

JEHOVAH-JESUS (Lord, Savior)

Isaiah 43:3; Matthew 1:21

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: God calls Himself by three names and in doing so encourages people to trust Him, lean upon Him, and comfort themselves in knowing Him. God said, *"...Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine..."* If God has done all this (redeemed and called), believers have nothing to fear no matter how bad things may get. Those who believe in God's Son are redeemed by His blood and called by God's grace. All who are believers in God's Son, Jesus, are under His sovereign power, care and protection.

I. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF BY USING THREE NAMES

1. He says, *"...I am the Lord thy God..."*

- He created all things and has called and redeemed those who believe in His Son.
- He is the God of all creation, of all mankind, but especially those that believe.
- He is the believer's God by God's work of redemption and grace.
- It is the name which God chose to reveal Himself and made Himself known to mankind - **JEHOVAH.**
 - "LORD" is the English translation of the word "JEHOVAH."
 - It is His glorious name which is not given to another.
 - It is to be spoken ONLY with the highest reverence, esteem and adoration.
- "JEHOVAH" identifies God as the one and only eternal, self-existent BEING.
 - Creator of all things, Eternal, which was, is and is to come.
 - If one belongs to JEHOVAH, then who or what is there to fear?

2. He is also *"...The Holy One of Israel..."*

- God alone is holy and God alone makes believers holy.
- God is the one by whom one can be sanctified.
 - God makes one holy by setting him/her apart by washing away his/her sins and by imparting His holy nature to the believer in regeneration.
- God will bring His work to perfection upon the raising of believers' bodies from the grave to be glorified in God's heaven.

3. God declares Himself to be *"...Thy Savior..."*

- He is preserver, protector, provider and deliverer.
- The angel said to Joseph, *"...She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins..."*
- Jesus Christ is Jehovah God come to save.
- The incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the names of God.
- Jesus Christ is the God-Man, Savior, Jehovah-Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR JEHOVAH

1. There is the "trinity" - God, the Father, God, the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, yet only ONE God.
 - God reveals Himself to people, deals with people and is known by people in the Person of that One who is Mediator between God and people, the Lord, Man, Jesus Christ.
2. *"..God was manifest in the flesh..." (1 Timothy 3:16)*
 - Jesus is as much God as if He were not a man, yet He is truly man as much man as if He were not God.
 - Jehovah-Jesus bridged the gap between God and man, therefore He is able to save.

- He is God come to save.
- 3. Jehovah-Jesus is God over all, creator, sovereign Ruler of all yet He is a real man, touched with the same feelings of a human being, temptations, pain, loneliness, grief, weakness of hunger, sickness, sorrows, sin and death.
 - Though Jesus had no sin of His own, yet He came for the purpose of being made sin for those who would believe in Him and suffer all the consequences of sin for all who would believe in Him.
- 4. Jesus knows what each person feels, the pain, the sorrow, the burdens that all bear sooner or later, He invites everyone to come to Him and He is able to do something about them.

III. JEHOVAH-JESUS CAME TO SAVE BELIEVERS FROM THEIR SINS

1. Nowhere does it say that Jesus shall reward people for being righteous, nor He will save people from becoming sinners.
 - Jesus said that **"...He would save His people from their sins..."**
 - What connects people to Jesus is not their goodness, but their sins.
 - If one never sins then he/she does not need a savior.
 - The link between one's soul and Jesus is his/her badness, not goodness, his/her misery, not his/her merit, not one's standing, but one's falling, not riches, but need.
 - Every promise of God in the Gospel is made to SINNERS.
2. Jehovah-Jesus **"shall save His people from their sins..."**- Every one of them.
 - Jesus has saved believers from the penalty of sin by shedding His own blood.
 - Jesus is saving His people from the power of sin by the grace and power of His Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus saves His people from their sins.
 - The redemptive work of Jehovah-Jesus was/is not some haphazard, accidental thing. It was planned from the very beginning of mankind.

CONCLUSION:

1. **John 3:14-16**
2. Everyone must look to Jesus Christ to be saved, right where each person is, trust Him to do what He came to earth to do - save those who would believe.
3. Jehovah-Jesus will save from sin, from the penalty of sin and the power of sin. Only HE can do that.
4. God loves all mankind and has done all that is necessary for every human being to have eternal life with Him in His glorious heaven but it is all done through JEHOVAH-JESUS.