**IBADAN VARSITY CHRISTIAN UNION-NIFES**

TENURE: MINISTERS OF CHRIST

TOPIC: WHAT DO I STILL LACK? (THE URGENT NEED OF EVERY BELIEVER/MINISTER)

TEXT: MARK 10:17-31, ACTS 3: 19-20

MEMORY VERSE: MAT 19:20: The young man said unto him, all these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

INTRODUCTION: ‘What lack I yet’ is the cry of every person who discovers incompleteness in his/her walk with God and in attainment of God’s promises. What is it that every believer must have and cannot do without? As we go through this study with open hearts and minds to discover this urgent need, may the Lord open our eyes to see also the divine provision for this need in the hearts of all. Amen

STUDY POINT

1. The Vacuum in the heart

* What am I looking for? JOHN 6:26, JOHN 12:5-6
* fame, money, healing, service, clothes, shelter, family settlement, position , ambition, service ( working for God)
* The true desire for eternal life: weighing these things on a scale, which one matters more to you?
* Possessed by possession- MAT 19:21-24
* Where is my treasure? MAT 6; 19-21, LUKE 12: 30-34 , COL 3;1-2
* Sell all that ye have- MARK10:21

This is the Masters way of setting this right, replacing and removing every possessing possession that He may remain unchallenged in our hearts.

Can’t I serve God without giving up all I have gotten and made in this world? Must I need sell all. But it doesn’t affect the other; I will serve God and do the other things. 1JOHN 2:15, MAT 6:24 No man can serve two masters ……….

* Partnering with God- MAT 19: 25-26, JER 32:26-27

This is to believe God. This is to endure as seeing him who is invisible (HEB 11: 6, 24-27). Though we have struggles and various issues, BUT WE SEE JESUS- HEB 2:9-10. Trusting him and committing our lives to him as one who is faithful and just to keep. 2 TIM 1:12

1. We are Complete in Him COL 2;8-10

* The Joy of Having JESUS Ps 16:5, 1 JOHN 5: 11-12
* The Excellency of knowing Him PHIL 3:8-11
* The Levites Inheritance- DEUT 10:9
* Submit to God- JAM 4:7
* Enduring the cross , despising the shame- HEB12:2, JOHN16:33
* Knowing whom we have believed- 2TIM2:12, DAN 10:32
* Practical and personal input to knowing God: bible reading, bible study and prayer. ACTS 6:4
* The help of the Holy Spirit- ROM 8:26-27
* The promise of God to us- JER 31:31-34

Conclusion: Understanding what a man lacks is not the comprehensive end that God will have the man get, lest as we see our unworthiness, we return grieved like the rich young ruler. We must wait at his feet to plead with him to help us fulfill his condition and then how blessed would our knowledge of Christ be.

**MY HEART IS OPEN TO THEE O LORD**

1. My heart is open to thee, dear Lord

Come in, come in

My faith is clinging to thy dear word

Come in, come In

***Chorus***

*Come not to tarry, but stay dear Lord*

*All shall be thine love can afford*

*Here in my heart ever make thine abode*

*Come in, come in*

2. Yes, there is room in my heart, dear Lord

Come in, come in

Thy presence makes heaven real to me

Come in, come in

3. I kept thee standing outside so long

Come in, come in

I pray thee pardon this shameful wrong

Come in, come in

4. I hear thee knocking at my heart’s door

Come in, come in

I’ll keep thee waiting outside no more

Come in, come in