

## Foundations pt10 – Jesus is Savior

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[Heb 6:1-3 NASB95] 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

[1Jo 4:14 NASB95] 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son [to be] the Savior of the world.

- Who is Jesus? Knowing who Jesus is gives us a greater understanding of His work in our lives.
- We are going to look at four aspects of who Jesus is: Savior, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, and Soon Coming King.
- Today, we are going to look at the fact that Jesus is Savior.

**What does it mean for us that Jesus is Savior?**

**Here are four attributes of Jesus being Savior.**

### **I. Needed Savior - Wages of Sin**

- a. Sin brings death.
- b. Sin is not a small, insignificant thing.
- c. Genesis 2:17 - God declared sin to be a death. [Gen 2:17 NASB95] 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."
- d. Romans 5:12 - We are all guilty because of original sin. [Rom 5:12 NASB95] 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...
- e. Sin is taken seriously by God, and it would behoove us to take it seriously, too.
- f. You might not want Him, but you need Him.

### **II. Sacrificial Savior - Gift of God**

- a. He did not have to do it.
- b. [Jhn 3:16 NASB95] 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- c. The Father willingly sacrificed His own Son for you.
- d. Romans 5:8 - we did not earn His wanting to die for us. [Rom 5:8 NASB95] 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- e. Jesus' sacrifice for us was His choice.

### **III. Complete Savior - Eternal life**

- a. Whole life.
  - i. Past - All your sins are forgiven. [2Co 5:17 NASB95] 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, [he is] a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
  - ii. Present - Victory over sin - [Rom 6:6 NASB95] 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with [Him,] in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;
  - iii. Future - He will complete the work - [Phl 1:6 NASB95] 6 [For I am] confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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- b. Whole being.
  - i. [1Th 5:23 NASB95] 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - ii. Jesus saves your spirit and soul and body. He does not compartmentalize your salvation.

**IV. Only Savior - in Christ Jesus our Lord**

- a. No other way
  - b. [Jhn 14:6 NASB95] 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
  - c. Not being good, not going to church, not being religious. Complete and total surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord.
  - d. All roads don't lead to heaven.
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- Jesus is a needed Savior, a sacrificial Savior, a complete Savior, and the only Savior.
  - But is He YOUR Savior?
  - [Rom 6:23 NASB95] 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - Romans 6:23 - notice our salvation is based on the position of Him as LORD.
  - And again, Jesus must be Lord for Him to be Savior. [Rom 10:9-10 NASB95] 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
  - To be Lord means that He is the boss, the priority, and the foundation of all that we do.