

Why We Need...

God The Son

(He 12:2)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on “Why We Need...”
 - a. Last week we examined “Why We Need God The Father.”
 - i. **Ps 34:22** “The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.”¹
 - b. This week we will be looking into “Why We Need God The Son.”
 - i. **He 12:2** “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
3. Having seen that God the Father is our “Architect, Redeemer, and Provider” we now focus on His only begotten Son.
 - a. Today we will look to and hopefully better understand, “We Need Jesus” because...
 - i. He is our Mediator
 - ii. He is our Mentor
4. With that in mind let us examine our lesson this day.

I. He Is Our Mediator

- A. A mediator is one who...
 1. Intercedes “between conflicting parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or compromise.” (Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc.)
- B. Our Mediator reconciles us to God
 1. There is only one Mediator between God and man.
 - i. **I Ti 2:5** “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”
 2. That Mediator came to reconcile us out of sin and back to God becoming our Mediator.
 - i. **II Co 5:18-20** “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”
 3. Our Mediator reconciled us with His blood.
 - i. **I Jn 4:9-10** “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (NKJV)

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- ii. **Ep 1:7** “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace”
 - 4. Therefore Jesus, our Mediator, is the only way to God.
 - i. **Jn 14:6** “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
 - C. Our Mediator intercedes for us
 - 1. He can do this because He is at God’s right hand.
 - i. **Ro 8:34** “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”
 - 2. He does do this because He wants to do this.
 - i. **He 7:25** “Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”
 - 3. Our Mediator intercedes for us by...
 - i. Being an advocate with the Father.
 - a. **I Jn 2:1** “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
 - ii. Being our perfect High Priest.
 - a. **He 2:17-18** “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
 - b. **He 4:14-15** “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”
 - 4. Therefore our Mediator’s intercession allows us boldly go to the throne of grace where we can obtain mercy and help.
 - i. **He 4:16** “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

II. He Is Our Mentor

- A. A mentor is one who...
 - 1. Guides another by word and deed and offers a better life.
- B. Our Mentor guides us by word and deed
 - 1. His Word provides us a guide.
 - i. **II Ti 3:16-17** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
 - 2. His example provides us a guide.
 - i. **Jn 13:15** “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

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- C. Our Mentor guides us into a better life
1. A more abundant life.
 - i. **Jn 10:10** "...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
 2. A more peaceful life.
 - i. **Jn 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
 3. A more loving life.
 - i. **Ep 3:16-19** "that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
 4. A more joyous life.
 - i. **Jn 15:11** "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."
 5. A more hopeful life.
 - i. **Rv 14:13** "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!""

CONCLUSION

1. Brethren as we go through this life we need...
 - a. Fellowship with God and His guidance to make the most out of this life which will prepare us for the next life.
2. This is why we need God the Son.
 - a. As our Mediator He will maintain our relationship with God.
 - b. As our Mentor He will guide us through this life and into the next.
3. Question: Are you aware that you need God the Son?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
4. Invitation²
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

² This outline was taken from the sermon "Why We Need Jesus" by Copeland, Mark

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- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**