

Utterly Saved by the Ultimate Savior

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Introduction:

- A. Our world does not understand salvation and the need for it.
 - 1. 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."
 - 2. Ask a Relativist and he will say, "There is no sin and therefore there is no need to be saved from it."
 - 3. Ask a Moralist and he will say, "Be a good person and do good to others and you will be saved."
 - 4. Ask a Religionist and he will say, "Follow your church liturgy and you will be saved."
 - 5. Ask Jesus Christ and He will say, "He that believes and is baptized will be saved."
- B. Heb. 7:25 - Understanding salvation to the uttermost

I. GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE

- A. A costly plan - Mark 10:45; Phil. 2:5-8; Isa. 53:5; 1Peter 1:18-19
- B. A completed plan - John 19:30; Heb. 9:12
- C. A controversial plan - John 14:6; Acts 4:12
 - 1. 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

II. GOD'S POWER TO SAVE

- A. He has the power to call sinners to the Savior - John 6:44, 16:7-13; Rom. 5:8
- B. He has the power to cleanse every sinner from every sin
 - 1. Rev. 1:5; Psalm 103:12; Isa. 38:17, 43:25; Micah 7:19
- C. He has the power to change sinners to saints - Col. 1:21-22; 2Cor. 3:18

III. GOD'S PROMISE TO SAVE

- A. The promise in His words, "save" - "sozo: to save, deliver or protect, heal, preserve, save, do well, make whole" (Strongs)
 - 1. And the word "uttermost" - "panteles: full-ended, entire; in no wise, uttermost" (Strongs)
 - 2. From the deadness of their sins - Eph. 2:1
 - 3. From the wrath of God - Rom. 5:9
 - 4. From a wasted life that ends in tragedy - Luke 16:19-31
 - 5. From self-deception and self-destruction - Prov. 16:25
- B. The promise in His work - 1John 2:1-2; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24
 - 1. Intercessor literally means, "to fall in with; one who comes alongside another to help in times of distress" (Robertsons)

C. The promise in His will - John 6:37-40; 1Peter 1:5; John 10:28

IV. GOD'S PRIEST WHO SAVES

- A. Jesus, as our Great High Priest, is absolutely superior to the old priesthood.
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. 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
- B. Since this is true, the question you need to answer today is this: "What have I done about God's plan of salvation?"