

JESUS: Jesus Saves

Text: Matthew 1:21

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Introduction:

1. As we Study the Names of Jesus we discover He is, and what He has done, and what He is doing for us today
2. It was an Angel who announced they were to call His name Jesus...

I. ‘YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS’ (Matthew 1:21)

A. JESUS’ NAME...

1. The Angel told Joseph: You shall call His name Jesus (Mt 1:21)
 - a) The Angel told Mary: the child’s name will be Jesus (Luke 1:30–33)
He will reign over the throne of David!
2. The Name of Jesus is found 941 times in the New Testament... (NKJ)
 - a) in All of its Details and Fullness, such as Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ, Lord Jesus, Jesus King of the Jews, Jesus Christ, the Son of God
3. The Origin of Jesus Name is in Hebrew, which is — Yeshua
 - a) A Shortened Version of the Name ‘Joshua’ who was a Great Hero of Faith
 - b) Joshua’s name in Hebrew meant: “Jehovah is Salvation.”

B. JESUS SAVES...

1. Jesus Hebrew Name is a Compound Word which Means “Yahweh Saves”
 - a) Saves is from the verb “Yasha” “to save, deliver, give victory, help.”
2. Jesus’ name is no coincidence because this was the Eternal Plan of God!
But notice what the Angel makes clear to Joseph (Matt 1:21)
 - a) This Salvation will not be Political or Military Salvation...
 - b) Jesus Mission was not to Overthrow Roman Oppressors
and Restore a Super-Power Nation of Israel...
3. The Mission and Work of Jesus was to Save His People From an Even More Insidious Enemy—SIN.

II. JESUS SAVES US FROM...

A. SAVED FROM SIN

1. This characterized Jesus’ life Mission...
 - a) Setting the Captives Free... Casting Out Demons...
 - b) Healing the Sick, the Lame and the Blind
 - c) Seeking and Saving the Lost—and Even Forgiving Sins!
 - d) And Even While On the Cross... Jesus is saving a soul just before death!
2. Jesus died as a criminal on a cross to save us from own sins
 - a) It is Sin that separated us from God, Corrupted our Conscience, our mind, and soul
 - b) The Penalty of Sin is Eternal Death—Eternal Separation from God
3. And Even Now... as our Advocate and High Priest (1 Jn 2:1-2)

B. SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF GOD

1. **By Going to the Cross—Jesus took the Wrath of God upon Himself**
 - a) Even on the Cross they offered Jesus a wine mixture that deadened pain...
 - b) But He Refused it in order to Drink the cup of wrath down to its dregs
2. **Jesus took the Wrath of God upon Himself to save You & I (Romans 5:8–9)**

C. SAVED FROM GUILT AND CONDEMNATION —By the Blood of Jesus

1. **For there is no condemnation for those in Christ! (Romans 8:1)**
 - a) The word No here [No Condemnation] means NONE! —not a particle, not a speck...
 - b) not the smallest, tiniest fraction of condemnation exists for those in Christ!
2. **For Honest & Thoughtful Christians We Know Our Faults & Inadequacies**
 - a) So We Are Honestly Aware When Our Conscience Convicts Us
 - b) But This is the Love for God that keeps us walking w/ Him! (1 John 3:19–22)
3. **God Delivers you from Guilt to Grace by the Blood of Jesus!**

D. SAVED FROM FEAR — Christ Set Us Free from the Bondage of fear!

1. **Even the fear of death! (Heb 2:14–15)**
2. **Even the Fear of Judgement (Romans 8:15)**
 - a) In Christ we don't approach God as a criminal before a Judge, but as a child before their Father!
3. **Even the Fear of Approval, Opinions or Threats of Others! (Romans 8:31ff)**

E. SAVED FROM THE SELF-DESTRUCTION OF SELF-DECEPTION

1. **Truth is the Fiery Core of FAITH!**
 - a) Faith is so critically important to God because without Faith in God...
 - b) You are choosing to Love a Lie More than You God Himself!
2. **Jesus opens our eyes to the Truth!**
 - a) After opening Paul's Eyes—Jesus sent Paul to open ours! (Acts 26:17–18)

