4. God wants us to be delivered from bondage

God wants us to be delivered from evil and bondage. He delivers us from accidents. He delivers us from evil. He delivers us from tragedy. In Christ, we are in safety and we have deliverance in Jesus.

Psalm 91:3

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

2 Cor 1:9-10

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

We can trust that God can deliver us from every issue and situation. God can bring us out of tight and tough situations. He wants to deliver us from danger.

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

We can have the confidence that God's angels/ministering spirits are working on our behalf and that God's power is made readily available, delivering us from bandage, danger, accidents, problems and from the torments and snare of the enemy. In Christ, we walk in deliverance from evil.

5. God wants to bless us materially

He made the world for us all and he wants to meet our needs. God wants to meet our needs. He is in the business of meeting needs. He can meet the deepest of our needs. He wants to bless us financially.

Whenever Jesus multiplied things, they were always in excess. Five loaves of bread and two fishes were multiplied and 12 baskets were left after sharing. God wants us to have an abundance of provision. The first miracle Jesus did was turning water into wine. God wants us to have things in excess and abundance. God wants us to have money in excess. God wants to bless us materially and financially.

He doesn't want us to lack. His first miracle was provision, his first miracle upon the resurrection was provision. In Christ, we lack nothing, we are blessed and not cursed and we have abundance and excess.

Psalm 37:4-5

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

The righteous is the saved man. God wants our needs met. God wants all of our bills to be paid. If it happened for someone before, it can happen for us again. He is the same God. He can do it again for you if he did it for somebody.

In conclusion, God wants us to know him; He wants to save all men; He wants to heal every sickness and disease; He wants to deliver us from every bondage, danger and torment and He wants to bless us materially. This is the confidence that we have

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What does God really Want?

Growing up as a believer it can be a puzzle to know what really God wants. We might have developed perceptions about the knowledge and character of God without ever finding out what He really wants. These perceptions can make the believer's walk look difficult as we may have lived by people's prescriptions of how we should conduct ourselves.

lob 42:5 - 6

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

Job confessed that his perceptions about God were all rumors. When he encountered God, his eyes were opened to who God truly is. The believer encounters God through His word.

2 Tim 3:16 - 17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The scripture is profitable for our learning. So we will look to the scriptures to understand who God really is and what he wants. So, **what does God really want?**

1. God wants us to know Him 1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

God is not mysterious, he wants us to know Him.

John 1:4

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

God became so close that he became a man so we can know Him.

Mark 4:11

And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Luke 8:10

And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

The word "Mysteries" may seem to suggest that God does not-want us to understand. However, the word translated "Mystery" simply means a knowledge that is hidden but will be disclosed. This shows that God wants us to know. The other contexts in which the word is used suggest that God has made it known to the believer:

Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Ephesians 6:19

19 and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel Colossians 1:26

even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

God's personality is no longer a mystery. He wants to be known.

Philemon 1:6

that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

A lot happened to us when we got born again. God's desire is that we should come to an accurate and precise knowledge of Him and everything that is in us in Christ Jesus. Everything that belongs to us in Christ is worth knowing and God wants us to know Him. The greatest gift your local church or your friend can give you is the knowledge of the word.

Hebrews 8:10 - 11

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And write them in their hearts: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest.

God wants us to know Him as a Son, not just as a mysterious God. God came as a Son to show that He is a family God. He wants a family. He does not have any covenant with us. A father does not have a covenant with the son. He is our Father and we are his Sons. We are therefore not in a covenant partnership with God. He came as a son so that we can see Him as a Family God.

Matthew 3.17

and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

God is satisfied and pleased in being seen and known as a Son. Jesus is the logos (logic; thought pattern of God; explanation) of God. If we want to know God, we will know Him as a Son. In Christ, the firstborn, we understand the character of God, who God is and what He is like. God wants us to know Him as a Son.

2. God wants to save

God is eager to save. God wants man to be saved.

Matthew 1.21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

He is called Christ because He is a savior. God's door of salvation is not closed. He doesn't say "the seats are full" or "we are no longer accepting applications"

Luke 9:55

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

The Spirit of God in the believer is a saving spirit. He wants to save. It is a life-giving spirit. God really wants to save the whole world. The plan of God is that no one will perish.

1 Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

God wants all men to be saved.

Jesus ate and was found in the midst of sinners in order to save them.

Luke 19:1-10

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

- **2** And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- **3** And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
- **4** And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.
- **5** And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was
- gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

 8 And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the
- **8** And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- **9** And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- **10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus was always found among sinners because he is eager to save them from their sins.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

leremiah 31:34

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

"Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more"

God will not call to mind or remember the believer's sins and iniquities. He does not keep a record of them because Jesus came to forgive us of those sins.

Colossians 1:14

in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Romans 4:25

who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Forgiveness of sins is our inheritance in Christ. We are redeemed, justified, purchased and cleansed by his blood. God wants to save the whole world – not only those we think are good.

Luke 5:31

They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick.

1 John 2:1 – 2

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

The forgiveness of sins is not something we work for or merit. We received it by grace through faith at salvation. It is by grace in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:17

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

God has forgiven us in Christ the moment we believed the Gospel. God wants to forgive and save us once and forever. We do not renew our salvation every time we do not "feel saved." God wants to save and He saves to the utter-most, that is to say, eternally – to the very end.

3. God wants to heal every sicknesses and disease

God wants to heal the sick. He wants to heal every sickness and disease.

Psalm 103:2-3

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: **3** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

God is so eager to heal the sick. He wants to heal ALL diseases. All sicknesses can be healed - blind eyes, deaf ears, mental retardation, crippled legs. God wants healing for them all. People with illnesses and diseases are candidates for God's healing. God wants to heal all sicknesses and all diseases.

All worries can be sorted and we can have wholeness of mind. God's power works through us.

He wants to heal us now. Our God is a God who works miracles-powerful miracles.

In the authority of Jesus, we can heal the sick. God wants to heal every pain and disease, Every medical condition can be healed in the name of Jesus.

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Luke 5:17

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

The power of God is present to heal. Jesus moved with compassion and touched the sick and they were healed of sicknesses and diseases. He healed them all. God wants to heal the sick. Some theologians say 25% of what Jesus did was healing the sick. Healing is a big deal to God.