**The World’s Need and God’s Supply**

*Romans 5:6*

**Introduction**

1. The factual condition of solitary man is weakness.
	1. When man is alone he possesses no strength to accomplish that which is most needed.
	2. Our salvation is unattainable by ourselves – ***“we were still without strength.”***
2. God has had a plan from the beginning that He would reveal in its entirety at the proper time (**cf. Ephesians 1:3-6** – ***This foreknowledge of election and adoption is according to His will. It is the objective goal and product of His plan – those who follow it will be saved***.)
	1. This is something he revealed and carried out ***“in due time.”***
	2. God’s infinite wisdom provided the perfect and ideal time for His will to be carried out in success (**cf. Ephesians 1:7-10 – *“fullness of times”****).*
3. In our weakness we had need, and God supplied what was lacking.
4. **This same supply from God is available today, and is that which any man who lacks needs.**
5. The World’s Need and God’s Supply
6. Needed Knowledge Of God (Ignorant.)
	1. Ignorance of God.
		1. Jews (**Ignorant of His righteousness**) **– Romans 10:1-4** – The Jews were seeking to establish righteousness under the OT when God did not intend for this to occur.
			1. **Romans 3:1-4** – They had access to the mind of God in His law, but many rejected His will.
			2. **Romans 4:9-12** – Righteousness was to be attained by grace through faith. Not according to Law. (This they should have known, but were ignorant of.)
		2. Gentiles (**Ignorant of His being, and characteristics**) – **Acts 17:22-29** – His nature is not physical but spiritual, not created but eternal.
			1. **Acts 17:30-31** – This ignorance was once overlooked by God, but is now to be repented of.
			2. **God has supplied that which we need to eradicate ignorance 🡪**
	2. Supply of Revelation through Christ.
		1. **John 1:1-5, 14, 18** – Jesus is God incarnate. We have God revealed to us through Him.
		2. **John 14:5-11** – If we wish to know God, we must know Jesus first.
			1. **The world has many religions due to the overwhelming evidence of a creator.**
			2. **They make the mistake of seeking the knowledge of the Creator in other areas when the only way is through Christ.**
			3. ***“or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”*** – Jesus’ miracles were proof of the Father, and the Father revealed through Him. (**cf. John 20:30-31**).
7. Needed Salvation From Sin (All have sinned.)
	1. **Romans 3:9-18, 22b-23** – All have sinned. Both Jew and Gentile have sinned before God.
	2. **Romans 6:23 – The wages of that sin is death. (This is a bondage every man needs freedom from 🡪)**
		1. **6:16 – Sin leading to death.**
		2. **Man needed salvation from sin. God supplied their need 🡪**
	3. Supply of a Savior/Sacrifice
		1. **1 Timothy 2:3-6** – Jesus is the mediator (go between) between God and man.
			1. He is the One who is able to reconcile man to God.
			2. **Hebrews 9:23-28** – The process of bringing salvation to man was unique, and required a unique individual. Jesus was that man, and He provided everything we need to be freed from sin.
8. Needed Direction (Can’t direct own path.)
	1. **Jeremiah 10:23** – Man was not created with direction within himself. (Man is not meant to self-lead.)
	2. **Matthew 9:35-36** – Sheep without a shepherd. This is true for every man (cf. **Isaiah 53:6**).
	3. Supply of Shepherd/King/Ruler
		1. **Psalm 2:6-12** – God has set up His Son (Jesus) as King with all authority. The world over must bow before Him in obedience.
		2. **Acts 2:25-37** – Jesus is seated at God’s right hand as the prophecies foretold.
			1. Our responsibility is to ask, ***“What shall we do?”***
			2. **Jesus supplies the answer.**
9. Needed An Advocate (Prone to sin.)
	1. **1 John 2:1a** – As Christians bought with the precious blood of Christ, we are not to sin.
		1. Sin is characteristic of a child of the devil, not of God – **3:7-9**
		2. **However, it is possible in weakness to fall short of God’s glory once again. 🡪**
	2. Supply of Advocate/High Priest
		1. **1 John 2:1b** – Jesus is our continual helper in time of need.
		2. **1:8-9** – When we sin, we pray to God through Jesus for forgiveness, and God will forgive us as we repent.
		3. **Hebrews 4:14-16** – The supply of Jesus from God as High Priest allows us help in time of need. (***We can be bold in approaching this thrown knowing He is there to help us.***)

**Conclusion**

1. The fact of the matter remains – man is still weak, and in need of Christ now more than ever.
2. The world may not recognize they are in need, but they are.
3. **We must recognize our need for Christ as well, and embrace God’s supply for our need.**