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CHRIST THE MATCHLESS SAVIOUR

“For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.” (I Samuel 14:6)

There are many scriptures that lead a Bible reader to believe Jesus was and is a Matchless miracle worker, as well as the Matchless Saviour. Who could open blinded eyes of one born blind? Only God. Jno 9:32-33. Who could cause the sea and the wind to obey, as did Jesus in Matt 8:26-27. Some of his enemies said; “Never man spake like this man.” Jno 7:46. Peter declared: “Neither is there salvation in any other.” Acts 4:12. Paul said “Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.” Phil 2:9. All these things give us positive proof that He is matchless in power, love and grace. Now may we look at more Bible proofs?

I

HE CAN SAVE ANY NUMBER

Our Matchless Lord can save one, as He did the sinful woman at Jacob’s well. Jno. 4:26. although she had been the wife of five men, and at the time was living with a man out of wedlock. What a great sinner she was! Or as Saul, who was a Jesus hater, yet Christ loved this one man. Gal. 2:20. Acts 9:5-6. He can save an household as that of Cornelius. Acts 10:43-38. He can save 3,000 as on Pentecost in one day. Acts 2:41. He can save a Nation as He will on His return in glory. Isa. 66:8-9; Rom. 11:25-26.

Through this seer the Lord invites “all the ends of the earth to look to Him and be saved.” Isa 45:22. With Samuel Stennett, let us sing: “No mortal can with Him compare, Among the sons of men, Fairer is He that all the fair that fill the heavenly train.”

II

HE CAN SAVE ANYWHERE

He can save in a chariot as He saved the eunuch on the desert road. Acts 8:26-40. When the eunuch learned that Jesus was the suffering Lamb of Isaiah 53 he was saved. Have you believed in this Lamb that was wounded, bruised and punished for you? The Lord prolonged His days, which was His resurrection from the dead without a doubt. Where ever you are, the moment you trust Christ, you will be saved, then and there. A Christian once stated he was born twice in the same bed; first his birth, he was born of the flesh, the second birth took place years later during a serious illness, confined to the bed in which his first birth took place, as a “man of God” told him of the love and grace of God for sinners, and he was born of God.

He can save on a cross, as He saved the dying thief. Luke 23:39-43. Whether in a chariot on the road, in a house, on a bed, sick or well, on a cross, or a gallows, in a gas chamber, or in an electric chair, this Matchless Saviour can save you now. “He that believeth on the

SON hath Everlasting Life.” Jno. 3:36. The writer was saved more than 30 years ago, while traveling in an automobile on a country road. But that is as fresh to us as cold water on a hot day, or as fresh as the morning dew, as a man of God told us of the Savior who came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10. Many of the Jews were saved in Egypt while they were in bondage in this African country. Numbers were saved in Asian cities such as Jerusalem, Samaria, Ephesus, and other towns. In European countries and cities like Philippi, Corinth, Berea, and Rome. Christ Jesus can save anywhere.

III

HE CAN SAVE ANYTIME

The jailor was saved at midnight. Acts 16:25-34. The thief on the cross between the sixth and ninth hour (twelve and three in the afternoon). Matt. 27:45-46. Paul at Midday. Acts 26:13. He saved Nichodemus at night. Jno. 3:1-16. He saved Samuel while a child and called him as a prophet. I Sam. 3:1-21.

He saved Timothy as a child. II Tim 3:15. The time of day or night, your age whether young or old, has nothing to do with Christ’s ability to save a poor sinner. “He is able to save them unto the uttermost that come unto God by Him.” Heb. 7:25. Believe in Him and receive Eternal life. Jno. 6:47. The thief

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was in a state of guilt in the morning, a state of grace in the afternoon, and a state of glory that night, for he with the Lord in paradise. Luke 23:39-43. It was William Cowper who wrote, "The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, through vile as he, wash all my sins a-way." Do you know, my friend, that your sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb? This is the most important thing for you to know in life. God's time for you is now.

IV

HE CAN SAVE ANYONE

He saved an harlot like Rahab. Heb. 11:31. He saved a crooked tax collector like Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10. He saved a fisherman like Peter, who wrote two books of the Bible. He saved a doctor like Luke, who wrote two books of the Bible. He saved a lawyer like Zenas. Tit. 3:13. He saved an educated man like Nicodemus. Jno. 3:1-16; 19:39-40. He saved a religious outlaw like Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9:1-6. He saved a soldier like Cornelius. Acts 10:21-22; 34-37. He saved a saleslady like Lydia. Acts 16:14-15. He saved a fortune teller like the damsel. Acts 16:16-18. He saved a Prime-Minister and Prophet like Daniel. He saved a runaway slave like Onesimus. Philemon 1:8-18. He saved a beggar like Lazarus, for he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. Luke 16:22. You, dear reader, are one of the ALL HAVE SINNED, Rom. 3:23. You may be an educated sinner, or an uneducated sinner, a rich sinner, poor sinner, an adulterous sinner, a lying sinner, a covetous sinner. Whatever kind of sinner you are – "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree," 1 Peter 2:24; "Christ suffered once for sins, the

just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." 1 Pet. 3:18. He is alive forevermore and has the keys of hell and death. Rev. 1:18. He can save anyone, and you are someone. He can save anywhere, and you are in the world. He can save anytime, it is either day or night where you are now, God tells you He loves you in Jno. 3:16; Rom 5:8, and that Christ died for you, 1 Cor. 15:3-4. Won't you believe in Him now and be saved?

