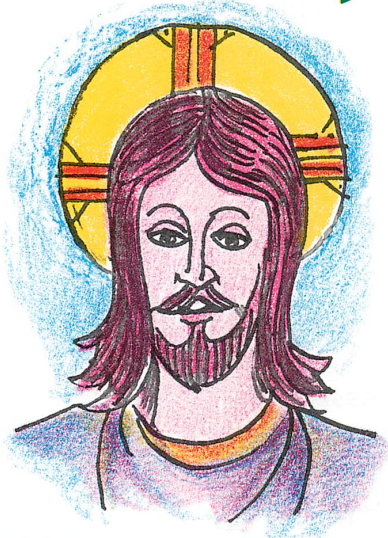


Jesus, Savior



“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

In studying about Jesus, we have seen him as the Son of God, servant, second person of the Holy Trinity, a prophet, and a teacher. But the most important title that Jesus holds for us is that of “Savior.” It was through Jesus’ death and resurrection that God’s plan for humanity’s salvation was carried out. Jesus rescued us from sin so that we might be alive spiritually and enjoy everlasting life with the Father. He was able to do this because of his divine nature. Jesus was not an ordinary man, Jesus was God in the flesh of a human. This makes him different from any man who ever lived!

SEVEN STEPS

How can we share in God’s plan for salvation? Why is Jesus, our savior, an integral part of this plan? There are seven simple steps to take in sharing in God’s plan for salvation with Jesus as your own personal savior.

After each step we follow to truly know Jesus as our personal savior, there is a category labeled “Proof.” The Bible gives us proof that this plan will work. Look up each Bible reference and write the verse as proof!

1. Say to yourself: “God loves me.”

God sent his only Son to be the savior of the world. Jesus came to save us from sin so that we might become righteous. God hates sin, and we can exchange sin for righteousness by following Jesus. Could you ask for greater evidence of love?

Proof: _____

_____ John 3:16

2. Say to yourself: “I am a sinner.”

At some time in our lives we have all sinned against God in thought, word,

and deed. In the sight of God, we are a lost sinner.

Proof: _____

_____ *Romans 4:23*

3. Say to yourself: "I am a lost sinner, dead in sin."

We are dead in sin until we accept Christ as our personal savior. The apostle Paul said, "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, but to be saved is to be made spiritually alive in Christ." (Eph. 2:1) The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Proof: _____

_____ *Romans 7:23*

4. Say to yourself: "Christ loves me so much that he died for me."

Christ died for us because we are not like God — we are sinners. We could not be redeemed with silver or gold, but only with the precious body and blood of Jesus, the unblemished and spotless Lamb of God.

Proof: _____

_____ *Romans 5:6*

5. Say to yourself: "I can be saved by my faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ."

There once was a man born blind

who received physical sight by a miracle; but, spiritual sight came when Jesus asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Lord, I believe." (John 9:35-38) The Gospel that saves when believed is:

First, "That Christ died for our sins."

Second, "That he was buried."

Third, "That he rose on the third day."

When you confess openly in words your love for Jesus, and believe in your heart that he rose from the dead, you will be on the road to being saved.

Accept him now by faith, and say this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I know you love me, because you died on the cross bearing my sins. Thank you, Lord, for revealing to me my lost sinful condi-





tion. I confess that I am a sinner, dead in sin, and cannot save myself. I do now, by faith, gladly accept you as my personal savior and thank you, Lord, for eternal salvation. Amen.”

Proof: _____

_____ *Acts 17:31*

6. Say to yourself: “I will give the invitation to follow Christ.”

How should I invite one of my friends to accept the Lord as his personal savior? You can set the example for your friends by attending badarak and following along in the Divine Liturgy book. It is by your good example of faith that you will lead your friends to Jesus, the savior.

Proof: _____

_____ *Rev. 22:17*

7. Say to yourself: “I will see that my friends and I grow in faith and the love of Jesus.”

Call your friends on the telephone and ask them to come to church with you Sunday morning. Sit together, worship together, and grow together spiritually. Remind your friends that wherever two or three are gathered together in prayer, Jesus is within their midst.

Proof: _____

_____ *Acts 2:41*





FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1. God loved the world and sent his only begotten Son to be the savior of all humanity. This was a part of his plan for humanity's salvation. List the seven steps we can follow to share in God's plan for our salvation. Give a short description of each step.

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

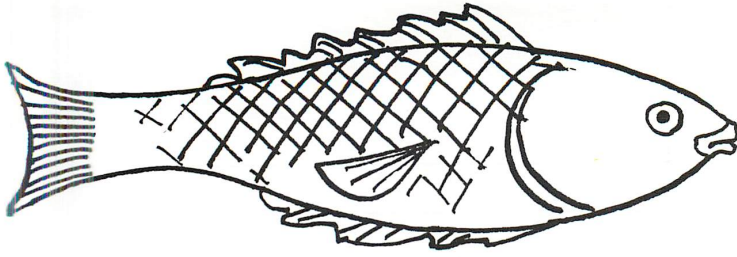
5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

2. List three things that come to mind when you hear the name of "Jesus."

3. Write a short prayer to Jesus thanking him for being our own personal savior so that we might enjoy everlasting happiness in heaven. If you need help, use some of the prayers found in the Divine Liturgy making reference to Jesus as savior.



Find The Names for Jesus

This puzzle contains 25 names by which Jesus is called in the Bible. Some names read up, some down, some forward, some diagonally up or down. Circle the 25 names. Can you think of any others not used in this puzzle? Write them at the bottom of this page.

S A F I T E A C H E R U R S Y
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Need some clues??? Look up the following Bible verses:

Matthew 1:23; 13:3

Mark 12:14

Luke 1:31

John 6:35; 4:25; 8:58; 12:13; 14:6;

21:7; 1:9; 1:36; 15:1; 6:25; 3:29

1 Tim. 4:10

Is 9:6; 59:20

Heb. 12:24

2 Pet. 1:19

Rev. 19:15