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What are you searching for?
2. **“What have I to do with thee?”** *John 2:4*  
What place do I have in your life?
3. **“...knowest not these things?”** *John 3:10*  
If you are so smart, why don't you know this?
4. **“Say not ye, There are yet four months?”** *John 4:35*  
Don't you say you have plenty of time?
5. **“Wilt thou be made whole?”** *John 5:6*  
Nicodemus was made Spiritually whole.  
The Impotent man was made physically whole.  
This means to be made complete, or well.
6. **“Doth this offend you?”** *John 6:61-62*  
In what way has the Lord offended you?
7. **“Will ye also go away?”** *John 6:67*  
Are you a faithful follower?
8. **“Did not Moses give you the Law, And yet none of you have kept the Law?”** *John 7:19*  
The Law was given to be kept, but all have failed.
9. **“.....are ye angry at me?”** *John 7:23*  
What don't you agree with that God has allowed?

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10. **“Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?”**  
*Luke 6:46*
11. **“Who shall go for us?”** *Isaiah 6:8*  
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**TEXT: Eph. 1:3-6**

1. Salvation is based on belief alone. Eph. 2:8-9
2. All men have the ability to believe, and this belief in Christ results in salvation for any man. John 3:16
3. Christ really did die for all men and all sin.
  - a. Rev. 22:17 I Tim. 2:6 I John 2:2
  - b. II Cor. 5:19 Heb. 2:9
4. Man is entirely depraved and cannot do any good thing before the eyes of a Holy God. Isa. 64:6 Rom. 3:10-12
5. All men are condemned (judged and found guilty) before they either accept or reject Christ. John 3:18
6. Man is condemned by the sin of unbelief John 3:18 Rom. 1:21
7. Man is dead in trespasses and sins Eph. 2:1,5,8 Col. 2:13
8. God is sovereign (That He can do anything He wants, and has no obligation to save anyone.) Enough said.
9. In His sovereignty, God has given man a free choice (will), because that's what God wanted to do. Just because man has a free will, doesn't mean God isn't allowed to influence man's will.

*God seeks to get the lost man to believe, but does not make him. God seeks his children to serve him, but will allow them to rebel.*

  - a. John 5:40
  - b. Ex. 7:13; 8:15, 19 God does harden those who have hardened themselves.
10. The destination of believers is predetermined. (Rom. 8:29) The destination is to be conformed to the image of His dear Son. This will take place completely in heaven.
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14. Men became “chosen ones” through belief; result of their choice, not God's. II Thes. 2:13 Then read it “God has chosen you through faith.”
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**Here are seven things for which we should be thankful from the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm.**

1.     **Revelation**     **Vs. 3**     **“...the LORD He is God...”**  
His name is Jehovah, the great and mighty God.
2.     **Creation**       **Vs. 3**     **“...It is He that hath made us...”**  
This is an answer to the evolutionist, the critic, and the agnostic. Read Psalms 19:1-6 and 139:1-16
3.     **Manifestation**   **Vs. 5**     **“For the Lord is good...”**  
David, the Psalmist, could see the goodness of God everywhere. Psalms 23 say, “...goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.”
4.     **Redemption**     **Vs. 3**     **“...we are His people...”**  
First by creation and then by redemption.
5.     **Restoration**     **Vs. 3**     **“...the sheep of His pasture.”**  
Psalms 23:3 “He restoreth my soul.”  
I am not a sheep without a shepherd.
6.     **Justification**   **Vs. 5**     **“...His mercy is everlasting...”**  
Once justified, always justified. His mercy never runs out.
7.     **Inspiration**     **Vs. 5**     **“...and His Truth endureth to all generations.”**  
John 17:17 says “Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.” God’s Word is inspired.

**Because of all these things, we should:**

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