

He Is Able to Save

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There is a great deal of confusion about salvation today. Salvation has not changed in any form or fashion. It has always been by faith. The Word of God reveals who is saved and who is not. Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." These precious Scriptures reveal to us who is doing the saving. The Lord is the only One who can save.

God has given us everything we need to be saved. He has given us faith. Romans 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." God also gives us repentance. 2 Timothy 2:25, "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;" Hebrews 7:22-25, "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Strong's Exhausted Concordance says, "the word able in the Greek is "dunamai" which means of uncertain affinity, to be able or possible, can do, could may, might, be possible, and to be of power". Strong's also says "the Greek word is "sodzo" and means safe deliver or protect, heal, preserve, save, do well, and to make whole." There is not one person that cannot be saved. Salvation is not for everyone, but it is for anyone. Every person that comes to God, He can save and He will save. The chief has all ready been saved. 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

God can do anything He pleases. He is sovereign and He is faithful. He can do whatever He desires because He is God. Salvation is in God and is complete. The resurrection has proven the satisfaction for the penalty of death. Salvation has never been based upon fallen man. The High priestly office of Jesus Christ is far better than any other. Hebrews 7:24, "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." Oliver B. Greene said, "Here Paul mentions a third factor in the divine change of the priesthood. First, he pointed out a change of the law of Mosaic system; and because the constitution of the priesthood has changed, Christ our Great High Priest occupies the office-not because of what He represented legally or officially, but by virtue of who He was-Deity and humanity, unimpeachable God and unimpeachable man."

Salvation is complete in the Lord Jesus Christ. 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." Because of who Jesus is enables Him to save to the uttermost. He is not half god and half man,

but fully God and fully man. The world has no issue with speaking about God. The world has a problem with Jesus. He is not a way to salvation, but the way. The Law of God has never brought salvation, but only points to our sin and the need of a Savior. Galatians 3:24, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Galatians 2:16, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Salvation is not in a plan or prayer. Salvation is not in a program, church membership, sacraments, baptism or any other thing. Salvation is in a person and that person is the Lord Jesus Christ. A man must accept one hundred percent the finished work of Christ for salvation and repent of his sins. Salvation includes a new heart and a right spirit. The Lord Jesus is much better than any plan, program, ritual, or any ceremony. He is able to save because of who He is, God manifested in the flesh. He is a better testament.

He is able to save because of His continuance. The problem with the Levitical priesthood was the inability to continue. Dr. Tony Weaver said, "One would serve for a season, die, and another in the successive ranks would take his place. This continued from generation to generation. Dr. Andy Simpson said, "According to Josephus, there were at least 83 high priest from Aaron to the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. Death is pronounced upon every man and the priest were no exception because of their sin and the penalty of it. Jesus is the only one without sin. Death's sting had no power over Him. The grave could not contain Him.

M. R. DeHaan said, "And would we cry, O Christians of today, why aren't you satisfied with Christ? Why look back to the old life, and cling to the things of religion and the law? Why like Israel, will you lust for the fleshpots of Egypt, the onions, leeks, and garlic of the world. Grow up to perfection!" Jesus is alive forevermore and he will not experience death again. His life alone is the only life that does not demand death.

He is able to save because of His consistency. Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." The plan and program of God has never changed. The priesthood of Christ does not change. Jesus said on the Cross, "It is finished" and not I am finished. The high priestly work is finished and Jesus is at the right hand of the Father. God's plan for salvation is perfect and cannot fail.

The priesthood will never end by reason of death, because He is alive for ever more. He bought back everything Adam lost. Today everything seems to be changing. The fundamentals of the faith are changing, everyone thinks they are going to Heaven, Hell does not exist for the majority of people, and because of the goodness of man, man will enter into the celestial city. The priest could enter the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement. This put off the penalty of sin for one more year. The sacrifice of blood was offered on the mercy seat.

Jesus is able to save because of His completeness. Because of everything mentioned beforehand, salvation is complete. Many think He is able to save from the gutter most to the uttermost. Every man is lost because of our sin nature. The wages of one sin is death. Bible salvation is wrapped

up in Jesus Christ alone. This has no bearing on what man does. We should live better, not in order to be saved, but because we have been born again.

Salvation is past tense, present tense, and future tense. We have been saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved. This is accomplished only by the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary. This satisfies the penalty of sin, death. We are being saved from the power of sin. One day we will be saved from the presence of sin. One day the child of God will never sin again. This my friends is the completed work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation becomes complicated and heretical when religion steps in and places man at the central part of salvation. Religion is focused on what man does and Christianity is focused upon what Christ does. An individual is saved for Jesus' sake, by the blood of Jesus, and for Him. We do not need to hold on, hang in, or go through the ritual of faithfulness. This will come naturally for the child of God. Jesus is enough. The Bible has the answer for every man's problem. Jesus is the only way to Heaven. A person that puts complete confidence in the finished work of Jesus Christ is guaranteed heaven by the authority of the Word of God. Our passage does not say He once lived, but He ever liveth.

Jesus pleads on our behalf for us. He makes intercession for us. Man was an enemy of God before being born again, but Jesus reconciled us to Himself through the blood shed on Calvary. One day the born again will see Him and understand fully the price paid to give us eternal life.