

HOW DOES JESUS SAVE?

John 17:9-26

Introduction: We sing hymns about Jesus saving and hear sermons about Jesus saving and we Christians believe that Jesus does actually save. There are disagreements and doctrinal differences on how people think that Jesus actually saves. Disregarding how people "say" Jesus saves, what does the Bible say about how Jesus saves?

I. JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH FOR MANKIND IS THE ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF SALVATION

1. **Romans 8:34** - There are some people who believe that a person who has been saved can be lost again because of some new sin he/she has committed.
2. Which sins did Jesus bear for mankind? Was it ALL sin, past, present, future? If it was for ALL sin, how then can a "new" sin bring lost-ness again? ALL sin is ALL sin, forever.
3. Can we surprise God with a new sin and therefore bring about lost-ness again?
4. Does not God know all things? Did Jesus Christ shed His blood for ALL sins or just some sins? Is God totally, completely satisfied with what Jesus has done?
- **1 John 2:2** - How can a saved person be lost again? What has the blood of Jesus not covered?
5. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses ALL sin - that of the lost and that of the saved and therefore God can keep a believer in Jesus Christ saved forever. Remember, every believer was a sinner and lost before he/she ever believed and the blood of Jesus saved the believer in that lost condition.
6. **Ephesians 2:7-10; Romans 5:8** - It is God's idea and power in the first place that brings about salvation and it is all for God's pleasure. Man had nothing to do with arranging salvation.
7. Salvation doesn't depend upon people! It depends upon Jesus Christ!
- **John 3:18; 5:24; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32**

II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SECURES THE RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL LIFE OF ALL BELIEVERS

1. **John 3:16; 10:28; Ephesians 2:6**
2. **Romans 6:23** - Eternal life, salvation, is a GIFT! (Discuss "gifts.")
3. **Colossians 2:12; 3:1** - Eternal life happened because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. Believers in Jesus Christ have eternal life because Jesus Christ has eternal life as He was once in human form as people are, therefore since the "human" Jesus has eternal life, it is now possible for other humans to have eternal life as well, through belief in Jesus.

5. The spiritual birth cannot be undone anymore than the physical birth can be undone as Jesus tried to explain to Nicodemus.
6. Believers fail from time to time but it does not affect their POSITION in God's eyes. Believers are holy before God because Jesus Christ is holy. It is by God's GRACE, good will and pleasure that He keeps the believer saved.

III. JESUS CHRIST'S CURRENT WORK AS THE BELIEVER'S ADVOCATE ASSURES ETERNAL SALVATION

1. *Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:24; 1 John 2:1*
2. As lawyers are advocates, defenders of people in courts of law, so Jesus Christ is lawyer, advocate, defender, representative of believers in God's "court." Jesus has but to point to HIS work as basis for forgiveness and reconciliation for the believer who sins again.
3. The work of Jesus Christ is perfect. God is satisfied with what Jesus has done, therefore believers can rest in what Jesus Christ has done.

IV. JESUS' CURRENT WORK AS INTERCESSOR ALSO GUARANTEES THE BELIEVER ETERNAL SALVATION

1. *John 17:1-26; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:23-25*
2. Jesus' present work brings eternal security for the believer.
3. Jesus sees all the weakness, ignorance and immaturity of His believers and He prays for these needs.
- *Luke 22:31-32; John 17:9; 15:20; Romans 8:34*
4. Jesus' own suffering, His unchanging priesthood guarantees eternal salvation for the believer.
- *John 14:19; Romans 5:10; Hebrews 7:25*

CONCLUSION:

1. Just WHO did Jesus Christ die for on the cross? Whoever it was, whoever's place He took is assured eternal salvation by God, the Father, Himself.
- Jesus Christ's death, resurrection, intercessorship provides absolute security for whomever He represents. So, WHO DID JESUS DIE FOR ON THE CROSS?
2. If salvation is the work of God for mankind, rather than a work of mankind for God, then the results are certain - "*...the believer shall never come into condemnation...*"
3. Did Jesus die for YOU? If so, then YOU can have ETERNAL LIFE, God says so!