We are told Romans 4:5, that we do not have to work to be justified, or to be made righteous; "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." This also says the ungodly are the ones who are justified. All of Adam's race naturally believes that you must be good. 'You must be Godly to be justified.' But the scripture does not say that. They tell you that you are not good, that you are ungodly. Our Matchless Saviour did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. I you were sick and called the doctor to relieve you of your pains, and if he should say, "You must get rid of your miseries before I can cure you" Would you not dismiss him and call another doctor? If you have good judgment you certainly would. The religious and false teachers that tell sinners if they will clean up, quit your meanness, turn your back on your sins, and the Lord will save you up to that time. If a poor old sinner could do all that he could not need a Saviour. Christ is able to do all the saving. Heb 7:25. "For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." The Lord is not short of power, love, or grace; "He is plenteous in mercy." PS. 103:8.

V

HE CAN SAVE FOREVER

Those who have believed the written Word of God, as to what Jesus has suffered for sinners, how Christ laid down His life for us. Jno. 10:-15-18. "How Christ dies for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and raised again the third day." 1 Cor. 15:3-4. Isa. 53:1-12 tells us how this was to be, and spoke of it as though it was already accomplished. Christ said my sheep "Shall never perish." Jno 10:28. He states that he gives Eternal Life if on could lose this Life, it would not be eternal. So He saves forever. Paul tells us in Romans 8:1, that there is therefore now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. We can be sure of one thing here, and that is there is no condemnation for one in Christ Jesus. In the 39th verse he says there is no separation from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In 1 John 5:13, we are told that those who "believe on the name of the Son of God, may know they have eternal life." He is an Eternal God. He is an Eternal Saviour. He gives Eternal life to those who believe on (into) Him. Therefore, when one is saved, they are saved FOREVER! "Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah 2:9. "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever; nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him." Eccl. 3:14. "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven." Ps 89:28-29. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." Psalms 103:2-3.

~ B. A. Wilson

THE FOUNDATION STANDS SURE

The foundation upon which our nation stands is the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. To the degree that we follow them we have the basis for a strong nation.

But what about our faith? On what foundation does it stand? Paul wrote in II Timothy 2:19 "The foundation of God standeth sure." We can rest in surety of the things we believe in Christ.

The foundation upon which our faith rests is the substitutionary death of Christ. The scripture says that "God was in Christ reconciling the word unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Genuine faith then rests upon the fact that the very son of God "was made flesh and dwelt among us," and that He (Christ) also hath suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, that he

might bring us to God." The innocent one who ad no sin of any kind bare the sins of the guilty ones who had many sins of many kinds. As our representative, as on of us, Christ was made sin for us by the Father, that He might offer up an acceptable substitutionary and propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of every believer. On the basis of that sacrifice, God bestows upon every believer the perfect righteousness of Christ so that the believer is justified before God and stands just as if he had never sinned, as if he had perfectly fulfilled the law of God. The evidence that God has accepted Christ's sacrifice and the believer, is the resurrection and ascension of Christ to the right hand of the Father. As an old song says "My hope is built upon nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, all

other ground is sinking sand."

This is the foundation of Christianity, of the believers hope. It is as sure as the throne of God. It is as sure as the promises of a God who cannot lie. As believers in Christ we know it; we rest in it; and we delight in it. In an age when many people are seeking for something new; some new path or some new way, the old path of faith stands sure. "Christ dies for our sins." On this basis, our sins are fully forgiven and we have acceptance with a holy God. We cannot, we dare not, give it up, for it is our life and the basis of our future hope and present assurance. Some may doubt it, but "the foundation of God standeth sure." The believer may tremble upon the foundation, but the foundation will never tremble under him.

~ Larry Windham

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). Even though Paul had been treated in contempt because of the gospel, he preached and even if Rome was the center of the world and even if they worshipped their emperors as deities, he was not ashamed of the gospel.

He also gives the reason why he is not ashamed of it. Coming to Rome where the power of the Roman Empire and its military power was respected by so many, Paul says the good news he brings is the "power of God unto salvation." Of the six words for power in the Greek language, Paul uses

dunamis to describe the effectual working of the good news of salvation. Dunamis is power, natural ability, inherent power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature. The gospel is the inherent, omnipotent power of God operating in the salvation of a lost soul that accepts it. The gospel is God's power resulting in salvation to the one who believes. Paul is proud to preach it anywhere. It is good news of salvation energized by the Holy Spirit. Our word dynamite is the transliteration of this Greek word but not a translation. Dunamis does not refer to an explosive power. The Greeks knew nothing of gunpowder. The gospel is not the dynamite of God. It is a sweet loving message of mercy and grace which the Holy Spirit in grace

makes operative in the heart of the sinner. It is how Christ loved the sinner and died on the cross for his sins and was buried and raised again the third day according to the Scriptures for him. "Or depiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Romans 2:4).

I believe hell is literal, that it is a burning hell, where all Christ rejectors are going; I believe we are to preach hell fire to the people; but when they are saved it will not be fear of hell but the love of God that draws them to the Saviour. Do you see what he has done for you?

~ Charles Ellis

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