

JESUS MY SAVIOR

“‘Man of sorrows’ what a name, For the Son of God who came. Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a Savior!” Song by Philip Bliss (#203). What do we mean when we talk about a Savior? In the English term “savior” is defined by Webster as a person who “saves from danger or destruction.” It has frequently been used to refer to human leaders. It is used numerous times in the N.T. Some **men** may be “saviors” of a few men, saved them from limited evil, but no can be the “Savior of the world.” that takes a **divine** being. I want to look at the fact that Jesus is our Savior. Something that we need to keep in mind is that Christianity differs from all other religions of the world in that it is the only religion that has a Savior. (Matthew 1:21 Acts 4:12).

I. Our Need For A Savior.

A. It was prophesied from the beginning of the O.T. that a Savior would come.

1. Gen. 3:15
2. Gen. 12:1-3
3. Gen. 49:10
4. Isaiah 9:6
5. In the fulness of time Jesus of Nazareth appeared with the bold claim that it was he who was the subject of these O.T. prophecies—he was the Messiah, and therefore, the Savior.
 - a. Luke 4:16-19
 - b. Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing

B. Christ is referred to as our Savior numerous times.

1. John 4:42
2. Eph. 5:23
3. Philippians 3:20
4. 2 Tim. 1:10
5. 2 Pet. 1:1, 11

C. Why do we need a Savior?

1. Because we are in danger.
 - a. Romans 3:10-12
 - b. Romans 3:23
 - c. Titus 2:14
 - d. Ephesians 2:1
 - e. Revelation 21:27
2. We cannot lift ourselves out of this pit without God’s help.
3. Man’s greatest need is to be saved from sin in this life and to be saved from the consequences of sin in the life to come.
4. This was the mission of Jesus in coming to this earth.

D. Why Is He My Savior?

1. He came to the earth for that purpose (Lk. 2:11;19:10)
2. He became our substitution (Isa. 53:5; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 2:9)
3. He came to bear the sins of all men (Heb. 9:28; I Pet. 2:24)
4. He is our Mediator with the Father (I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; I Jo. 2:1)
5. He is absolutely indispensable as our Savior; for he is our only Intercessor (Isa. 59:16)
6. He is the true bread of life (John 6:35).
7. He is the only source of divine truth (John 6:68)
8. He is the light of the world (John 8:12).
9. He is the good shepherd (John 10:11)
10. He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).
11. He is our only Savior (Acts 4:12).

12. He is the only true foundation (I Cor. 3:11).
13. The supreme sign that Jesus promised he would give to verify his claim to be Savior was his resurrection from the dead (John 2:19; Matt. 12:40; 16:4).

E. How He Became Our Savior.

1. Titus 2:14... gave himself for us to redeem us”
2. John 3:16
3. He was not forced to die, to be our Savior.
4. John 10:18
5. Ephesians 5:2
6. How did he save us?
 - a. What does “redeem” mean in Titus 2:14?
 - (1) Means to “free by paying a ransom.”
 - (2) Derived from the practice of buying back something which formerly belonged to the purchaser, but has for some reason passed out of his possession (as in redeeming a pledge from pawn) or of paying the price required to secure a benefit (the money paid for acquiring or freeing a slave).
 - b. We originally belonged to God (by right of creation) but we mortgaged our lives to Satan by sinning and he took over control (Romans 6:16).
 - c. Christ gave Himself for us (in substitution for us).
 - d. I Peter 2:25—by His wounds we are healed.
 - e. We were the criminals. He took the punishment for us to buy us back for God.
 - f. So now we are not our own, for we “have been bought with a price.” (I Cor. 6:20).
7. Romans 5:6-8... in due season.
 - a. Means His death occurred at the precise time that God had determined would be best for the world.
 - b. It means that God’s plans are carried out systematically just as divinely purposed.
 - c. Commendeth His own love...

II. The Blessings Derived From Our Savior.

- A. Sometimes good medical doctors help to “save” us from physical maladies.
- B. They cannot save us from the spiritual cancer called “sin.”
- C. That takes a different savior, a divine one—that is “the Great Physician.”
- D. Titus 3:4-7
 1. He Saved us (v.5).
 - a. Our first blessing is salvation.
 - b. Song “Salvation Has Been Brought Down.”
 - c. Saved us from Wrath (Romans 5:9,10)
 - d. By his life... (Rom. 5:10)
 2. He made us heirs (v.7).
 3. He gave us “the hope of eternal life” (v.7).
 - a. Romans 8:24,25
 - b. John 14:3

Con: Since he is the Savior of our life, our life belongs to him? Romans 12:1,2. The purpose of Christ in being the Savior of our lives is that in turn we can teach others. We were saved to save others. People may not be interested in salvation from sin, but it is extremely important. Jesus came to offer that very thing!