

100 BIBLE LESSONS

Give these lessons to people you visit, youth groups, hospital patients, church visitors and new members. Use them in Sunday School, bus ministry, jail services, nursing homes, Christian schools, small discussion groups and many other places. God's Word will answer your questions and help solve your problems.

LESSON 31 – SAVIOUR

“The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince [King] and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:30-31).

“What is a Saviour? Suppose you are drowning. There you are, out in the middle of the ocean. Suppose someone were to throw you a book, ‘Three Easy Lessons on How to Swim’. Would he be a Saviour? No! Perhaps he could be called an “Educator.”

“Now suppose a man got out of his boat, jumped in alongside you, and demonstrated various swimming strokes. Showed you just how you ought to do it. Would he be a Saviour? Of course not. He would merely be an “Example.”

“A Saviour is one who takes you safely all the way to shore! When God says He gives eternal life, and that He will never cast you out or lose you, He means it; because, He is the true Saviour! If you do not trust Christ to take you all the way to heaven, then you have not trusted Him as your Saviour” (Handbook of Personal Evangelism by Ray Stanford, Richard & Carol Seymour, pgs. 25-26).

“Jesus Himself interpreted His mission as one of salvation, saying “For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). The term presupposes a danger, a disaster, from which the rescuer snatched the one whom he helped. The term in both the Old Testament (Isa. 53) and the New Testament suggests deliverance from the worst affliction and trouble known to mankind – deliverance from sin [and Satan]” (Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia, H.L. Drumwright, Jr., Vol.5, p. 291).

George Eldon Ladd in his book “The Gospel of the Kingdom,” states, “What is the Gospel of the Kingdom? What means the announcement that the Kingdom of God has come near? It is this: that God is now acting among men to deliver them from the bondage to Satan” (p. 47).

The Old Testament and the New Testament indeed prophesied that the Messiah was to be a Saviour. The word “Messiah” translated into Greek as *christos* (in English it is “Christ”), means “anointed.” It primarily signifies “an anointed king.” It was expected of God's anointed king to deliver his subjects from their enemies. This is why the New Testament stated that a Saviour was to be born that would deliver us from the hands of our enemies (Luke 1:67-75; 2:11). The real enemy was not flesh and blood but spiritual forces. Through Christ's redeeming act upon the cross He legally destroyed the works of the devil (1 John 3:8; Colossians 2:14-15). The good news is that we have a Saviour,

which is Christ the Lord. He has dealt with Satan, sin and the flesh. Have you confessed Him as your Lord and accepted Him as your Saviour? (Romans 10:9-10). He wants to take you safely all the way into the Kingdom of Heaven.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 5:30-31. God exalted Jesus to be: a. a Prince [King] b. a Saviour. c. all of the above.
 2. Read Acts 5:30-31. Jesus as a Prince and Saviour offers to us: a. repentance. b. the forgiveness of sins. c. all of the above.
 3. Read again the first four paragraphs in our lesson. A "Saviour" is: a. an educator. b. an example. c. a rescuer or deliver. d. none of the above.
 4. Read Matthew 1:21; 1 John 3:8; James 4:7; Romans 7:24-25; 8:12. Jesus as our "Saviour" delivers us from: a. sin. b. Satan. c. the flesh. d. none of the above. e. all of the above.
 5. Read 1 John 3:8. God is now acting among men to deliver them from the bondage to: a. food. b. religion. c. Satan d. women.
 6. Read John 4:42. Jesus is the Saviour of: a. monkey's. b. the whale's. c. the world, that is, mankind.
 7. Read Colossians 2:13; Romans 6:17-18,13; 1 John 3:2; Romans 8:21-23. "The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of *deliverance, safety, preservation, healing and soundness*. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts" [of the Saviour] (Scofield Ref. Bible, p.1192).
- The believer has been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin (Colossians 2:13). True or False.
- The believer is being saved from the habit and dominion of sin (Romans 6:17-18, 13). True or False.
- The believer is to be saved in the sense of entire conformity to Christ (1 John 3:2; Romans 8:21-23). True or False.
8. Read Luke 1:67-75; 2:11. The New Testament stated that a Saviour was to be born that would deliver us from the hands of: a. our friends. b. our relatives. c. our enemies.