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*“You Shall Call His Name Jesus,
For He Will Save His People From Their Sins”*

Matthew 1:18-25

“God with Us”

Throughout the New Testament only Jesus as God is ever identified as the savior from sin. Jesus as the Christ is identified as the Savior of the world (John 4:42, 1 John 4:14).

It was for this reason that He would be born (Luke 2:11).

But why was Jesus Christ sent to be the Savior of the world? What are we to make of the idea of a Savior? The word itself means, “To deliver, to rescue, to heal, to preserve, thus to save.”

Jesus Christ saves sinners. From what does He save us? This study is far more expansive than we can consider in our short time together. However, it is possible for us to have a taste of what He did and still does in His role as Savior.

I. Jesus Christ saves sinners from sin’s debt.

Jesus Christ as Savior is my redeemer from sin’s debt (Galatians 4:5, Titus 2:14).

Jesus Christ came as a Savior because you and I had a debt we could not pay. This debt held us captive. We were in bondage and His redemptive work set us free from sin’s debt.

II. Jesus Christ saves sinners from sin’s guilt.

Guilt means a transgression has taken place and you are now responsible to correct the wrong. Forgiveness removes guilt. Like the cancellation of sin’s debt, so also the removal of sin’s guilt. God can redeem and forgive only because He has a basis for doing so in the death of His only begotten Son. Jesus Christ as Savior forgives me of sin’s guilt.

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III. Jesus Christ saves sinners from sin's alienation (Romans 5:10, Colossians 1:21)

Because of sin, we have been alienated from God. We are unacceptable. We are rejected.

This alienation can only be negated by the death of God's Son.

This unacceptability can only be overcome by the death of God's Son (Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:18, 3:12).

This exclusion from the family of God can only be conquered through the death of His Son. As a result of His death we have been adopted as children of God (Galatians 4:5, Ephesians 1:5).

IV. Jesus Christ saves sinners from sin's judgment.

What is the judgment against sin? The nature of sin is so insidious that it required the offering up of God's only begotten Son in order to placate His wrath against it.

In Jesus Christ, sin's judgment has been satisfied. The word is "propitiated." Sin was worthy of His death. It demanded that the second member of the Trinity come to earth, take upon himself a human nature and voluntarily offer Himself up as a substitutionary, sacrificial death. When God saw the sacrifice in proportion to sin's judgment, He was satisfied.

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