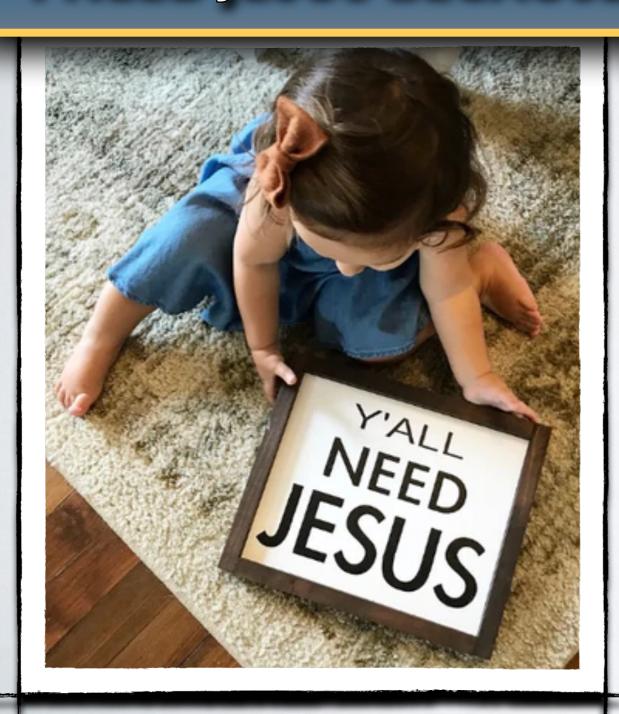
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- We continue to live spiritually as long as we feed on His word (Jn. 6:63; 15:1-10; Lk 8:11-15; 1 Pet. 2:1)
- Those who feed on His word grow and are made strong (2 Pet. 1:5-10; Eph. 6:10-18)
- Those who remain connected to Christ will enter into eternal life (Jn 6:68; 1 Jn 5:11-13; 1 Thes. 4:13-18)

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## I Am Weak & He Is Strong

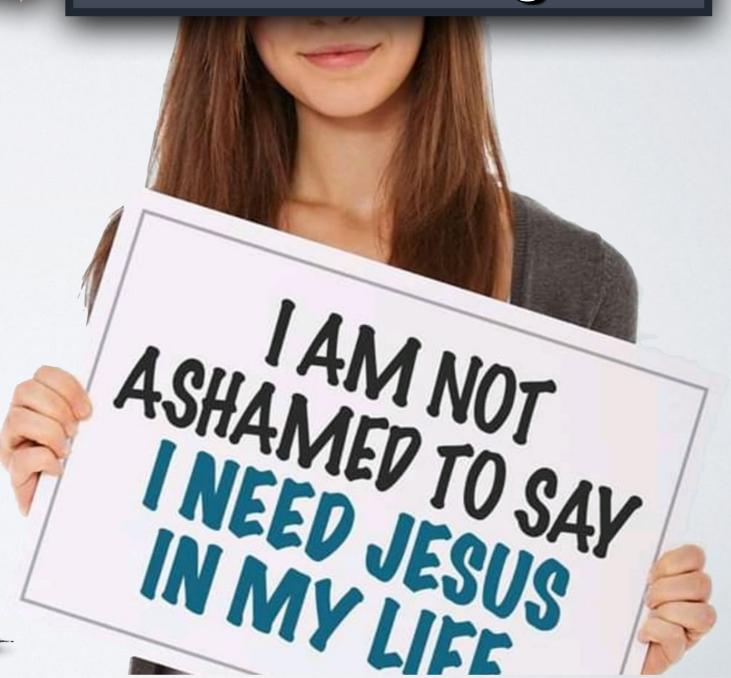
## Philippians 4:12–13 (NKJV)

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

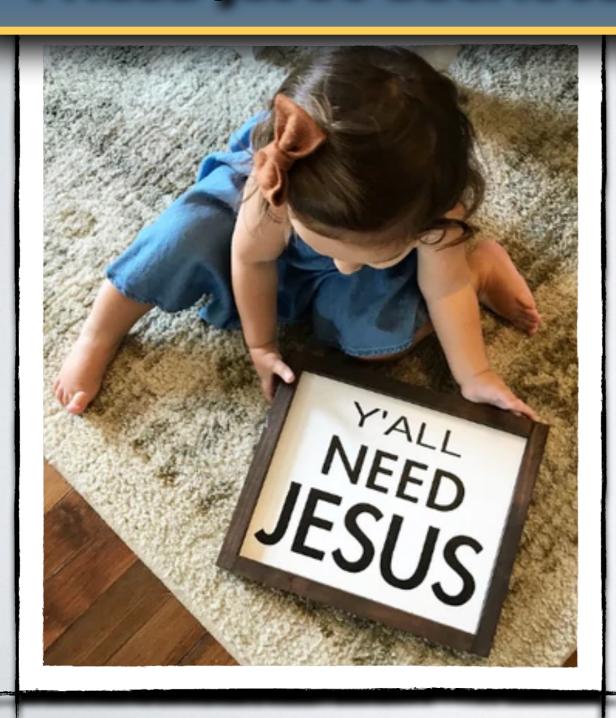
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- Paul clearly recognized his need for Jesus, whether weak or strong (2 Tim. 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 11:22-31; 12:7-10)
- Life is full of ups and downs. Some have it better/worse than others. Regardless - trials and temptations will come (Jam. 1:2-6; 1 Cor. 10:13)
- ONLY JESUS can get us safely through the storms of life (Rom. 8:28-31; 1 Pet. 4:12-19)

I NEED JESUS BECAUSE:

I Can't Enter Heaven
Without Him

John 14:1-4 (NKJV)

L''Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

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He Himself was raised from the dead to show that He has power over death, that He is "the resurrection, and the life" (Jn. 11:25; Acts 2:36; Heb 12:1-3) Jesus has made heaven possible for us and HE is the ONLY way we can enter (Mat. 7:13,14; Acts 4:12; Jn. 14:6)

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#### Matthew 16:24-26 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

#### I NEED JESUS BECAUSE:



JESUS OFFERS HEAVEN TO YOU - WILL YOU ACCEPT? Believe — John 3:16; Repent — Acts 17:30; Confess — Romans 10:9,10; Be baptized — Acts 2:38; Endure by faith — I Corinthians 15:58

## WHY WE ALL VEED (PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11)



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## Acts 4:5-12 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

### Acts 4:5-12 (NKJV)

10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."