#3 Our Special Need

We all have special needs, and sometimes wonder how to cope with them. The good news is that God is interested in our lives and yearns to help us. Hopefully, this may be a comfort to you, as God wants to be involved with you too.

The Bible tells us that God, (Who is Spirit), desires to live within us. He longs to draw us to Himself and to walk with us, much like Adam and Eve did at creation. (Gen 3:8 a). They had perfect union with Him as they walked in the garden of Eden in the cool of the evening.

As we know, (Gen. 3:1-5), trouble came in the form of a serpent called Satan. He told Eve that when God said not to eat from the tree of good and evil, it was because God had hid some wisdom in it. God had said they could eat the fruit from all the other trees, but they were not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life, or they would die (Gen. 2:16, 17).

Satan knew it would spoil God's perfect creation if Eve ate some of the forbidden fruit, so he tempted her to eat some, by telling her that she "surely would not die." She would be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:4, 5). She believed what he said, so took a bite of the fruit from that tree as it looked good,and she wanted the hidden wisdom in it. She shared some with Adam, who was standing nearby (v. 6).

Adam knew what God had told him, but chose to follow Eve's example and ate some of the forbidden fruit, thus they both disobeyed God. With great regret, God had to send them out of His beautiful garden to live on their own, for He couldn't allow them to eat from the Tree of Life and live forever in their sinful condition of rebellion (Gen. 3:23, 24).

Adam and Eve discovered their choice wasn't wise, as their disobedience to God had serious consequences (Gen. 4:8). We've all been affected by their legacy of rebellion against God, which is to do our own thing and leave God out of our lives. So a way had to be made for mankind to regain a close relationship with God.

The book of Leviticus in the Bible, tells us that God allowed His people, the Israelites, to recover their kinship with Him through the blood of perfect-animal sacrifices. These sacrifices had to be offered daily, both morning and evening (Exodus 29:38, 39).

God's plan to redeem us from our sin became a reality some 2,000 years ago through the birth of His Son, Jesus, born to Mary, a young virgin (Heb. 12:2). He lived some 33 years, and experienced what their daily lives were like; but didn't commit any sin Himself (1 Peter 2:22).

Because Jesus did not sin, He proved His worthiness to fulfill God's requirement of a sacrificial "lamb" without blemish. As God's Perfect Lamb, He shed His blood on our behalf for our sins. When He was severely beaten, crucified on the rugged Roman cross, he died and was buried and then rose again *(Luke 24:7, 26, 46).* Thus, as God's Son, Jesus sacrificed His life for the sins of mankind.

After He was resurrected to life by the Father three days later, He appeared several times to His disciples, even to 500 at one time. Before leaving in a cloud, ascending up to heaven, He told His disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, (the Holy Spirit), Who would enable them to be witnesses of this message of salvation to all nations (Luke 24:47, 49).

He instructed them to carry the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the whole world. (Acts 1:3).The disciples went to Jerusalem and gathered in an upper room, praying and waiting for some 50 days, to the day of pentecost (Acts 2:1). The Holy Spirit of God came with mighty power on the 120 assembled in that upper room, and filled them with His Spirit and with fire (Acts 2:3, 4). (Joel 2:30 tells us this would happen).

This experience is offered to everyone who hears the salvation message and responds with belief and faith in Jesus. He will fill our special need as our Savior. We can now walk with God and have fellowship with Him!

In Heaven, Christ sprinkled His perfect blood upon heaven's altar on our behalf. His shed blood paid for our sins and created the way back to God; for He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus sat down at His Father's right hand in heaven, for He'd finished the mission that provided for our salvation (Heb. 12:2). He intercedes for us daily before the Father (Rom. 8:34).

Created with Special Need

Because we have a special need
That only God can fill,
We'll find that we should daily heed
His plan to mold our will.

We'll see He will choose to reveal
How we're to handle strife.
It's through our daily trials we deal,
Which come in family life.

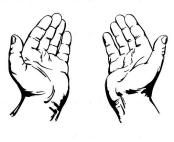
There's hidden truth for us to see
When in His Word we'll stay.
He'll share with us new life plainly
With guidance for each day.

Become a lover of God's Word.
Read Acts, the Psalms, the rest.
These Bible books of which you've heard
Will help you do your best.

Locate some Christian friends who'll know
What God's Word says to do.
As life goes on, your faith will grow
For He will speak to you.

Be open to this reception,
So new life can begin.
In time you'll have the impression,
That by God's grace you'll win!

When someone is teachable, it's to their advantage, as most folks think they have life all together, and may not see their need for anyone to advise them. It's when folks can no longer deal with life, that they may turn to God and seek His help.



Father, please let my prayer express what I have need for today. I know You'll help me bring You honor as I learn how to live in a godly fashion. My desire is for You to make changes in me which last. I ask for You to help me find and receive good counsel from mature Christians.

Make me a lover of Your Word, to find out how to walk this new Life that's found in Jesus. My will is strong, and I haven't felt any need of You; but now I do. I ask for Your help to find peace of heart and mind.

I trust You'll forgive me of my past sins through my repentance of them. (1 John 1:9). With Your help, I release them all to You. My belief is in the salvation Christ made available by His death on the cross, (John 3:16), and that I'm justified through the shedding of His blood. (Rom. 5:9) I claim it covers me completely in my daily walk. (Romans 5:8-11).

I know that because He rose from the grave with new Life, I'll also be raised from physical death or in what is called the "Rapture", when Christ's Church will leave earth and go to live with Him for eternity! (Is. 26:19, 20; Ps.50:5).

I open my heart to you, Father God, and ask for Your Holy Spirit to come inside me. May I soon see changes in my attitudes and desires. May I make every effort to live my life to honor You. (Eph. 6:10-18).

I want my life to be an example of one who has been sanctified and on the way to heaven. Use me to help others in their search to find answers for their souls' special need.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.
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> *"For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him" Eph. 1:17 (MSG).*