

# LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: Our Greatest Need

## Introduction:

- There was a church that Jesus rebuked in Revelation 3:14-19.
- They were wealthy and prosperous and thought they had *need* of nothing.
- Many people have no clue what their greatest needs are.
- Thankfully, God has revealed to us our greatest need. If we are to live our lives as God intended, we must know what God says is our greatest need.
- In this message, we will examine two common misconceptions, and then see the answer from God's Word.

## Our greatest need is NOT *religion*.

- We lack justification before a *holy* God and there is no religious system that can give us righteousness before Him. Galatians 3:10-11
- If mankind doesn't need religion, what do they need?
  - ◆ Mankind needs "*the truth of the gospel.*" Galatians 2:5, 14
  - ◆ The true gospel centers in the person and *work* of Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:6-7, 3:13
  - ◆ On the cross, Jesus was made a *curse* for us. He was delivered up to die for our offences.

- ◆ *“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”* **Romans 4:25**
- ◆ *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.”*  
**1 Peter 3:18**
- The gospel reveals that Jesus is offering His own righteousness to all those who will simply turn to Him in **faith** and trust Him as their Savior.  
Galatians 3:24, 26; Ephesians 1:12-13

### **Our greatest need is NOT to have *purpose*.**

- There are many people who have found purpose in life, but they found it without God or His Son, Jesus Christ.
- *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* **Proverbs 14:12**
- If you are not saved, God’s purpose for you is this - He desires for you to believe on His Son, and be **saved** from your sin. 1 Timothy 2:4-6
- If you are a believer, you do not have to travel on a forty day spiritual journey to understand God’s purposes for you. God has clearly revealed them in His **Word**.
- Your greatest need is to be taught the **truth** of sound doctrine, and believe it by faith.
  - ◆ *“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”*  
**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

- What is our greatest need?
  - Our greatest need is **truth**. Jesus said in John 8:32, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*