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NONE OTHER NAME

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Humanity's needs are manifold. Every child of Adam is a needy creature. As a creature man is needy, but considered as a sinner, man's needs are multiplied. We come into the world as a helpless infant, and leave it in as helpless condition. And we are needy while we stay here. Christ said, "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things"--food and clothing.

But our deepest need is salvation from sin. This is our deepest need because sin is our greatest danger. Sin has created an eternal need and to remain lost is to face eternal poverty. Oh, that men could realize their need of salvation. It is awful to see men approaching the precipice of hell without realizing their danger. To re-

alize the need of salvation will cause one to say with Peter, "We must be saved." He speaks of salvation as an imperative. Oh, that this must of salvation could grip the hearts of men and women.

It is common for men to have the feeling of must about temporal and material things. Man out of work feels that he must find a job. The business man feels that he must make sales. The ambitious youth of our day feel that they must get an education. The professional man feels that he must have clients. The masses of society feel that they must have a good time, and they pursue pleasure with an earnestness worthy of a better cause. And many a young man and woman feel that they must get mar-



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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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ried, and this feeling of must sends many a life on the rocks. All about us men are giving evidence of a feeling of must in everything save the most important thing--salvation from sin.

SHUT UP TO ONE PERSON

For the need of salvation we are shut up to one person. No use going anywhere else. During the famine in Egypt all men had to go to Joseph for food--he held the key to all graineries. To despise Joseph and refuse his grain meant starvation. So Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, has all the bread and water of everlasting life. To despise Him--to stay away from--to ignore Him, is to invite eternal hunger. Salvation is in a person.

I. The uniqueness of Christ's salvation. Salvation means deliverance--the salvation we have in Christ is deliverance from sin. The world has had many deliverers or saviours--men who have wrought great deliverances. Men have been saviours of great cities like Rome, such as Horatius who held the bridge against the enemy; saviours of great countries like Italy, such as Garibaldi, the simple soldier and liberator; countries like our own, such as Washington, affectionately known as the father and saviour of his country; such saviours as Simpson, the celebrated surgeon who made the most dangerous operations possible by discovery of chloroform. But great as these men were as saviours in their distinct spheres, they are not to be mentioned in the same breath with Christ. Their work was limited as to time and object. Their salvation reached only the bodies of men and only for a time; but the salvation of Christ is eternal and includes every part of man.

II. Christ is indispensable--we cannot do without Him. There are human helpers who seem to be necessary, but Christ is the only one who is really indispensable. The wife may feel that her husband is absolutely necessary to her well-being. A woman remarked a year after the death of her husband, "I never dreamed that I could possibly get along as I have without him."

But there is one whom we cannot do without. Without Him we can be nothing or do nothing. Without Him we have no resources. Without Him our future is filled with terrible despair. We are miserable paupers--we could not buy an inch of space in heavenly Canaan. Eternal burnings are our destiny. I realize there are many who seem to be getting along well without Him--proud and prosperous now, but the time will come when they will realize to be without Him is to be without the necessities and comforts of life. John says "He that hath the Son hath life." Saul of Tarsus was one who thought he could get along without Him, but the time came when he said "For me to live is Christ." Oh, that this change might come upon some of you! Oh, the blindness of men who cannot see that Christ is the only way out of the prison house of sin and death! Oh, the ignorance of men who cannot understand the gospel of Christ. Oh, the folly of men who will not trust the one and only Saviour! What humbling--what disappointment--what misery awaits those who live and die without Him! What shock is coming to those who think they can get to heaven without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ--the only name under heaven whereby we must be saved!

III. The Inescapable Christ. Every man must face Jesus Christ. He is the one with whom we all have to do. The time is coming when everybody in heaven and in earth and under the earth will have to acknowledge Him as Lord. Every man will hear Jesus speak in the day of judgment. To some He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father," etc. To others He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Christ will not allow men to be neutral toward Him. "He that is not with me is against me." Many do not want to be put down as being against Christ and are not willing to admit they are His enemies. They simply ignore Him. They have no interest in His Word. Seldom, if ever, do they attend church where His name is preached. They never pray in His name, and do not depend upon Him for salvation. They have no interest in His cause and give nothing to support it. They simply mean to let Him alone. But this is the very thing men cannot do. Christ will not allow men to let Him alone. If you do not trust Him for salvation, He puts you down as a doubter. If you do not rest your soul in His precious blood, He counts you as a despiser of it. If you do not love Him, He counts you as an enemy. If you do not give of your means as the Lord prospers, to further the Gospel, He looks upon you as a hinderer of it. If you do not bear fruit to His glory, He regards you as a cumberer of the ground. If you do not own Him as Lord, He regards you as a rebel. "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

IV. The All-Sufficient Christ. "It is Christ and nothing more, Christ and nothing less, and Christ and nothing else." He was given the name "Jesus" because it means "Jehovah Saves." God would not have thus named Him if He had not been all-sufficient. He is called Christ which means the anointed one. God would not have anointed and designated Him as Saviour if He had not been able to save. He is also called the Son of God, and surely God's own Son can save us.

Christ needs no help in saving us. "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3). He alone redeemed us from the curse of the law. He alone satisfied offended Justice for sinners. He alone put away the guilt of sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Calvary was the place of the curse. Justice was cursing the sinless Son of God that we might be blessed. The fires of divine wrath burned fiercely upon Him that we might escape the eternal burnings.

A godly woman was about to pass away. She roused herself from a stupor and putting her fingers in the palm of her hand said, "There is no mark here, but He was wounded for my transgressions." Then she raised her hand to her brow and said, "There are no thorns there, but He was wounded for my transgressions." Then putting her hand upon her breast she said, "There is no spear thrust here, but He was wounded for my transgressions," and she was gone. Her spirit had taken its flight into His presence to bow in adoring wonder and sincere gratitude before Him who was wounded for her transgressions.

Justice says that my sins must be punished, and they have been punished in my Surety, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Surety of that better covenant (Heb. 9:22). It was in matchless grace that the Lord Jesus liquidated our sin-debt, and He shall have all the praise. All who fail to trust the Lord Jesus Christ will be dealt with in strict justice -- they will get what they deserve as rebels against God -- for God out of Christ is a consuming fire!

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