

**THE 'DEI'
(Necessities) FOR
THE GRACE
BELIEVER**
(part 4)



Scripture Reading:

**Acts 20:33-35
II Corinthians 8:1-15**

OVERVIEW

II Peter 1:3 tells us that the Lord Jesus has freely given us ALL THINGS that pertain unto (eternal) life and godliness (well-devotedness).

This verse summarizes the two necessities that face: 1. all mankind 2. all believers

The first necessity is to obtain eternal life by faith alone – Jn 2:7, 14:6, Acts 4:12

The second necessity, for the new believer is how to correctly USE **ETERNAL LIFE**

REVIEW

- The necessity of **worship** – Jn 4:23-24
- The necessity of **obedience to God** – Acts 5:29
- The necessity of **suffering** – Acts 14:21-22, Phil 1:29, II Tim 3:12

THE NECESSITY OF TRIBULATION IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE

Acts 14:21-22, Phil 1:29

- Difficulties are God-allowed opportunities to put **ETERNAL LIFE** into practice! II Pet 3:18
 - Three areas of suffering:
 - From bodily weakness – Phil 2:25
 - Standing for Christ – I Pet 3:14-15
 - From our three spiritual enemies – Heb 2:18
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THE NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL NEEDS OF THE SAINTS (Acts 20: 33-35)

The weak (concerning material necessities)

Sharing I common to the necessity of the saints
– Rom 12:13

- “the necessities” explained – I Tim 6:8
- Illustrated by Philemon – vs 7,22
- Illustrated by Gaius - III Jn 5-8

THE NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL NEEDS OF THE SAINTS (Acts 20: 33-35)

The responsibility of the Church toward true widows
– vs 16

- “Desolate” (KJV) = alone – vs 5
- Hopes in God
- Continues in supplication and prayers
- Sixty yr-old and above – vs 9
- Well-reported in good works – vs 10

THE NECESSITY OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL NEEDS OF THE SAINTS (Acts 20: 33-35)

Providing for the necessities of a “true widow” –
I Tim 5:3

- Unqualified material support – II Thes 3:10-12
- Imitate the Philippian believers’ example of providing material necessities to fellow saints – II Cor 8:1-5

CONCLUSION

One of the necessities in properly using **ETERNAL LIFE** is in using our material resources for the genuine necessities of other believers.

Our motivation should not be out of **OBLIGATION**, but out of **APPRECIATION**