

# Jesus As A Savior

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## Introduction.

- I. **Once a noted physician** was asked what he considered to be his greatest discovery. Without a moment's hesitation he replied, "My greatest discovery is that I have a Savior."
- II. Certainly no other discovery could possibly compare with the one this man made. After long groaning under the burden of sin, to find that one has a Savior is a cause for great rejoicing. As Christians we should rejoice every day that we have a wonderful Savior to take away our sins.
- III. At this time I would like for us to study the work of Jesus as a Savior. It is important that we study His work as Savior in the past, the present and the future.

### I. **Work As A Savior In The Past** - Let us first consider Christ's work as a Savior in the past.

#### A. The **Hebrew writer** said. (Heb. 9:26).

1. The words "he hath been manifested" indicate that man has not always had a Savior. From the time of Adam man stood condemned. He did not have a Savior nor was there anyway he could save himself. He was lost without hope.
2. Realizing this fact Jesus left the Father in heaven and came to this earth and took on the form of man. Jesus came to the earth with one ultimate purpose in mind and that was to save man.
  - a. The **angel** said to Joseph. (Matt. 1:21).
  - b. **Jesus** said. (Lk. 19:10; Jn. 12:47).
  - c. **Paul** said. (1 Tim. 1:15).
3. In order for Christ to fulfill His mission as a Savior He had to do 2 things.
  - a. First, He had to live a **perfect life in the flesh**. This was necessary that He might be a perfect sacrifice for sin. If Jesus had committed a single sin He could not have been our Savior because He would have been a sinner as we are. Sinners cannot redeem sinners.
  - b. Second, Christ has to **die on the cross for our sins**.
4. Christ fulfilled both of these qualifications. After He had lived 33 sinless years in the flesh, He died on the cross for the sins of man. (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:4).

#### B. Some people has asked, "**Why was it necessary for Jesus to die?** Why didn't God simply overlook the sins of man as a father overlooks the faults of a son?"

1. **This could not be.** The justice of God demanded that man be punished for his sins. Even though

His justice demanded that man be punished, His love, His mercy cried out for man's salvation. But how could God be both just and merciful toward man? All the gold and silver and precious gems in the whole world could not atone for a single transgression. Animal sacrifices were not the answer. A million sacrifices could not even remove a single sin. (Heb. 10:4).

2. Perhaps this illustration will help us to understand how God could be both just and merciful to man. **Once a king made a law.** He decreed that if anyone broke the law that both his eyes should be put out. You can imagine the feeling he had when his own son was brought before him guilty of breaking the law. What would he do? Justice demanded he put out the eyes of his beloved son, but his love would not permit it. After much thought the king decided to have one of his own eyes and one of his son's eyes put out. In this way he could be both just and merciful to his son. Love found a way for him to save the sight of his son.
3. Likewise, love found a way for God to be both just and merciful to man. He sent His Son to the world to die for man. Jesus came and took the punishment we deserve because of sin. He died in our place. (Isa. 53:5, 6). Now through the Lord Jesus Christ we can be saved.

## II. **Work As A Savior In The Present** - Let us now consider Christ's work as a Savior in the present.

- A. Many people have thought that Christ's work as a Savior is all in the past, but nothing could be further from the truth!
- B. Jesus is still working every day, every hour, every minute, every second as a Savior.
  1. In **Hebrews 9:24** it says that Christ appears for us before the face of God.
  2. Jesus is our Advocate or attorney with God. When we, as Christians, sin, Jesus comes to our rescue. He pleads our case before the Father and because of what He has done for us on the cross (because of His shed blood ) the Father forgives us. (1 Jn. 2:1-2; 1:9).

## III. **Work As A Savior In The Future** - Let us now consider Christ's work as a Savior in the future. (Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28).

- A. These scriptures inform us that Christ shall appear a second time. At that time the righteous shall be raised and receive a new spiritual body. (1 Cor. 15:51-53).
- B. After the righteous have been raised with new glorious bodies, they shall ascend to meet Christ in the air. (1 Thess. 4:13-17).

**1TH 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who**

**have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. NASB**

1. Paul closes this passage by saying. (1 Thess. 4:18).
2. We should be comforted with these words. Life is often hard and filled with sorrows, but at the end of life's way we shall meet Jesus in the air and spend eternity with Him in the perfect and glorious city of God.

### **Conclusion.**

- I. Truly Jesus is a great and wonderful Savior because of what He has done for us in the past, because of what He does for us in the present, and because of what He will do for us in the future.
- II. **On one occasion a preacher was speaking on Christ as a Savior.** He said, "Jesus is a great Savior because He can take away all our sins." One man in the audience found this very difficult to believe. After the service he came to the preacher and asked, "Did I understand you to say this Jesus can take away all our sins?" The preacher replied "yes." The man said, "I think you said too much. You do not know what a sinner I am. I am an impure man. Can He take way my sin?" The preacher replied, "yes." The man enumerated other loathsome sins he had committed and asked if Jesus could take them away. Again the preacher replied, "yes." Upon hearing this the man exclaimed, He is a wonderful Savior." Indeed Jesus is a wonderful Savior. He can save even the chief of sinners.
- III. You may be asking, "**How can I make Jesus my Savior?**"
  - A. Men give all kinds of conflicting answers.
  - B. The New Testament gives a very clear answer to this question. (Jn. 20:30, 31; 3:36; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:38).
  - C. When a person is baptized, the blood of Jesus washes away his sins. He comes forth from the water as pure as a babe. He comes forth from the water a child of God.
  - D. Why not make Christ your Savior? Jesus is softly and tenderly calling. (Matt. 11:28-30). Come as we sing the Lord's invitation.