



# GOD IS SAVIOUR

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## We Live in A Very Dangerous Place (1 John 5:19)

- The place we live is too comfortable for real growth.
- The place we live is under the influence of Satan. Satan is controlling academia (Preschool-Doctorate studies); all of the media; government; science, entertainment; and religion.
- We live in a place where many do not fear God. Yet, He is merciful to those who fear Him. (**SEE** Psalm 33:18; 103:11, 17; 147:11; Luke 1:50)
- We live in a place where very, very few tremble at God's Word. (Isaiah 57:15; 66:2)
- Deception is getting worse and worse. And the "church" sleeps! (2 Timothy 3:13; Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 15:34)
- We live in a "saying" generation. We say a lot of things but we do not mean them or live them.
  - ✘ We say Christ is Lord but do not do the will of the Father. (Matthew 7:21)
  - ✘ We say we know God but do not obey His commandments. (1 John 2:3-4; 1 John 5:3)
  - ✘ We say we love Christ but do not do what He commands. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
  - ✘ We say we abide in Christ but we do not walk as He walked. (1 John 2:6)
  - ✘ We say we are followers of Christ (Luke 9:23; John 10:27) but we either ignore His commandments or redefine them to suit our lifestyle. (Matthew 15:1-9)
- We will be judged on what we **do** not what we say. (Romans 2:6-11; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 16:27; 25:34-46; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 5:9-10; James 2:14-26; Revelation 2:23; 20:12; 22:12)
- A Christian lives his/her life in accordance with God's Word. (Luke 4:4)

## So Great A Salvation (Hebrews 2:1-3)

- ALL GRACE! AMAZING GRACE!
- A demonstration of the MANIFOLD WISDOM of GOD. (Ephesians 3:10)
- We are SERIOUSLY WARNED not to neglect our GREAT salvation!
- Are you pressing forward (Philippians 3:13-14) or are you drifting (Hebrews 2:1)?

## Do You Know God?

- Are you in a real intimate relationship with the God of the Bible?

## Our ABC's So Far (Hebrews 5:12-14)

- ★ Are you a teacher or a babe in Christ? Are you maturing as a child of God? Are you growing with the Church you belong to? Do you belong to a Church?
- ★ What we have learned about God so far:
  - GOD is UNIQUE. There is no like Him for us to compare. The only way to **know** God is to **study** His own revelation of Himself. Without study we are believing in a God of our own opinion.
  - GOD inhabits eternity. Everything is NOW in God's eyes.
  - GOD is the CREATOR and the SUSTAIN of ALL things - to include us! (Genesis 1:1; Neh 9:6; Col 1:16-17; Heb 2:1-3)
    - ★ GOD is LORD over all. He is OWNER, RULER, MASTER. (Acts 10:36; Philippians 2:11; Revelation 19:16)
  - GOD is SOVEREIGN over all. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:8-11)
  - GOD is JUDGE, LAWGIVER, and KING. (Isaiah 33:22)
    - Everyone will stand before an give an account. (Heb 4:13)
    - Sin is LAWLESSNESS. (1 John 3:5) Sin is ignoring His commandments. (1 John 2:3-4) Christians take His commandments seriously. (1 John 3:6-10)
  - GOD is the POTTER of our DNA, our days, our hearts, our destinies. (Psalm 139:1-16; 31:15; Proverbs 19:21; Daniel 5:23; James 4:13-16; Hebrews 6:3)
  - GOD loves whomever He wills to love. (Jeremiah 31:3; Eph 2:4)
  - GOD hates whomever He wills. (Malachi 1:2-3; Romans 9:13)
  - GOD is gracious and merciful to whomever He wills. (Romans 9:15-16, 18; Exodus 33:19)
  - GOD hardens whomever He wills. (Romans 9:18)
  - GOD reveals Himself to whomever He wills. (Matthew 11:25-27; 13:11; 16:16-17; 1 Cor 2:9-16; 1 John 5:20; Ephesians 2:8)
  - GOD chooses whomever He wills. (Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 2:9)

## We Are Born Sinners & "Children of Wrath" (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- Each of us are born in the image of ADAM – a sinner. (Genesis 5:1-3)
  - Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Isaiah 48:8; Genesis 8:21
- Each of us are born "children of wrath" because we are born "condemned already" and **God's** wrath abides on us before we are born again. (Ephesians 2:3; John 3:18, 36; 1 John 5:19)

