

THEOLOGY of YOUR GREAT NAME

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“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Act 4:12)

Jesus.

It is one of the most recognized names in all the world, but we still often miss its incredible meaning. The name itself means salvation. The name labels and declares that our Lord is also our Savior. We so often hear the words “lord” and “savior” together that we can forget that not all lords are also saviors. We do not often dare to imagine a world where our Master was not our Savior. What destruction would be ours if we were left to save ourselves! But God is gracious and mighty. The Lord God has given to us Himself, as our great and mighty Savior. The great name of God that we sing about in these verses is Jesus. God has named Himself...the name He chose for Himself is Savior...His name is Jesus. What an incredible Lord! What an incredible Savior!

This song calls our attention to how God has saved us in Jesus and what Jesus has saved us from. Beginning with the chorus, we recount as God’s people how God has saved us in Jesus. The chorus reminds us that our victory in Jesus, our salvation from God was bought at a precious price. We are saved because Jesus was condemned. We are prized because Jesus was punished. This chorus will be sung in heaven by the hosts of heaven as a victory call to the slain Savior.

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (Rev 5:9)

The verses of this song speak to the salvation found in Jesus. There is so much depth to this great salvation it would take an endless song to plumb it. There are so many things we have been saved from that we rarely can call them to mind. But, we see slivers of its beauty as each verse unfolds. The first verse beckons us to praise God, first, for saving us from Himself. In our sin, we stood lost, separated and condemned of God. We were without hope in the world. There was no way back to God and in our condemnation we were awaiting the just penalty of our condemnation and shame. **Who can be spared from wrath, if that wrath is coming from God? No one.** But, Jesus stood in our stead, died in our place, removed our shame, and reconciled us back to God.

For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-- (Col 1:19-22)

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own

Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom 8:1-4)

The second verse declares that we are saved, not only from the wrath of God, but from the destruction of the enemy. We no longer have to fear the work of the enemy, nor are we powerless to his destruction. Jesus, our Savior, in conquering death, disarmed satan and secured our destiny. We no longer living our lives in fear of loss, for nothing can be taken from us in Jesus. We are free to live with others in mind, we are free live for the glory of God. If God has not condemned us, who can? If God is not against us, who can stop us? If not even death has the final word, what will we fear?

For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE." And again, "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM." And again, "BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME." Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. (Heb 2:11-15)

The final two verses give us a few more of the countless aspects of our salvation in Jesus' name. For those without a father, He gave us back to the Heavenly Father. To those without a scrap of strength, He poured out His own limitless power into our hearts in the Holy Spirit. To those whose souls cry out for filling, He is our Bread of Life. Verses like these will be sung forever. Jesus is everything to us. He is all that we need, He is all that we long for. All of Scripture points us to Jesus as our supply for everything...every book, every story, every page. Jesus is our salvation. This is His Great Name, and so we will sing...

Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus.