
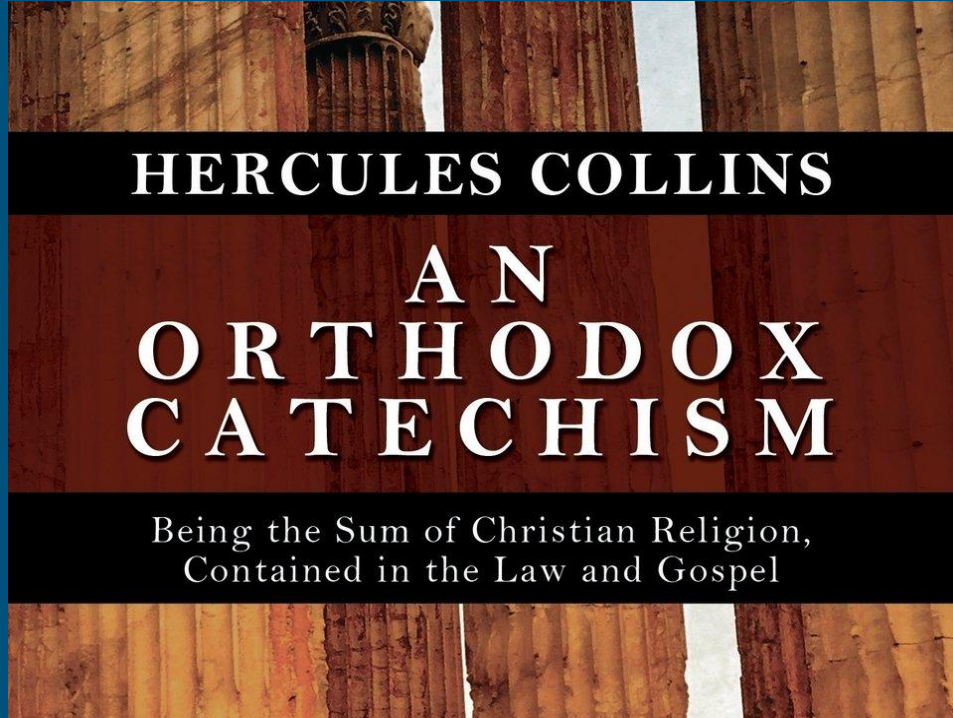




Jesus | The Only Savior

An Orthodox Catechism
Q. 28 & 29



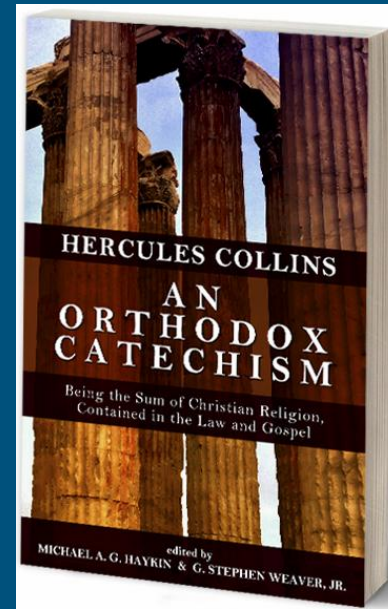


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An Orthodox Catechism: Q. 28

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- ◆ Because He saves us from our sins;
 - neither ought any safety to be sought from any other,
 - nor can it be found elsewhere.



Functions of Birth Names in the Bible

- **Aspects of a person's birth** [Ex. 2:10 | Gen. 25:6 | 1 Sam. 1:25-26 | Gen. 21:6]
- **Family ties** [Judg. 8:31 | Luke 1:59]
- **Communicate God's message** [Is. 7:3]
- **Establish affiliation with God** [ending with *-jah* or *-el*]

Functions of Name Changes in the Bible

- **Establish authority over another** [Gen. 41:45 | 2 Kin. 23:34 | Dan. 1:6-7]
 - ◆ Began at creation [Gen. 1-2]
- **Indicate a new beginning/direction** [Gen. 17:5, 22-32 | Mark 3:16 | Matt. 16:18]

God's Name/Character [Ex. 34:6–7]

→ “The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.’”

