

LORD'S DAY 11

Q29. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

A. Because he saves us from our sins,¹ and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.²

1. Matt. 1:21 – "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Heb. 7:25 – "Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

2. Acts 4:12 – "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Q30. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus.¹ Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.²

1. 1 Cor. 1:13 – "Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"

1 Cor. 1:31 – "in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gal. 3[:1–4] – "You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? 4 Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing."

Gal. 5:4 – "You who want to be reckoned as righteous[a] by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."

2. Heb. 12:2 – "looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

Isa. 9:6 – "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Col. 1:19–20 – "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

Col 2:10 – "and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority."

John 1:16 – "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."