

#### "Why Does God Want To Save Me?!"

- 1Tim. 2:3-7 "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle"
- Ez. 33:11 "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?"
- 2Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

### Why Does God Bless Humankind?

• 1Chron. 4:9-10 - "Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him in pain. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain! So God granted him what he requested."



- Why did God give Jabez what he asked?
  - God loves His people.
  - He delights to do them good.
  - God is good.

 Psalm 67 - "God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. 2 That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. 4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. 5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. 6 Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him."

- Num. 6:24-27 "The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. 27 So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."
- Gen. 12:2-3 "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- 1Kings 8:60 "that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other."

### For What Did Jesus Pray?

- "Father, bless me! Save me from this horrible death!"?
- Jesus did not ask for physical safety or comfort. He asked for God's glory.
  - John 12:27-28 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

- Why does God bless His people?
  - He wants the world to see His goodness, mercy, and love.
- Why does God saved the lost?
  - He has enough goodness, mercy and love to meet the needs of the entire world, and wants everyone to enjoy it

- Man has come to believe that because God has blessed him so much, God exists to bless man; a mistaken understanding
  - God does not exist to bless man
  - The existence of man does not mandate that God bless him

 Acts 17:24-28 - "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring."

- God does not need man to glorify Him
  - Phil. 1:15-20 "Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will: 16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. 19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."

- Man is permitted to choose whether or not to glorify God
  - John 12:28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

- It is His nature to love me whether or not I understand it, accept it, respond to it, believe in it, or know the reason why
- Loving us is who He is
  - 1John 4:7-8 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

- Everything He does adds to His glory
  - Rev. 15:3-4 "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

- We reach the highest order of our being when we love God and glorify Him of our own free will
- When we love Him, we become like Him
  - 1John 4:17 "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

- When we know Him, we are blessed by Him with the things we need to become like Him
  - 2Peter 1:3-4 "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

- When we give our lives to glorify Him, He gives us His own glory
  - Rom. 8:16-18 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

#### God Wants To Save You Because:

- He loves you
- Because that's what defines Him as God
- Because it glorifies His name
- As a witness to the world of His willingness and power to save
- As a testimony of His willingness and power to bless abundantly
- Because you need salvation and cannot get it on your own
- Because God wants to share His blessings with you
- Because God wants to share His glory with you
- You don't have to answer the question "Why does God want to save me?" You just have to trust and obey.