

Utterly Saved by the Ultimate Savior

Hebrews 7:25 - "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

Our World Does Not Understand Salvation And The Need For It

- Ask an Atheist and he will say, “There is no God and therefore there is no one to save us if we need to be saved.”
- Ask a Relativist and he will say, “There is no sin and therefore there is no need to be saved from it.”
- Ask a Moralist and he will say, “Be a good person and do good to others and you will be saved.”
- Ask a Religionist and he will say, “Follow your church liturgy and you will be saved.”
- Ask Jesus Christ and He will say, “He that believes and is baptized will be saved.”

God's Plan To Save

- A costly plan
 - Mark 10:45 - “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to ***give His life a ransom for many***”
 - Phil. 2:5-8 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

God's Plan To Save

- A costly plan
 - Isa. 53:5 - “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”
 - 1Peter 1:18-19 - “...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

God's Plan To Save

- A completed plan
 - John 19:30 - “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ***It is finished!*** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”
 - Heb. 9:12 - “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place ***once for all***, having obtained eternal redemption.”

God's Plan To Save

- A controversial plan
 - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. ***No one comes to the Father except through Me.***”
 - Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

God's Plan To Save

- God doesn't care if you are black, white, red, yellow or brown. He doesn't care which country you came from, what your socio-economic condition may be, or whether you used to be Muslim, Hindu, Baptist, Mormon, or Catholic. He doesn't care how many sins you have committed or how often or how ugly they seem to others. He only has one plan of salvation for all humankind.

God's Power To Save

- He has the power to call sinners to the Savior
 - John 6:44 - “No one can come to Me ***unless the Father who sent Me draws him***; and I will raise him up at the last day.”
 - Rom. 1:16 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for ***it is the power of God to salvation*** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek”
 - Rom. 5:8 - “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God's Power To Save

- John 16:7-13 - “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

God's Power To Save

- He has the power to cleanse ***every*** sinner from ***every*** sin
 - Rev. 1:5 - "...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood"
 - Psalm 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us."
 - Isa. 38:17 - "...You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back."

God's Power To Save

- He has the power to cleanse ***every*** sinner from ***every*** sin
 - Isa. 43:25 - “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”
 - Micah 7:19 - “He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.”

God's Power To Save

- He has the power to change sinners to saints
 - Col. 1:21-22 - “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight”
 - 2Cor. 3:18 - “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

God's Promise To Save

- The promise in His words, “save” - “sozo: to save, deliver or protect, heal, preserve, save, do well, make whole” (Strong's)
- And the word “uttermost” - “panteles: full-ended, entire; in no wise, uttermost” (Strong's)

God's Promise To Save

- From the deadness of their sins
 - Eph. 2:1 - “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins”
- From the wrath of God
 - Rom. 5:9 - “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

God's Promise To Save

- From a wasted life that ends in tragedy
 - Luke 16:19-31
- From self-deception and self-destruction
 - Prov. 16:25 - “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”

God's Promise To Save

- The promise in His work
 - 1John 2:1-2 - “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world”
 - Rom. 8:34 - “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

God's Promise To Save

- The promise in His work
 - Heb. 9:24 - “For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”
- Intercessor literally means, “to fall in with; one who comes alongside another to help in times of distress” (Robertsons)

God's Promise To Save

- The promise in His will
 - John 6:37-40 - “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day”

God's Promise To Save

- The promise in His will
 - 1Peter 1:5 - “Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”
 - John 10:28 - “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

God's Priest Who Saves

- Jesus, as our Great High Priest, is absolutely superior to the old priesthood.
- The Old Testament priesthood was only temporary. A man could only serve until he died.
- Jesus has already gone through death and He will never die again
 - Rev. 1:18 - “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.”

God's Priest Who Saves

- The Old Testament priest could save no one.
- Jesus is “able to save to the uttermost.” He has power that no earthly priest can ever have. He has the power to save souls.

God's Priest Who Saves

- The Old Testament priest was never finished with his work.
- Jesus finished His work on the cross and sat down at His Father's right hand
 - Heb. 10:12 - “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God”

God's Priest Who Saves

- The Old Testament priest could only enter the presence of God once each year and then only with the blood of a sacrificed lamb.
- Jesus Christ continually abides in His Father's presence as the representative of the redeemed