

Lord's Day 11; Acts 4:12

FAITH IN JESUS, THE SAVIOR

I. The Savior.

A. "Jesus" is the personal name of the Son of God in our flesh.

1. This name is significant because God gave it to His Son (Matt. 1:21; Luke 1:31).
2. His personal name declares Who and what He is (His mission), i.e., Savior: "Jehovah salvation."

B. The angel explained the name: Jehovah saves from sin (Matt. 1:21).

1. Sins are all our violations of God's will, to which we add daily to the mountain of our sin and guilt.
2. Jehovah, the Self-existent One, performs the work of saving.

C. Jesus is Savior of "His people" from "their" sins.

II. Jesus is the only true Savior because He actually saves from sin.

A. Sin earns guilt, which deserves the punishment of death (God's anger).

1. This is the cause of all the misery in this world, social, economic, and spiritual.
2. Jesus saves from the punishment of sin, not first from sin's results (though He will one day).

B. He is not just a Savior, but THE Savior, the only One.

C. Jesus actually and fully saved; He did not merely create the possibility for salvation.

1. He is Savior for us, actually changing our guilt into innocency, removing every liability to be punished.
2. He is Savior in us by applying that which He bought to us

III. Jesus is the perfect Savior - completely saving us to the uttermost so there is nothing left to be done.

A. Jesus did everything necessary for salvation so nothing has to be added to His complete and perfect work.

B. Because Jesus is the true Savior, there is no need for saints, Mary, or good works.

1. He is not just a Savior, but He is THE Savior, the only One.
2. He is THE way, and no one comes to the Father but by Him (John 14:6).

C. Do you believe in this perfect Savior who is revealed in this Name?