◆ [Neh. 9:17, 31 | Ps. 86:15; 103:8 | Jonah 4:2; Joel 2:13]

“[When] we look at the names God is pleased to give Himself, we are going to discover all kinds of vignettes of insights into His character. Because every title that is used of God... those different names... are telling us something of [God’s] character.”

R. C.
Sproul



Jesus' Name

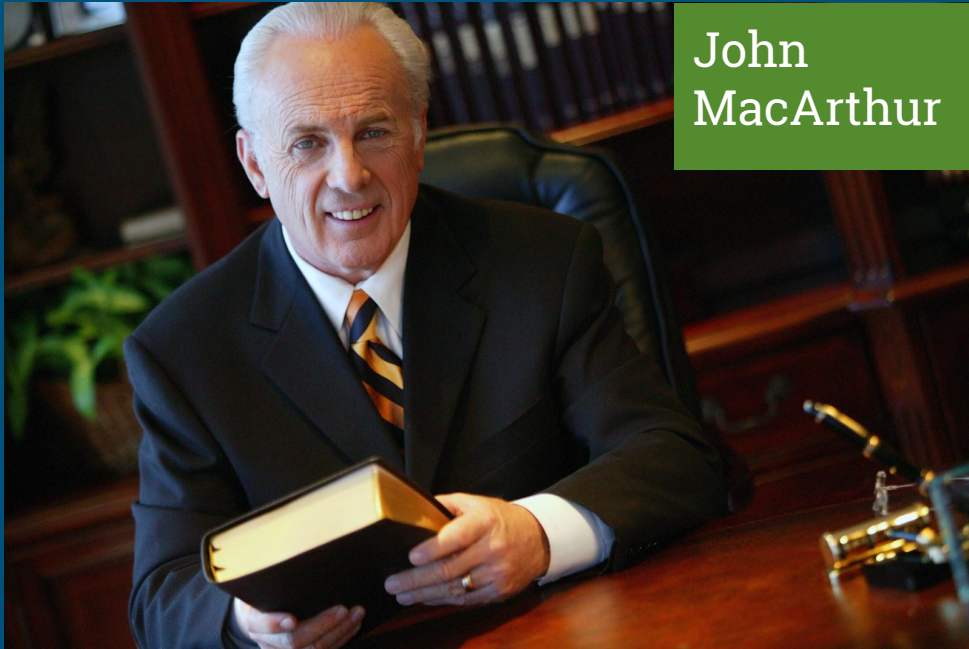
- Historical account [Matt. 1:18-25]
- ◆ **Matt. 1:21: ...you shall call His name Jesus, for ^[a]He will save His people from their sins.**
 - **Footnotes:** *Lit.* He Himself

“God chose the name Jesus for His Son because its basic meaning defined the fundamental, overarching purpose for the Son’s coming to earth. Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, Jeshua, or Jehoshua, each of which means “Jehovah (Yahweh) will save.”

The baby Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and gave birth to in the plan of God would grow up to testify to the Father’s plan of salvation—and would Himself be that salvation...”

“By His own sacrificial death on the cross and triumphant resurrection from the grave, He would save all those who are drawn from sin to repentance and who receive faith to embrace His atoning work.”

