

Mastering the Basics
Lesson 7

Jesus Is Saviour

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“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.

Questions

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Scriptures to use with Questions

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6. **Read John 4:42.** [42] And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

7. **Read Colossians 2:13; Romans 6:17-18,13; 1 John 3:2; Romans 8:21-23.** **Colossians 2:** [13] And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **Romans 6:** [17] But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. [18] Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. [13] Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. **1 John 3:** [2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **Romans 8:** [21] Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. [23] And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

8. **Read Luke 1:67-75; 2:11. Luke 1:** [67] And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, [68] Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, [69] And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; [70] As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,

which have been since the world began: [71] That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; [72] To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; [73] The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, [74] That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, [75] In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. **Luke 2:** [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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