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### NONE OTHER NAME

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"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 and varied. 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 a helpless condition whether infant or aged. And we are needy while here. Christ said that our heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of food and clothing.

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. To realize this need of salvation, as Peter did, will enable one to say with Peter, "we must be saved." He speaks of salvation as an imperative. Oh, that this must of salvation might grip the hearts of men and women who are lost. It is so common for men to have this feeling of must in relation to temporal things. The man out of work feels that he must get a position. The bus-

iness 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 many a young man and young woman feel that they must get married. There is evidence of a feeling of must among people all around us, save in that which represents man's deepest needs--the need of eternal salvation.

For the need of salvation we are shut up to one person--there is no use going anywhere else. During the famine in Egypt all men had to go to Joseph--he held the key to all the graneries. 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, and to despise Him and refuse to come to Him is to invite eternal hunger and thirst.

I. The uniqueness of Christ's salvation. The world has had many 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; and Washington, who is affectionately known as the father of his country; such saviours as Simpson, the celebrated surgeon, who made the most dangerous operations possible by the 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 Jesus Christ, the Saviour from sin. The saving work of all other men was limited as to time and object. Their salvation reached only the bodies of men and was only temporary. But the salvation of Christ is eternal in its duration and total as to its object, including every part of man.

II. Christ is indispensable -- we cannot do without him. There are human helpers that seem to be indispensable, but Christ is the only one who is really indispensable. The trusting, clinging wife may say to her husband, who is being taken from her by the chilly hand of death: "I cannot live without you. If you leave me I will die. I cannot face the cold winds of

this world without your shelter and protection. I cannot carry on without your loving presence." So it seems to her as she stands amid the wreck of her hopes; but when

the strong man on whom she leaned is gone, the sorrowing woman takes up the tasks, the duties, the burdens, the battles and walks alone, and courage comes into her heart and she grows in heroic qualities.

A woman remarked a year after she had been widowed by the death of her husband, "I never dreamed that I could possibly get along as I have." The author has a sister in Orlando who is such a woman. She loved and leaned on her husband as few women have. When her husband died we feared for the worst. For a while she acted as if everything was lost. But after a while peace came into her heart, and courage began to revive. She grew self-reliant and strong. She has been a marvel to her friends as she assumed the responsibilities known only to a widowed life. She has shown resources which none of us thought she had. Her sorrow made her strong. She has lived and lived grandly without the one who seemed to her to be so indispensable. And her case has been reproduced in many a life.

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 the future is filled with terrible despair. Without Him we are miserable paupers--we could not buy an inch of space in the heavenly Canaan. Without Him the eternal burnings are our portion. I know there are many who seem to be getting along without Him--they are proud and prosperous now, but the time will come when it will be seen and

realized that to be without Him is to be without all the necessities and comforts and joys of existence. The apostle John puts it this way: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." And again he says. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him," John 3:36.

The apostle Paul, in his self-righteousness, thought he could get along without Him, and once boasted that he was not a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, but the time came when, by grace, he could say "For to me to live is Christ." Oh, that this change might come upon some of you who sit in my invisible audience today! Oh, the blindness of men who cannot see that Jesus Christ the Son of God 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 awaits those who live and die without Him! What a shock is coming to those who think they can get to heaven without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The only "name under heaven" given among men, whereby we must be saved."

III. The inescapable Christ. Every man must face Jesus Christ. He is the one person with whom all men have to do. God's word declares that the time is coming when everybody in heaven, in the 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, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the

foundation of the world, Matthew 25:34. To others He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels," Matthew 25:41.