F. SAVED FROM A WASTED LIFE OF WORRY AND ANXIETY

1. **Are you telling yourself the truth?**
"If what you believe does not reflect Truth then what you feel does not reflect reality"
(Neil Anderson)
2. **It seems we worry so much that it worries us when we are not worrying!**
"Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday" (Dale Carnegie)
3. **Jesus Sets Us Free From the Bondage of Anxiety and Worry**

G. SAVED FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH

1. **The Penalty of Sin is Physical Death, Spiritual Death and Judicial Death**
Eternal Separation from God in everlasting darkness...
2. **Jesus saves us from us from Eternal Death... (Ephesians 2:1; 4–5)**

III.JESUS SAVES US FOR...

A. FOR ADOPTION (Romans 8:14–16)

1. **When one was adopted under Roman Law...**
 - a) They Legally Gained All the Rights of a New Son and Gained a New Father
 - b) Upon Adoption their Old Life was Completely Wiped Away and All Debts Cancelled as a New Person Entering a New Life!
 - c) They Also Became an Heir to their New Fathers Estate, even if other children were born or adopted made no difference, they became Co-Heirs with them.
 - d) Also 7 Witnesses were present so that no one could question this adoption, even after the Father had died, their rights would remain...
2. **Notice the Powerful Ramifications of Our Adoption into God's Family...**
 - a) We Become Born Again as a New Child of God who Has Gained a New Father
 - b) Upon Adoption our Old Life is completely Wiped Away and All Previous Debts Are Canceled as a New Person Entering a New Life!
 - c) We Become an Heir of Our Father's Estate, a Co-Heir
3. **Notice the Witness of our Adoption into God's Family (8:16-17)**

B. FOR AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE (Hebrews 9:15)

1. **Born Again and Adopted into God's Royal Family we receive an inheritance**
 - a) But We Did Nothing to Deserve this Great Blessing—it is a gift of God
2. **Our Father in Heaven, in His Amazing Mercy and Love,**
 - a) Takes Lost, Helpless, Sinners Weighed Down with Debt,
 - b) and Adopts them into His Royal Family so that ALL Debts Are Cancelled
 - c) and "*an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.*" (1 Pet. 1:4)

C. FOR COMPLETE PERFECTION (Hebrews 7:25)

1. **Jesus is able to save to the uttermost...**
 - a) The Word 'Uttermost' comes from a Greek which translates two root words:
 - (1) The first translates to "All"
 - (2) The second translates to "Perfect"
 - b) Meaning Jesus saves You to Complete Perfection
2. **When the priests under the Law of Moses would offer sacrifices,**
 - a) they could never "make those who approach perfect" (Heb 10:1)
3. **However, the end result of Jesus Sacrifice is the complete perfection of those who are saved by it.**
 - a) There is no more work He needs to do to make those who obey the gospel perfect.
 - b) There are no sins the blood of Jesus does not cover
 - c) There is no residue of wickedness that requires a second sacrifice (Chris Pruitt)

4. However, Not Everyone is Not Automatically Saved through His Sacrifice.

There are conditions... (7:25b)

"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him..." (7:25)

D. FOR ETERNAL LIFE

1. Only Through Jesus Do We Have the Gift of Eternal Life (**Romans 6:23**)
2. Jesus knew He would be rejected—but He came to earth anyway
3. Jesus Knew He Would be Misunderstood—But He Taught Anyway
4. Jesus knew He people would lie about Him—But He spoke truth anyway
5. Jesus Knew He Would be Hated—But He Loved Us Anyway
6. Jesus Knew People Were Unreasonable and Self-Centered—
—But He was patient anyway
7. Jesus knew He Would Be Mocked and Killed—but He Gave up His Life for us Anyway

E. FOR SERVING GOD (**Hebrews 12:28–29**)

1. God didn't Deliver Israel from Slavery just so they
 - could complain
 - and wander in the wilderness
 - and just live for themselves...

They were set free to serve God—not themselves
2. We are set free to serve God as a
Royal priesthood... a Holy Nation... a special people
"that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9)

CONCLUSION:

1. JESUS SAVES! Jesus died for us so we can live for Him
2. He is the Only Mediator between God and Man (**1 Timothy 2:5**)