

**The Christ of Christmas**  
**A Savior**  
**Luke 2.8-13**

Someone might ask, “**Do we really need a Savior?**”

It does not take a long look at our world and its people to realize that there are many very good, compassionate people in our world; but there are also many deceiving, diabolical, villains in our world as well. There are many people who, in appearance, are moral, compassionate, kind people but when push comes to shove, when the rubber hits the road, they will do perilous things, like lie cheat and steal.

The answer to the question, “Do we really need a Savior?” is absolutely and resolutely “YES!”

Mankind needs someone or something that will transform us into something far more than our nature compels us to be.

The Word of God reveals our need for a Savior and God’s supernatural provision for a Savior and Christmas, or the Chirst Mas, meaning Chrsit Worship, reveals clearly what that provision is. God provided “A Savior” in Christ the Lord.

**Jesus Christ Saves us,**

Matt 1.21

**1. From our Sins (Matt 1.21)**

*Matthew 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: **for he shall save his people from their sins.***

**Who are these sinners that Christ the Lord saves?**

*Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

They are every human being. Everyone who is an heir of Adam, the first man needs this Savior for we are all sinner.

If we are left in our sin, without A Savior then the consequences of sin are also revealed,

*Romans 6:23 - **For the wages of sin is death;** . . .*

This death is revealed to be the Second Death of Revelation 20

**Revelation 20:14–15** - *And death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire. This is the second death.***<sup>15</sup> *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

The price tag on sin, any and all sin, just one sin, is the Wage of Death, the Second Death which is an eternity in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone. But this is not what God desires, this is not the will of God.

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**Romans 6:23** - *For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

God offers every person the “Gift” of “Everlasting Life through Jesus Christ”

Why?

**2 Peter 3:9** - *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

So Almighty God, knowing the desperate sinful condition of all people provided in the Lord Jesus Christ A Savior, Glory to God. So that all people, every person, could be saved.

But know this, God will not force you to be Saved. God offers you the “Gift” of Salvation but you must accept it, you must receive that gift. God requires that you choose to either be saved or not be saved.

There will be no one in heaven to come who did not choose to be there. You must choose to be Saved and you need to be saved because you are a Sinner.

Matt 8.25

## 2. From our Fear (Matt 8.25)

**Matthew 8:25** - *And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, **Lord, save us: we perish.***

Here the Disciples are in a boat with Jesus on a dark night. Jesus was sleeping in the bow of the boat when a terrible storm arose. The waves were beating into to boat and these disciples began to fear for their lives.

There are many storms in life that make us Fearful, some we perceive so severe that they cause us to Fear for our Lives. These storms bring us to a point of desperation. They bring to the point of being convinced that we are about to perish.

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The Disciples reach out our Lord, who stands up and says, “Peace Be Still (Mark 4.39)” and the Word of God says that the winds obeyed and there was a great calm.

Matt 10.16

So it is with our Lord Jesus Christ, He is our Savior and He will save us from our fears and desperation. Maybe not always in the way we might desire, but He saves us non-the-less.

### **3. From our Enemies (Matt 10.16-22)**

*Matthew 10:16–22 - Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup>**But beware of men:** . . .*

We are commanded to love our Neighbor which is every other human being around us, but we are also cautioned to beware of men, meaning mankind because they will also potentially be our enemies.

*<sup>17</sup>. . . for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. <sup>20</sup>For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. <sup>21</sup>And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. <sup>22</sup>**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.***

When our fellow human beings present themselves as our enemies we are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to **“endure to the end”** and if we will we **“Shall be saved.”**

Sometimes our salvation could be a glorious salvation like that of Daniel in the lions den or like that of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace. However, it might also be the Salvation of a mortal life surrendered for our Lord’s testimony and a Glorious Eternal existence with our Lord that no created being can touch and is promised by our Lord. Either way, rest assured, those who are in our Lord will be saved!

Mark 8.34

4. **From this Corrupt World (Mark 8.34-37) –**  
Our Covetousness

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**Mark 8:34–37** - *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. <sup>36</sup>For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Often worldly people lose sight of what is really valuable in life. In thier spiritual darkness and lost condition many people think this mortal life is all there is and the things of this world is all that life is about. This is what God calls covetousness. The desire for this world’s stuff because this stuff is all you will ever get out of life.

Yet through salvation, the saved discover that there is so much more to life than this corrupt world could ever hope to provide. There is an eternal life to come and it offers pleasures and treasures that the human mind cannot hope to fully comprehend.

Our Lord Jesus Christ challenges us to let go of this mortal stuff and set your affections on things above, the true treasures of life.

In this Salvation that our Savior gives us we are delivered from this mortal covetousness. In that sense we are saved from this Corrupt World.

## 5. From The Majority (John 3.16-17)

*John 3:16–17 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him **might be saved.***

Another sense that this world afflicts us in our humanity is in this world's masses or the majority.

There are a lot of people in this world, and with all of these people there are as many opinions as there are people. Yet, when it comes to the masses there is the tendency to think that the majority is always right. The truth is the majority can be and often is very wrong. Why? Because as we previously discovered all people, every one of them, are sinners.

While John 3.16-17 reveal that God loves the World, it also reveals that we must be saved from the World, not just in its allurements, but also from the darkness and delusion of its masses; the majority.

Our Lord said,

*Matthew 7:12–14 - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. <sup>13</sup>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:** <sup>14</sup>Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

While we are in this World, we must also be saved from the masses in this world or the majority, for if we are not saved from this world we will end up in Destruction; and this destruction is again the eternal Lake of Fire and brimstone, or eternal condemnation.

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Instead we must find the narrow gate that leads to eternal life.

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Our Lord said,

**John 10:9** - *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, **he shall be saved**, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

Luke 19.10

We need our Savior.

## 6. From our Lost Condition (Luke 19.10)

**Luke 19:10** - *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

Without our Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation He provides we are lost in this world's covetousness, confusion, and condition and we need help to find our way out of our lost condition.

The Lord Jesus Christ, announced by the angels, is our Savior. He came to seek and save that which was lost. Which is every lost human being in all of God's creation.

You are lost and undone in this mortal world without the salvation that only the Lord Jesus Christ can give you.

Rom 10.9

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7. **From our Presumption (John 14.10; Rom 10.9-10, 13)** – The Way of Salvation. Religion cannot save a person. Philosophy cannot save a person. Education cannot save a person. There is only one way to be eternally and spiritually saved.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

**John 14:6** - *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

The Word of God reveals,

**Romans 10:9–10** - *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be*

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**saved.** <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation.**

**Romans 10:13** - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **saved.**

The angels said,

**Luke 2:10–11** - And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David **a Saviour,** which is Christ the Lord.

**Will you be saved today!?**

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