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JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Matthew 1:21 *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*

We believe Jesus our Savior: is co-eternal with God; was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary; bore our sins and provides forgiveness for all our sin; rose again the third day; ascended back to heaven; is seated at the right hand of God to make intercession for us. (Adapted from Aimee Semple McPherson)

Man's Need — Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...*

Sin originated in Heaven (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-15) and in Eden, the serpent deceived man to be his own god (Gen. 3:4-5).

1. Man's condition is directly attributed to the sin of Adam.
 - Everyone is guilty and a captive of sin (Romans 7:23), and condemned because of sin (John 3:18).
2. We are separated from from God and dead in our sins (Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13).
 - Because our mindset is towards sin, all of our actions are sinful (Romans 8:3-8).
 - Although the consequences of our sin is death (Romans 6:23), God's love does not stop at the realization of guilt.

God's Provision Through Jesus Christ — Colossians 2:13 *And you, being dead in your trespasses..., He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (John 3:16-17; Romans 6:23)*

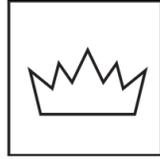
1. Jesus Christ, the person...
 - He is the Son of God (Matthew 17:5; Romans 1:3-4).
 - He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).
 - He was born of a virgin (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26-27).
 - He became a man (Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:16-18).
2. Jesus Christ, the Savior...
 - He gave His life, Ephesians 2:13 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men...* (1 Timothy 2:5-6; Titus 2:14)
 - He rose from the grave as He said He would (Acts 1:3).
 - He ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:11).
 - Today, Christ rules and sits at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), and intercedes for those who believe (Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:5).

Ephesians 2:9-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works,...*

Because of our salvation in Christ...

1. We can have the certainty of eternal life. (John 14:2-3; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:13)
2. We are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
3. We have become the righteousness of God in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. We are complete and have everything we need in Christ. (Colossians 2:9-10; 2 Peter 1:3-4)
4. We are renewed every day. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
5. We have victory over the sinful nature. (Romans 6:14, 8:11)
6. We have been given Kingdom Authority. (Mark 16:15-20)
7. We have passed from death into life. (Luke 10:20; John 5:24)

Next week — JESUS OUR BAPTIZER



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