WHY MEN NEED JESUS
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INTRODUCTION
1. Men are prone to think because they are not emotional cripples, and not in severe financial straits, and are not having trouble with their families, and have a good education -- that they don't need Jesus.
2. Many seem to think that the only people who need Jesus are the poor and uneducated who are experiencing tremendous emotional turmoil and problems.
3. This is not true.
4. All men need Jesus for precisely the same reasons, whether they are rich or poor, emotional cripples or not.
5. Let us study "WHY MEN NEED JESUS".

I. MEN NEED JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR FROM SIN --Jesus means Savior.
   1. All men have sinned -- Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3: 9 - 10; I John 5:19; I John 3:4; I Kings 8:46 "for there is no man that sinneth not."
   2. All men having sinned are separated from God -- Isa. 59:1 - 2; Rom. 6:23; I Pet. 3:12; Ezek. 18:4.
   3. The punishment for sinning is everlasting separation from God in Hell -- 2 Thess. 1: 7 - 9; Rev. 20:14; John 5: 28 - 29
      (1) The Lord has prepared a place for sinners known as HELL -- Matt. 25:41; 13:42; Rev. 20:10
      (2) All sinners face hell as the consequences for having violated God’s Word -- Rev. 21:8; Gal. 5: 19 - 21.
   4. There is nothing man can do to save himself from sin -- Jer. 10:23.

II. MEN NEED JESUS AS THEIR INTERCESSION
   1. After men obey the gospel they will stumble into sin occasionally --I John 1: 8,10; James 3:2; Gal. 6:7
   2. Every time one commits sin he needs the blood of Christ -- I John 1:9; I John 2: 1 - 2; Acts 8:22; Heb. 9:22.
   4. We need Jesus as an intercessor to God -- John 14:6; I Tim. 2:5.

III. MEN NEED JESUS AS AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW
   1. Every person learns from the example of others.
      (1) Example of parents, elders, deacons, preachers, Christians.
      (2) We find instructions easier to follow when we have an example.
      (3) Jesus provides the model life for us to follow in every way.
      (1) He is an example in resisting temptation -- Matt. 4: 1 - 11.

Example in obedience -- Heb. 5: 8 - 9; Matt. 26:39; John 6:38
3. The impact of Jesus’ example in our life has been present from childhood.

IV. WE NEED JESUS TO FIND MEANING TO LIFE
1. Many people are very dissatisfied in life.
2. They are caught up in the routine of living with no purpose in life.
3. Jesus gives meaning to our lives.
   1) By studying the Word of God we understand that our time on the earth is brief -- Job 14:1 - 2; James 4: 13 - 14.
   2) I am here because God created man and gave the laws of reproduction.
   3) I have the ability to choose good and evil, having free-will -- Heb. 5:14.
   4) I will be held accountable for every moral choice which I make -- 2 Cor. 5:10; I John 5: 4 - 5.
   5) If man will be obedient to Christ, Christ will save him and supply his every spiritual need -- Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:3; John 4: 13 - 14; 6:35; 10:10; Phil. 4: 7; Col. 3: 15.

V. WE NEED JESUS FOR DAILY STRENGTH
1. There are things which I must face in life that seem impossible to face alone.
2. This is the reason many people are turning to alcohol, pills, and psychologists to cope with the problems of life.
3. One can face any problem in life with the strength which is found in Christ -- Phil. 4:13; Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 4: 16 - 17; Heb. 13: 5 - 6; Gal. 3: 27; Rom. 13:14.

VI. I NEED JESUS FOR PRESENT CONTENTMENT
1. We all face circumstances which we do not like in life.
2. In Christ we can learn to be content whatever the circumstances may be.
3. Phil. 4: 11 - 13; I Tim.6:6-8.
4. The lesson of contentment is not an easy one to learn -- 2 Cor. 12: 7 - 9.
5. I need Jesus in order to have present contentment -- Phil. 4:4-7.

VII. MAN NEEDS JESUS THAT HE MIGHT HAVE HOPE (Desire and expectation)
1. Jesus Christ is our Hope -- I Pet. 1:3; 2 Thess. 2:16; Heb. 6:19; I Tim. 1:1.
2. Our hope is a living hope -- I Pet. 1: 3; Heb. 7:19.
   1) It is living because it is grounded upon the promises of God-- I John 2:25
   2) It is living because it is guaranteed by a living Christ -- Heb. 7:25.
   3) It is living because its object is eternal life -- Tit. 1:2.
3. Christ brought life and immortality to light through the gospel -- 2 Tim. 1:10.

CONCLUSION
1. My friends, these are some of the reasons why we need Jesus.
2. Jesus is ready to become your Savior today -- Matt. 11: 28.
3. Jesus stands ready to meet your every spiritual need.

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