

Cry Out to Jesus

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I need help! These three little words are so hard for most to say. The reason can be, but is not limited to, pride, denial, or pure ignorance. For most, these words require utter desperation.

By nature, we tend to rely upon our own strengths and abilities. We grade ourselves and others based upon performance. When it comes to performance, some fare better than others. Where it comes together for us all is in our humanity and in our mortality.

In our humanity, we are all the same in our core being. We share the same desires (i.e., to be loved) and the same wants (i.e., to be accepted). We possess both a physical nature and a spiritual nature. We are body, soul, and spirit.

Lastly, there is our mortality, our impermanence. Regardless of our lot in life, we all face death. It is inescapable.

The truth is, in our humanity and mortality, mankind is in desperate need of help. Most want admit it, and even worse, many don't realize it.

What is at the core of mankind's dilemma?

Romans 5:12–13 (NASB) ¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

The human predicament is sin. Sin separates man from God.

A general definition of sin means a missing of the mark – the inability to get it right or simply to do wrong. However, it goes way deeper than that.

The bible exposes sin in a greater sense.

- The source of sin is an evil power and presence that controls one's actions (even against one's desire).

Romans 7:21 (NASB) I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

- Sin is deceiving and destructive

Ephesians 4:18 (NASB) Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

When it comes to sin, what you can't see will destroy you!

Ephesians 6:12 (NASB) Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

We need help! We need a savior!!!

Romans 7:24 (NIV) What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Considering sin's power and the source of its power; man's pride and ignorance; the weakness of our flesh and the waywardness of our hearts, the words of Jesus ring so true.

Matthew 7:13–14 (NASB) ... “The way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

When it comes to salvation, the odds are stacked against us.

- One Salvation

You must believe in God; You must believe in His word; you must believe in the Messiah; you must believe Jesus is the Messiah; you must repent; you must trust Christ through fully surrendering your life to Him. Lastly and completely, you must follow Him.

Romans 10:14 (NASB) How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

- Cry out to Jesus

To the proud:

James 4:9–10 (NASB) ⁹Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

To those in denial:

Matthew 13:15 (NASB) For the heart of this people has become dull, with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.

To those who are in ignorance:

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NASB) The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- The Time is Now

Hebrews 3:7–8 (NASB) ⁷Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, “Today if you hear His voice, ⁸Do not harden your hearts.