

JESUS' PART IN SALVATION

John 17:9-26

Introduction: For many, Jesus was just like any other human being and had no more influence nor power than anybody else. He was born, lived, and died and that was that, even though He did die a horrible death, but others had also been crucified on a cross. However, in the divine plan of salvation for the human race, Jesus was quite a different person than what many thought and still think, the Jews, for instance. According to God, the Heavenly Father, Jesus was the "instrument" through/by which man can have eternal life or eternal salvation. Just what part did/does Jesus have in our salvation?

I. JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS WAS SUBSTITUTIONARY FOR OUR DEATH

1. **Romans 8:34** - Those believing in the insecurity of believers usually do so on the basis of sin in a person's life, not accepting the fact that Jesus' death on the cross was in payment for all the sin of all mankind.
2. To claim that sin brings lostness, again denies the truth that Christ has not borne ALL the sins of the believer, past, present and future sins.
3. To claim insecurity of believers is to say that God, having saved a soul, might be disappointed and surprised by unexpected, subsequent sin in that person.
4. God knows all things! God foreknows every sin, every secret thought that will ever darken the believer's life and for those sins, the sufficient, sacred, sanctified blood of Jesus Christ has been shed, and by that blood God has been satisfied. **1 John 2:2**
5. The blood washing away the sins of the world washes away the sins of the LOST AND THE SAVED. Thus God is able to continue saving and keeping saved those who would believe in Jesus Christ.
6. **Ephesians 2:7-10; Romans 5:8** - God saves and keeps not only for our sakes, but to satisfy His own love and to show His own GRACE.
7. Our salvation and safekeeping depend ONLY upon the sacrifice and merit of the Son of God. **John 3:18; 5:24; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32**

II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SECURES THE BELIEVER'S RESURRECTION

1. **John 3:16; 10:28; Ephesians 2:6**
2. **Romans 6:23** - The GIFT of God is eternal life.
3. **Colossians 2:12; 3:1** - This life is the resurrective life of Jesus Christ.

4. Believers continue to live because Jesus Christ continues to live. The believer is made anew, a part of a new creation.
5. A person can no more undo this worldly creation than he/she can undo the new creation in Jesus Christ.
6. While failures in the Christian life are all too evident, these do not affect the position of the believer who is holy as Christ is holy, because of the GRACE of God and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

III. JESUS' WORK AS OUR ADVOCATE IN HEAVEN ALSO ASSURES ETERNAL SECURITY

1. *Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:24; 1 John 2:1*
2. In this position as representative of the believer, Jesus Christ pleads the suffering of His work on the cross as a basis for our forgiveness and reconciliation to God.
3. Since Jesus Christ's work is perfect, the true believer can rest in the security of the perfection of the work of Jesus Christ.

IV. THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST AS INTERCESSOR SUPPLEMENTS AND CONFIRMS HIS WORK AS THE BELIEVER'S ADVOCATE

1. *John 17:1-26; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:23-25*
2. Jesus Christ's work in heaven right now has to do with the eternal security of those who are saved.
3. As intercessor, Jesus Christ sees the weaknesses, ignorance and immaturity of the believer. Jesus Christ prays for the believer and his/her needs. *Luke 22:31-32; John 17:9, 15, 20; Romans 8:34*
4. Because of His own suffering and His unchanging priesthood, Jesus Christ guarantees believers will be kept saved forever. *John 14:19; Romans 5:10; Hebrews 7:25*

CONCLUSION:

1. The work of Jesus Christ in His death, resurrection, advocacy and intercessor provides absolute security for the one whom Jesus Christ represents on the Cross and in Heaven.
2. If salvation be a work of God FOR man, RATHER than a work of man for God, its outcome is certain and sure and the promise of *John 5:24* that the believer "...shall not come into condemnation..." will certainly be fulfilled.