John
MacArthur



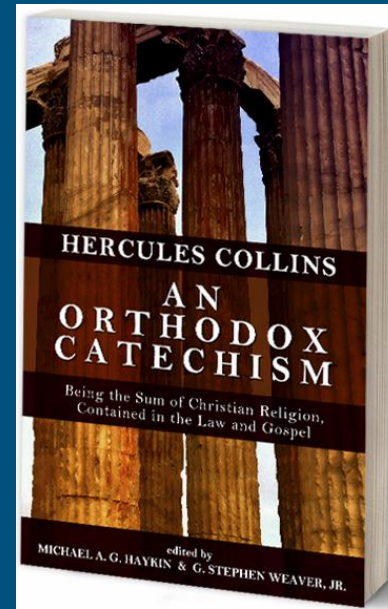
Jesus' Name

- **Historical account**
- **Living up to His name** [Luke 2:11 | Acts 3:26; 4:12; 5:31; 13:23; 13:38]
 - ◆ **Saved from what?** [John 3:17, 36 | 1 Thes. 1:10]
 - ◆ **How?** [1 John 2:2; 4:10 | Heb. 2:17 | Rom. 3:25]

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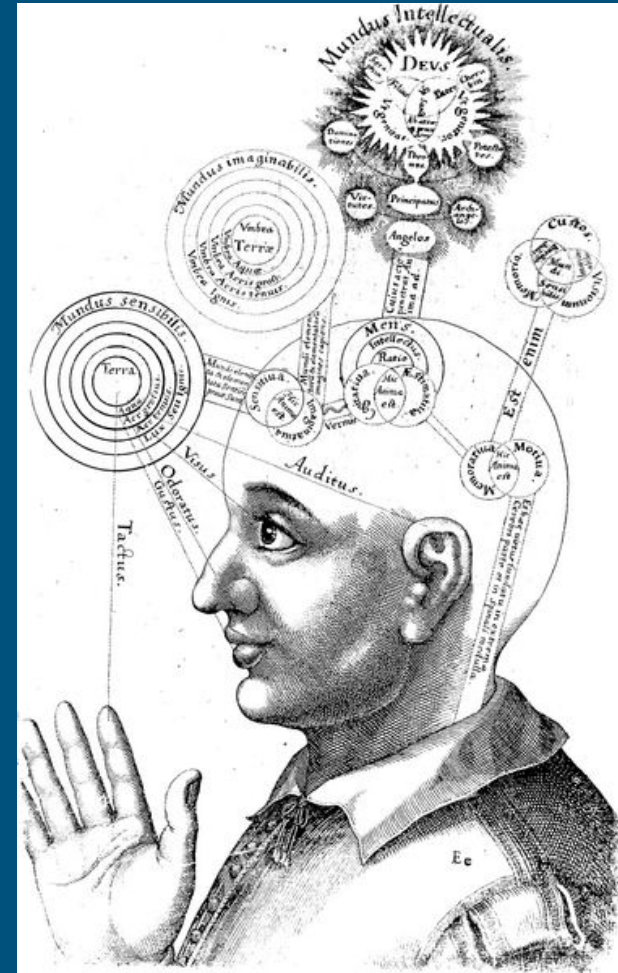
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The Commercialized, Psychologized Temperament

If the evangelical church at large was ever too confrontational in its evangelism, those days are gone. The pendulum has swung, with a **commercialized** and **psychologized** temperament, in the other direction. The church today leans strongly toward offering Jesus as appealing or not offering him at all. And what's new about this temperament is that we are more inclined than we used to be to let the customer, or the person who is offended, define what is appealing...

The **commercialized mindset** moves away from personal conviction toward pragmatic effectiveness. It feels that if the consumer is unhappy with the presentation, there must be something wrong with it. When this feeling becomes overriding, it circles around and redefines the “truth” being presented so that the presentation can be made enjoyable. If the claim that Jesus is the only way of salvation offends people, the commercialized mindset will either not talk about it or stop believing it...



The **psychologized mindset** defines love as whatever the other person feels is loving. The effect is the same as with the commercialized mindset. If a person or group finds your summons to believe on Jesus for salvation to be arrogant instead of humble and loving, then, if you have the psychologized mindset, you will feel guilty and apologetic. It must be your fault. If this mindset becomes overriding, it too will circle around and change not only the presentation, but, if necessary, the thing presented, so that the other person will not feel unloved...

