

How God Meets Our Deepest Needs

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (English Standard Version)**

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)**

1. We must understand that our spiritual life is a _____.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **Philippians 1:6 (English Standard Version)**

2. Focus on the final _____.

You are to keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live will not vomit you out. ²³ You must not follow the statutes of the nations I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and I abhorred them. ²⁴ And I promised you: You will inherit their land, since I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am the LORD your God who set you apart from the peoples. **Leviticus 20:22-24 (Christian Standard Bible)**

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. **Hebrews 10:10 (New Living Translation)**

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT)**

3. We need God's help with our _____.

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. **2 Corinthians 7:1 (English Standard Version)**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. **Proverbs 28:13 (English Standard Version)**

4. We must _____.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **Psalms 23:3 (ESV)**

*His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:3-8 (Christian Standard Bible)***

*You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. **Psalms 40:5 (ESV)***

*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. **Ezekiel 36:26-27 (ESV)***