

What More Do We Need?

(Philippians)

- Introduction:
1. Christianity is meant to be a life that is lived, not something that we occasionally do.
 2. Christianity provides for us our every need.
 3. The book of Philippians discloses at least four things that Jesus provides for us.
 4. Let's examine these provisions together.

I. Jesus Provides the **PURPOSE** of Life

- A. (Philippians 1:21) "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
- B. (Ecc. 12:13) "Fear God and keep His commandments...whole duty of man."
- C. For what are you living?
- D. (2 Kings 18:4-5) The Brazen Serpent is destroyed.
- E. (Matthew 6:33) "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."

II. Jesus Provides the **PATTERN** of Life

- A. (Philippians 2:5) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."
- B. Jesus not only died for us, but He lived for us as well.
- C. (1 Peter 2:21) He left us an example.
- D. Think of some of the personal qualities of Jesus' life (love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, obedience, compassion, love for the lost...).
- E. Do you possess these same qualities?

III. Jesus Provides the **PRIZE** of Life

- A. (Philippians 3:14) "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- B. Notice that the prize of eternal life is found "in Christ".
- C. (John 14:1-4).
- D. (Romans 6:3 & Galatians 3:27) We are baptized into Christ.
- E. What prize are you living for?
- F. (Matthew 6:19-20; Matthew 16:26).

IV. Jesus Provides the **POWER** for Life

- A. (Philippians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
- B. (John 15:5) "Apart from me you can do nothing."
- C. Solomon's search in Ecclesiastes.
- D. Without the power Christ provides, we are powerless to save ourselves.
- E. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 1:17).

- Conclusion:
1. We are beings created for God's good pleasure.
 2. To find fulfillment in life, we must seek after Christ, for He provides the purpose, the pattern, the prize, and the power for life.