The Lord Jesus Christ will not allow men to be neutral toward Him. He says "He that is not with me is against me." There are many men who would not want to be put down as against Christ. They are not willing to admit that they are His enemies. They simply ignore Him. They have no interest in His word. They seldom, if ever, attend church where His name is preached. They never pray in His name. They do not depend upon Him for salvation. They have no interest in His cause and give nothing or next to nothing to support it. They simply mean to let Him alone. But this is the very thing that men cannot do. Jesus Christ will not allow men to let Him alone. If you do not trust Him for eternal salvation, He counts you as a doubter. If you do not rest your soul in His precious blood shed for sinners, He puts you down 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 His gospel, He looks upon you as a hinderer of it. If you do not bear fruit to the glory of His name, He counts you as a cumberer of the ground. If you do not own Him as Lord, He regards you as a rebel. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad," II Corinthians 5:10.

IV. The all-sufficient Christ. As someone has said, "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." This name was brought to Joseph by the angel of the Lord who said, "fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." God would not have thus named Him if He had not been an all-sufficient Saviour. If Jehovah is able to save, then Jesus is able, for His name means "Jehovah saves." He is also called the Christ, which means the anointed one. He is God's anointed--anointed or designated as the Saviour. Surely God would not anoint or designate Him as Saviour if He were not able to save. He is also called the Son of

1, and surely God's own Son can save us from the wrath of divine justice. In Hebrews 1:3, we read that "when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." The Lord Jesus Christ needed no help and asked for no help in performing the work of human redemption. He alone redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us. He alone rendered satisfaction to offended justice by bearing our sins in His own body on the tree. He alone put away the guilt of our sins by the sacrifice of Himself.

Calvary was the place of the curse--justice was cursing the sinless Son of God that sinful men might be blessed of God. The fires of divine wrath burned fiercely on Him as He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" An experience never to be forgotten is that of men who have encountered prairie fires on the western

plains. In the distance they have seen the clouds of smoke, and have smelled the burning grass. If the wind is blowing from the direction of the fire, their position is one of extreme danger. The swiftest horse can scarcely outrun the oncoming flames. On they sweep with the fury of the hurricane, consuming everything in their path. In such circumstances, the only safety is to set fire to the grass at one's feet and stand where the fire has burned. The surging waves of flame must cease and go out when they reach the border of the newly-burnt zone.

Now the judgment of God for sin is called the everlasting burnings. And the flames of divine wrath burned fiercely at Calvary. Calvary is the only safety zone for hell-deserving sinners. At Calvary the fires of divine wrath burned themselves out, and standing where the flames have been, the believing sinner need not fear the fires of divine wrath. There is no day of terrible judgment for him who rests in the work of Christ on Calvary.

A godly woman was about to pass away. Her soul was being taught by the Holy Spirit and her vision was catching sight of the hills of Beulah Land. She roused herself from her stupor, and putting her fingers on the palm of her hand, she looked up and said: "There is no mark here; but He was wounded for my transgressions." And there was silence. Again she opened her eyes, and as her lips moved, she raised her hand to her brow and said: "There are no thorns here; but He was wounded for my transgressions." And there was silence again. A third time she moved, and putting a hand upon her breast, she said: "There is no spear

thrust here; but He was wounded for my transgressions." Silence again, and this time she was gone. Her spirit had taken its flight to bow in adoring wonder and sincere gratitude before Him who was wounded for her transgressions. The story of Calvary with its blessed sequel of the risen and living Lord is the only gospel of hope for sinful men. All other gospels are shams and conterfeits and can do poor sinners no good.

"Jesus! and shall it ever be,  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels  
praise,  
Whose glories shine thro'  
endless days?

"Ashamed of Jesus! that dear  
friend  
On whom my hopes of heaven  
depend!  
No, when I blush, be this my  
shame,  
That I no more revere His  
name.

"Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I  
may,  
When I've no guilt to wash  
away,  
No tear to wipe, no good to  
crave,  
No fear to quell, no soul to  
save.

"Till then--nor is my boast-  
ing vain--  
Till then I boast a Saviour  
slain;  
And, Oh, may this my glory  
be,  
That Christ is not ashamed  
of me."



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**God's mercy  
endureth forever.**