

Why Does God Want To Save Me?

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Introduction:

- A. 1Tim. 2:3-7; Ez. 33:11; 2Peter 3:9
- B. Why does God bless humankind?
 - 1. 1Chron. 4:9-10
 - 2. Why did God give Jabez what he asked? Why did God bless him?
 - a. God loves His people.
 - b. He delights to do them good.
 - c. God is good.
- C. God has always desired to bless His people for various reasons
 - 1. Psalm 67; Num. 6:24-27; Gen. 12:2-3
- D. 1Kings 8:60 - The Israelites just completed the building of the temple. Solomon offered a lengthy prayer asking God to meet His people's needs. Then he gave the reason why God should bless His people in this way.
- E. How did Jesus pray to God? What did He ask for? "Father God, bless me! Save me from this horrible death!"?
 - 1. John 12:27-28 - Jesus does not ask for physical safety or comfort. He asks for God's glory.
- F. Why does God bless His people? He wants the world to see His goodness, mercy, and love.
 - 1. Why does God saved the lost? He has enough goodness, mercy and love to meet the needs of the entire world, and wants it to enjoy it
- G. Man has come to believe that because God has blessed him so much, God exists to bless man; a mistaken understanding
 - 1. God does not exist to bless man
 - a. The existence of man does not mandate that God bless him
 - b. Acts 17:24-28
 - 2. God does not need man to glorify Him - Phil. 1:15-20
 - a. Man is permitted to choose whether or not to glorify God
 - b. John 12:28
- H. So, why does God want to save me? Why does God want to bless me?
 - 1. It is His nature to love me whether or not I understand it, accept it, respond to it, believe in it, or know why
 - a. Loving us is who He is - 1John 4:7-8
 - b. Everything He does adds to His glory - Rev. 15:3-4
 - 2. We reach the highest order of our being when we love God and glorify Him of our own free will
 - a. When we love Him, we become like Him - 1John 4:17
 - b. When we know Him, we are blessed by Him with the things we need to become like Him - 2Peter 1:3-4
 - c. When we give our lives to glorify Him, He gives us His own glory
 - d. Rom. 8:16-18

Conclusion:

- A. To answer the question: "Why does God want to save me?" with "Because He loves you" is as incomplete an answer as responding to one who asks "What must I do to be saved, and stopping with "Believe."
- B. God wants to save you because
 - 1. He loves you
 - 2. Because that's what defines Him as God
 - 3. Because it glorifies His name
 - 4. As a witness to the world of His willingness and power to save
 - 5. As a testimony of His willingness and power to bless abundantly
 - 6. Because you need salvation and cannot get it on your own
 - 7. Because God wants to share His blessings with you
 - 8. Because God wants to share His glory with you
- C. You don't have to answer the question "Why does God want to save me?"
You just have to trust and obey.