

3 Reasons You Really Need Jesus Today

You can sing *Jesus Loves Me*, but it's more than a song. You wonder if life can be different. You wonder if it's just enough to respect who Jesus was. Do you really need Him?

Yes, and here are three reasons why:

1. Because the Nothing Takes the Emptiness Away

You may have been an unplanned pregnancy. (I was.) You may have grown up with feelings that you aren't enough. (I did.) Maybe you've tried to find happiness from people or things. (Done that, too, and failed.) Maybe you question if striving for happiness will ever bring it into your life. (It won't.)

Inside there is a void. There's an empty feeling that tells you things aren't OK, even if you have a smile plastered to your face. In your mind there is a clanging—like a hammer against a bell. Ringing out the regrets. You've done things you hope no one, no one, will find out.

Jesus already knows. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). He's seen it *all*, and He still loves you—more than you can ever know.

2. Because You Can't Do Life Alone

You weren't made to take a solo journey. You weren't made to have to try to figure it out all by yourself. Jesus not only wants to be there to give you strength, help, hope, love—He wants to give you Himself. He wants to be your best friend. He believes in you. He believes in the best in you. **He doesn't see you as you are, but who you will be when He gets His hands**

on you.

3. Because You Long for a Happily-Ever-After

Even though fairytales are things of books, you want to have something to look forward to. You want a love that will last. You want a future you can eagerly anticipate. You want to have someone you can trust forever. You want joy in a world of sadness, and peace in a world of restlessness.

The best part of Jesus being there yesterday, today and for all eternity is that He's had time to think of you and plan an amazing life—and eternity—for you.

Psalms 40:5 says, "O LORD my God, You have done many wonderful works, and Your thoughts toward us cannot be compared; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

Psalms 33:11 says, "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations."

If you're ready to 1) allow Jesus into that emptiness, 2) turn over your life into His hands, and 3) place hope in the plans He has for your life and your eternity, then here's a simple prayer.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, I know that You created me with a need that only You—as my Lord—can fill.

I place my life in your hands.

I believe you lived on earth, died for me, and that your death paid for my sins.

I trust that from this moment, Your shed blood covers over

all I've done and gives me a clean slate.

By faith I accept what you've done as a free gift—a gift I'll never have to work for or try to make up.

From this moment I turn in my dreams for yours, and I accept your gift of eternity.

I confess you are Lord of my life. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer today, can you let me know? Also, if you know a Christian, personally tell him or her about your decision and ask for help in finding a good Bible-believing church. Also, start reading God's Word for yourself. (Try if you don't have a Bible at home.)

I'm thrilled about your decision, and I know your life will never be the same!

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