John
Piper

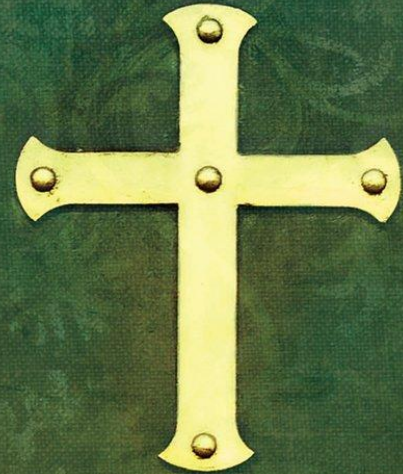


In this way, the unhappy consumer and the offended listener take on a power that once belonged **only to the Bible**. There is an epidemic fear of man behind these two mindsets. In the name of marketing savvy or sensitive communication, cowardice capitulates to the world, and we surrender the offensive truth of Christ's uniqueness and supremacy.

JESUS

THE ONLY WAY TO GOD

Must You Hear the Gospel
to Be Saved?



JOHN PIPER

Jesus **Alone** Saves



Jesus Alone Saves [Matt. 1:21; 11:27]

- **She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”**
- **All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**

Jesus Alone Saves [Acts 4:11-12]

- **He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. 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.”**

Jesus **Alone** Saves [John 3:18; 14:6-7]

- He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

ESV Study Bible on John 14:6

“Jesus as **the one way to the Father** fulfills the OT symbols and teachings that show the exclusiveness of God’s claim (**John 3:18**), such as the curtain (**Ex. 26:33**) barring access to God’s presence from all except the Levitical high priest (**Lev. 16**), the rejection of human inventions as means to approach God (**Lev. 10:2**), and the choice of Aaron alone to represent Israel before God in his sanctuary (**Num. 17:5**)...”

“Jesus is the only ‘way’ to God (**Acts 4:12**), and he alone can provide access to God.

Jesus as **the truth** fulfills the teaching of the OT (**John 1:17**) and reveals the true God (**cf. 1:14, 17; 5:33; 18:37; also 8:40, 45–46; 14:9**).

Jesus alone is **the life** who fulfills the OT promises of ‘life’ given by God (**11:25–26**), having life in himself (**1:4; 5:26**), and he is thus able to confer eternal life to all those who believe in him (**e.g., 3:16**)...”

Jesus Alone Saves [1 John 2:23; 4:3]

- **Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.**
- **and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.**

Jesus **Alone** Saves [1 John 4:15; 5:12]

- **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**
- **He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.**

Jesus Alone Saves [Rom. 10:13–17]

→ for “Whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved.”

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
...So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Jesus **Alone** Saves [1 Tim. 2:5; Isa. 43:11]

- For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- “I, even I, am the LORD,
And there is no savior besides Me.

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly**



Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Acts 20:28]

- **Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Rom. 3:25]

- whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

ESV Study Bible on Rom. 3:25

“Jesus’ blood **“propitiated”** or satisfied God’s wrath (1:18), so that his holiness was not compromised in forgiving sinners... God’s righteous anger needed to be appeased before sin could be forgiven, and God in his love sent his Son (who offered himself willingly) to satisfy God’s holy anger against sin. In this way God demonstrated his righteousness, which here refers particularly to his holiness and justice...”

“God’s justice was called into question because in his patience he had overlooked former sins. In other words, how could God as the utterly Holy One tolerate human sin without inflicting full punishment on human beings immediately? Paul’s answer is that God looked forward to the cross of Christ where the full payment for the guilt of sin would be made, where Christ would die in the place of sinners. In the OT, propitiation (or the complete satisfaction of the wrath of God) is symbolically foreshadowed in several incidents: e.g., Ex. 32:11–14; Num. 25:8, 11; Josh. 7:25–26.”

