

# The Universal Need For Jesus

Proclamation Wednesday Gathering; Psalm 14:1-7; Week of Sunday, July 29, 2018; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme – Every person has said in their heart and lived out the false belief that “there is no God.” The world believes that this is freedom, but the Bible warns that this is foolishness because of the coming judgment. Therefore, our only hope is in Jesus.**

## **I. Unbelief – It’s Everyone’s Problem – Read Psalm 14:1-3**

- A. After reading Psalm 14, what do you think it looks like for a person to be described as “foolish” according to the Bible? What character qualities are listed in this Psalm.
- B. Verse 1 includes the phrase, “*there is none who does good.*” That phrase is quoted by Paul in the N.T. How does Romans 3:9-20 help us understand our universal need for Jesus?
- C. What do you think it looks like to be a practical atheist? What decisions, thoughts, actions, or speech demonstrate that you at times live as if there is no God?
- D. How does Genesis 6:5 and 8:21 confirm the reality of man’s sinfulness throughout time?
- E. As you think about the universal reality of man’s sinfulness, what is it about Jesus that makes Him the One and only Savior of the world?

## **II. Judgment – The Reward of the Wicked – Read Psalm 14:4-6**

- A. What do you think it means when David says that evildoers “*eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord*”? What would be some examples of that behavior?
- B. Why do you think that puts them in “*great terror*”? Do you think that unbelievers have a fear of God? How does Paul argue in Romans 1:18-20 that there are no true atheists in the world?
- C. How does the reality of a coming judgment motivate you to share the gospel with people?

## **III. Jesus – Our Only Hope From Heaven – Read Psalm 14:7**

- A. What do you think it means that salvation will come out of Zion? How is Psalm 2:6 helpful in answering that question?
- B. According to verse 7, what is the outcome for those who put their faith in Jesus?
- C. How would you like to grow in living your life less and less like a practical atheist?