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‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35–39).

We have a deep sense of belonging in Christ. *“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually”* (1st Corinthians 12:27). You and I are needed in the local church. We may have different functions or tasks, but no member is less important than another.

In Christ, we also find meaning and personal fulfillment. Throughout history, people have asked the question: What is the meaning of life? Solomon declared: *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Our lives have purpose! We should encourage our brothers and sisters to press on in the faith — and they should encourage us in return.

Ultimately, our goal is Heaven. And we should try to take as many people with us as possible. *“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents”* (Luke 15:10). There is nothing more beautiful than witnessing someone obey the Gospel! This is precisely where our personal fulfillment should come from.

Finally, we have freedom in Christ. *“Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin”* (Romans 6:6). Sin no longer has dominion over us! We have been set free.

All of these needs and others—identified and developed by PhDs, likely from a secular worldview — are already fulfilled in Christ. These are not new discoveries; they are biblical principles that have been outlined in **Holy Writ** for centuries.

The church is necessary. You are necessary. *“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”* (Ephesians 1:4). What an awesome God we serve!

WHEN DID SATAN ENTER JUDAS?

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On the evening before His crucifixion, Jesus met with His disciples in Jerusalem to eat the Passover meal. According to John’s gospel account, *“Satan entered”* Judas during the meal (13:27). Luke, however, recorded that *“Satan entered Judas”* prior to the Passover meal (22:1-7). Is this a contradiction?

If the Bible writers had indicated that Satan only entered Judas once during his lifetime, and that occasion was mentioned in the Bible as being at two different times, then skeptics would have a reasonable argument. The truth is, however, Satan easily could have entered Judas more than once, just as evil spirits and demons entered people in the past multiple times. [NOTE: We are not informed exactly what is meant by Satan entering Judas. It could simply mean that Satan had a strong influence on Judas and filled his heart with evil passions, similar to how he *“filled”* Ananias’ heart to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3.)]

The Old Testament reveals that King Saul was overcome with an *“evil spirit”* at various times throughout his reign. After Samuel anointed David to be the future king of Israel, *“the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him”* (1st Samuel 16:14 NASB). Then, following David’s battle with Goliath, *“an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house”* (1st Samuel 18:10 NASB; cf. 19:9). Also, *“[w]henver the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him”* (1 Samuel 16:23 NASB).

If an evil spirit could *“come upon Saul”* and *“depart from him”* at various times throughout his reign, and if, as Jesus indicated in the first century, unclean spirits or demons could go in and out of someone (Luke 11:24-26), then it is logical to conclude that Satan could have *“entered”* and *“departed”* from Judas on more than one occasion. In fact, that is exactly what happened. Prior to John’s mention of Satan entering Judas, he noted how the devil had *“already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him”* (John 13:2). Luke explained how, prior to the Passover meal, Judas met with Jesus’ enemies and made an agreement with them to betray Jesus at some secluded location (22:1-7). Later, during the Passover meal, *“Satan entered Judas”* again (John 13:27).

**"WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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Studies @ 11:45 a.m.

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN
ANY TRESPASS...
RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

GALATIANS 6:1

CONFESS TRESPASSES

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN"

PROVERBS 25:11

"If everybody has their own
truth, then there is no truth."

– Charlie Kirk

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"WHOLE COUNSEL"

ACTS 20:27

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CHRIST FULFILLS EVERY HUMAN NEED

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I was at work the other day when I listened to a webinar about what human individuals need in society. The needs outlined were based on an academic theory likely shaped by a secular worldview. These human needs were listed as: identity, recognition, security, belonging, meaning and personal fulfillment, and freedom.

The more I thought and reflected about these needs, I realized that **all of them are found in Christ!**

We have identity and recognition in Christ. *"You are Christ's, and Christ is God's"* (1st Corinthians 3:23). Anyone named a Christian belongs to Christ—that's why we wear His name. We also recognize our brothers and sisters, *"the saints and faithful brethren in Christ"* (Colossians 1:2), *"For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men"* (1st Corinthians 16:18). In the previous verse, Paul mentioned three individuals who should be recognized for their service. Additionally, Stephanas and his household are mentioned (15) as having devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints.

We have security in Christ. It doesn't matter what happens to us in this life—we trust in Christ Jesus! Paul powerfully reminds us: *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:* – Continued on page 2 –

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