Jesus Is My Savior

Intro: The name Jesus means “Savior”; Mat. 1:18-25 “18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.” Jesus came into this world to be the Savior of all men everywhere. Let us notice what is involved in the idea of Savior.

I. SAVIOR IMPLIES THE NEED
   A. All men, at best, are sinners.
      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.”
      3. 1 John 1:8, 10 “8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
      4. Notice some examples
         a. Days of Noah; Gen. 6:5 “5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
         b. The Gentile world; Rom. 1:21-32 “21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, desipitable, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”
c. During the last days; 2 Tim. 3:1-5 “1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

d. This is the same as today.

B. Results of sin
1. Isa. 59:1-2 “1 Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
2. Rom. 6:23 “23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
3. Jam. 1:14-15 “14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

C. We cannot save ourselves.
1. Pro. 14:12 “12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”
2. Jer. 10:23 “23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
3. This is why we must be “poor in spirit”; Mat. 5:3 “3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

II. SAVIOR IMPLIES ACTION
A. God’s part—grace (providing a Savior).
1. We are saved by grace.
   a. Eph. 2:8 “8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
   b. Tit. 2:11 “11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”
2. We are redeemed by God.
   a. Redeemed means to “buy back.”
   b. We are slaves to sin and Satan; Rom. 6:17 “17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”
   c. Jesus bought us with His blood.
      (1) Acts 20:28 “28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”
      (2) 1 Pet. 1:18-19 “18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”
      (3) 1 Cor. 6:20 “20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
   d. We are now free.
      (1) Rom. 6:18 “18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
      (2) John 8:32 “32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
(3) Not free from law, but free from sin.
3. Christ is our propitiation.
   a. Propitiation means appeasement; it is appeasing the wrath of God.
   b. Our sin demanded death.
      (1) For God to be just, He must carry out the punishment.
      (2) Christ took the punishment for us, making us just.
      (3) Rom. 3:25-26 "25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."
      (4) 1 John 2:2; 4:10 "2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world…. 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

4. We are justified by God.
   a. This is a legal term.
      (1) A sinner stands condemned before God.
      (2) Christ takes the penalty for our sin.
         (a) 2 Cor. 5:21 "21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."
         (b) 1 Pet. 3:18 "18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"
      (3) Thus, God can pronounce the guilty person innocent.
   b. This is done by the blood of Christ.
      (1) Rom. 5:6-9 "6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."
      (2) Rom. 3:24-28 "24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."
      c. Rom. 8:1 "1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

5. We are reconciled to God.
   a. Reconciliation deals with our relationship with God.
   b. We were at enmity with God, but through the mediatorship of Christ, we are brought together making peace.
      (1) Rom. 5:10 "10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."
      (2) 2 Cor. 5:18-19 "18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."
(3) Col. 1:19-22 “19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight;”

B. Man’s part—obedient 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. That faith entails:
   a. Hearing the Gospel; Rom. 10:17 “17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
   b. Faith
      (1) In God; Heb. 11:6 “6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
      (2) In Christ; John 14:1 “1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”
      (3) In the Gospel; Mark 16:15-16 “15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
   c. Repenting of our sins; Acts 17:30-31 “30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
   d. Baptized in water for the forgiveness of sins; Acts 2:38, 41 “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. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

III. SAVIOR IMPLIES CONSEQUENCES.
A. We have forgiveness, or remission of our sins.
   1. The two terms are the same and mean “to send forth” or “to send away.”
   2. We are washed by the blood of Christ.
      a. 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,“
      b. Acts 22:16 “16 And now why tarryest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
      c. Isa. 1:18 “18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”
   3. We must forgive to receive forgiveness.
      a. Mat. 6:14-15 “14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”
b. Luke 17:3-4 “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.”

4. Once God has forgiven us, we must forgive ourselves.

B. We are saved from sin.

1. From the consequences of those sins.
   a. We are no longer in a lost condition.
   b. We now have the hope of eternal salvation.
      (1) Tit. 1:2 “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;”
      (2) 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 9 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

2. From the power of sin.
   a. Rom. 6:17-18 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
   b. We no longer have to serve sin, but we now serve righteousness or God.

3. From the guilt of sin.
   a. Those sins have been washed away.
   b. Now all things are new; 2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Conclusion: There is only one Savior (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.” Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”). Have you accepted Him?