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Col. 2:6-15]

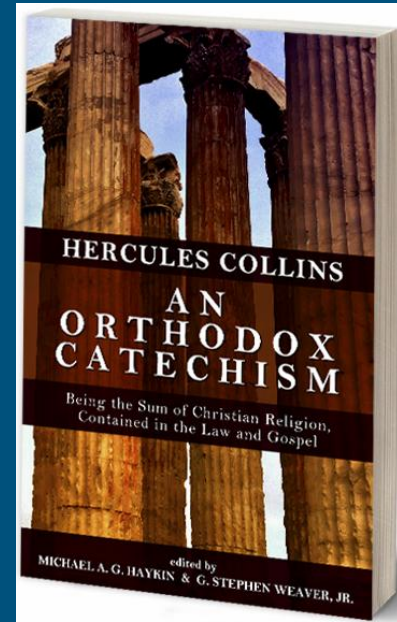
→ ...For in Him [Jesus] all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete...

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Heb. 7:23-25]

- **The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

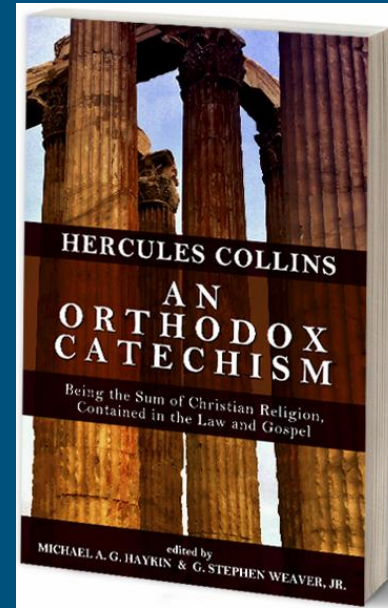
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→ Do they then who seek for happiness and safety of the saints, or of themselves, or elsewhere believe in the only Savior Jesus?



Q. 29 [Answer]:

- ◆ No. For although in word they boast themselves of Him as their only Savior, yet indeed they deny the only Savior Jesus. For either Jesus is not a perfect Savior, or that those who embrace Him as their Savior with a true faith, possess all things in Him which are required unto salvation.



Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [1 Cor. 1:12-13]

→ Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, “I am of Paul,” and “I of Apollos,” and “I of Cephas,” and “I of Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [1 Cor. 1:30-31]

- **But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Isa. 9:6; 43:11, 25]

- ... a son will be given to us... Prince of Peace.
- “I, even I, am the Lord,
And there is no savior besides Me.
- “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions
for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Gal. 5:4]

- **You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.**

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Col. 1:19-20; 2:10]

- 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 in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly** [Heb. 12:1-2]

- Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus **Alone** Saves

Jesus Saves **Fully & Perfectly**

Scholten's Heidelberg Catechism Study Guide:

→ **What does the name "Jesus" mean?**

◆ Savior

→ **From what does He save you?**

◆ From all my sins.

→ **What did the angel say? (Matt. 1:21)**

◆ Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.

- **What is the Old Testament form of the name “Jesus”?**
 - ◆ Joshua or Jehoshua (The LORD saves.)

 - **Who is the “first Joshua” you know? (Num. 13:16)**
 - ◆ Joshua, the successor of Moses, who led Israel to the promised land.

 - **Who is the “second Joshua” you know? (Hag. 1:1)**
 - ◆ Joshua, the high priest, who, with Zerubbabel, led Judah back from the land of exile, to the promised land.
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→ **Did they save the people from their sins?**

◆ No, only Jesus does.

→ **What did Peter say?**

◆ For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

→ **Is Jesus a complete Savior?**

◆ Yes, for in Him I have all things necessary for my salvation.

→ **What is written in Hebrews 7:25?**

◆ He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.

→ **What, then, should you do?**

◆ I should seek all my salvation and welfare in Him and not in other creatures.



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