## All I Need









## Song Origins:

This is the second song I ever wrote. I had just finished my first song and I thought about how God is all we ever need. This song just happened very quickly.

School of Grace:

What do we need?

Our lives are spent answering this question. From our birth we turn to our parents as we trust them to give us what we need—usually clean clothes, food and a cuddle. Teenagers want the latest fashions, the newest CD, and have suddenly discovered the need of the opposite sex. As they approach adulthood this forms into sexual desire, not to mention the desire for independence, and the need for money and/or career. I won't try to look forward to much further but needless to say we all have needs.

These needs are determined by our environment and our choices. Some things are necessary: food, drink and relationships. Some things are only required for the areas we have chosen: books, stationary if we have chosen educational pursuits. And some things are seen as common in our culture: television, movies, fashion, music.

But we find ourselves confronted with the question what is 'need' and what is 'want'? There are things we want that we think we need and there are things we need that we don't want. And this is particularly true for Christians.

We spend our time discussing what we 'need' in worship, what we 'need' from our leaders, and what our Church 'needs' to do. Unfortunately we have fallen into the mistake that these are needs not wants. We think that if we want it, it must be right. And we then think that God wants it that way too.

But what does God want? And what do we truly need?

The answer is inescapable. God wants us. He doesn't need our worship, our works, our plans. In fact, we could just simply not exist and God will still exist. But He may not be happy. For He created us, not because He needs us, but because He wants us. And ever since our separation from Him, He desires us even more. And the fact is that we need Him even more, because we have failed. We are incapable of achieving what we ultimately need without God. That is our need of unconditional love. That is of unmerited forgiveness.

And the truth is that God wants to give it all to us, and He already has. We need God for everything. We depend on Him for life, for salvation, for our existence. Our need of Him is becoming ever greater as we find ourselves failing Him and ourselves constantly.

What we think we need [money, status, power, career] is not what satisfies. It is not that these things are unimportant or don't have a role. But that these things don't actually provide what we truly need. For grace shows us that these things are not bad in and of themselves. It is when they become misplaced and take the place of God that we are in trouble. While we argue away at what we need, we are ignoring the reality of our equal-ness. Someone who eats too much is the same as the one who goes to work 20 hours a day. Someone who does anything for money is the same as the one who continually neglects their family. We think people have different problems but the source of all these problems continually remains the same—sin.

And this is where God continually offers what we need. He isn't interested in how much money we have, whether our reputation is questioned, how much status and power we have or even what works we can offer. God offers us full salvation, freely, at His own cost.

What more can we need?

What else can we expect?

## All I Need

You are my Lord my comfort and hope You are my strength for You all things are possible You are my Creator from beginning You knew me You are my Healer this peace and joy in my heart

You are my King I worship You alone You are my friend by my side You remain O Lord You are my Redeemer in Your mercy You saved me You are my Teacher refresh my soul with Your words

For You [for You] are all I need My heart's only desire is You My needs you care for My souls only dream is You For only You O Lord gave me a future

You are my God You gave me a new life You are my light guiding me to Your kingdom You You are my Saviour for no other rose again You are my comfort You know my suffering and pain

My heart just sings
Glory to the King of Kings
Worthy is the Lamb of God
Praises to the Son of God
Holy is the Prince of Peace
All I need is You