

Christ Is The Savior Of The Church

Intro: The Scriptures speak of the fact that Christ is our Savior. Let us consider this in this lesson.

I. JESUS SAVES US.

A. **We cannot save ourselves by our own power.**

B. **Others cannot save us.**

C. **Jesus is our Savior**

1. Eph. 5:23 ^{“23} For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”
2. Acts 4:12 ^{“12} Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
3. 1 John 4:14 ^{“14} And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”
4. Tit. 2:13 ^{“13} Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”

II. THE MEANS BY WHICH HE SAVES US:

A. **By His Death.**

1. 1 Cor. 1:18 ^{“18} For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
2. Heb. 5:8-9 ^{“8} Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”
3. Luke 24:46 ^{“46} And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:”

B. **The Blood He shed.**

1. 1 John 1:7 ^{“7} But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”
2. Rev. 1:5 ^{“5} And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”

III. WE ARE SAVED FROM:

A. **Why we need salvation:**

1. Rom. 3:23 ^{“23} For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
2. Gal. 3:22 ^{“22} But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”

B. **Past Sins Committed.**

1. Acts 2:38 ^{“38} Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
2. Acts 5:31 ^{“31} Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”
3. Acts 10:43 ^{“43} To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

4. Acts 13:38 ³⁸ "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:"
5. 1 John 1:7 ⁷ "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

C. The penalties of sin.

1. Rom. 5:9 ⁹ "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."
2. 2 Tim. 1:10 ¹⁰ "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"
 - a. The Gospel specifically being the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
 - b. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 ¹ "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

IV. THE RECEPTION OF THIS SALVATION.

A. It is for all men.

1. 1 Tim. 4:10 ¹⁰ "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
2. Tit. 2:11 ¹¹ "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,"

B. Most will be lost; Mat. 7:13-14 ¹³ "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

C. We receive it by faith.

1. Eph. 2:8 ⁸ "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"
2. This faith is a working type faith; Gal. 5:6 ⁶ "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."
3. Faith without works (obedience and life) is dead; Jas. 2:14, 17-20 ¹⁴ "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

D. Acceptance of it means:

1. To those who reject it, there awaits an eternal punishment; 2 The. 1:6-9 ⁶ "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"
2. To those who accept, an eternity in heaven.
 - a. John 3:36 ³⁶ "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

- b. John 5:24 ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”
- c. John 6:47 ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”
- d. 1 John 5:11-13 ¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”
- e. 2 Pet. 1:11 ¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

V. THIS SALVATION BRINGS US INTO A UNION WITH CHRIST.

A. We are baptized into that union:

- 1. Mat. 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”
- 2. Rom. 6:3-5, 8, 11 ³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: ⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: ⁹ Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. ¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. ¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

B. 1 Cor. 10:16 ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”

C. 1 Cor. 12:13, 27 ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.... ²⁷ Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”

Conclusion: It is no longer we who live but Christ liveth in us; Gal. 2:20 ²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”