- ✘ We were born with MINDS (understanding) that were DARKENED and without any ability to KNOW God. (Eph 4:18; 1 Cor 2:14; Romans 3:11; 2 Cor 4:4)
  - ★ (Genesis 6:5) God's evaluation of man –
    - Our wickedness is GREAT.
    - EVERY INTENT of the THOUGHTS of our HEARTS (mind, emotions, and wills) is ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY.
- ✘ We were born with twisted EMOTIONS in that we love EVERYTHING else **above** God. (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Matt 22:37; Luke 14:26)
  - We are born with **no ability** or **desire** to LOVE GOD supremely!
  - We followed “the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind”. (Ephesians 2:3)
- ✘ We were born with **WILLS in BONDAGE** to sin, the world, and Satan. (Eph 2:2-3; Hebrews 2:15; Romans 8:7-8; 6:20; John 8:34) – **NOT FREE!** (See John 8:31-32, 36)
  - We are **slaves of Satan!** (1 John 5:19; Eph 2:2; 1 John 3:10)
  - We are **slaves of the world.** (Ephesians 2:2-3)
  - We are **slaves of sin.** (Romans 6:19-20)
- ✘ We were born with **NO ability** to DO anything GOOD. (Romans 3:12)
- ✘ We were born with **NO ability** or desire to SEEK God. (Romans 3:10)
- ✘ We are born with **NO ability** or desire to PLEASE God. (Hebrews 11:6)
- ✘ We are born SINNERS, REBELS, TRAITORS **against** GOD! (1 John 3:4)
- ✘ We are born **IN DEBT** and add to that DEBT with EVERY SIN we commit! (1 Kings 8:46; Eccl 7:20; Matt 18:21-32; Rom 6:23a)
- ✘ We were born **DEAD – NOT WEAK – NOT SICK – NOT FREE BUT DEAD!** (Ephesians 2:1, 5; Col 2:13; Ezek 36:26-27)
  - ★ A **DEAD** man **CANNOT**:
    - ① **See** Christ. (John 3:3; 12:40; Deut 29:4; Jer 5:21; Matthew 16:17; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 2:9)
    - ② **Hear** the Word of God. (Romans 10:17; **John 8:43, 47**; 6:45-46; 10:27-28)
    - ③ **Come** to Christ. (Matthew 11:28-30; John 6:44; **6:37**; 7:37)
    - ④ **Confess** “Jesus is Lord”. (Romans 10:9; Matthew 10:32-33)
    - ⑤ **Understand** the things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
    - ⑥ Be **profitable**. (Romans 3:12; Matthew 25:30)
    - ⑦ **Do** anything good. (Romans 8:7-8; 3:12)
    - ⑧ **Do** anything to please God. (Heb 11:6; Rom 8:7-8; Eph 2:8-9)
    - ⑨ **Believe!** (John 3:16)
    - ⑩ **Follow Christ.** (Luke 9:23; John 10:27-28)
- ✘ We are born with **NO ABILITY** to save ourselves! (Romans 5:6)

- Christ taught that it was IMPOSSIBLE for man to do anything to save himself.
  - ✘ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a camel than for man to do anything to save himself. (Luke 18:25-27)

**IMPOSSIBLE**

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### A Holy, Holy, Holy, Offended God Saves! (Ephesians 2:4-6)

- If it is IMPOSSIBLE for man to do *anything* to save himself from God's holy wrath, then someone or something completely OUTSIDE of man must SAVE him if anyone is to be saved.
- (Luke 18:25-27) ONLY BY GOD IS THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.
  - ☆ See Luke 1:37; Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17
- (Ephesians 1:19-20) IT TAKES THE **EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF THE ALMIGHTY'S POWER TO SAVE ANYONE.**
- (Ephesians 2:4-5) **BUT GOD . . .** (meditate on this seriously).
  - ☆ BUT GOD (*Elohiym - the Eternal God*) and nobody else!
  - ☆ BUT GOD without *any* help from man. (Romans 5:6)
  - ☆ BUT GOD who willed to be merciful on a sinner. (Rom 9:15-18)
  - ☆ BUT GOD because of His GREAT ETERNAL LOVE. (Jeremiah 31:3; John 6:44, 65)
  - ☆ BUT GOD even when we were DEAD He made us ALIVE. (John 15:21; 17:2; 11:43; Luke 7:14-15; Colossians 2:13; Romans 6:23b)
  - ☆ BUT GOD *ascended us* and *made us sit together in Christ Jesus!!* ( )
- (Isaiah 45:22) YAHWEH says, “Look unto ME and be saved! There is NO OTHER SAVIOUR!” (Isaiah 43:11; Luke 2:11; Titus 2:13; Jude 25)
  - ★ GOD sent His Son into the world to save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)
  - ★ GOD sent His Son into the world to propitiate His holy anger. (1 John 4:10)
  - ★ GOD sent His Son to seek (Luke 19:10), find (Luke 15:4), and save (Luke 19:10) His people. (See Romans 8:30)
- (2 Corinthians 4:6) God commanded, “Let there be light” into our hearts to give us the knowledge of the glory of God.

## HOW SHALL WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION!