

Christ – The “Only Savior”

By Mike Riley

Christianity differs from all other religions of the world in that it is the only religion that has a savior. According to Matthew 1:21, this savior’s name is Jesus, “for he shall save his people from their sins.” In referring to Jesus, Peter declared, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:10,12).

No “Savior” In Judaism

In the first century, the Jews rejected Christ as their savior (Acts 13:44-46). Jesus had warned them in John 8:24 that unless they repented and accepted Him, they would “die in their sins.” Since they refused Jesus and his offer of pardon, they must pay the penalty for their own sins; that penalty is spiritual death (Romans 6:23; cf. Isaiah 59:1-2).

No “Savior” In Islam

The Koran nowhere claims that their prophet, Mohammad, was sinless. Mohammad could not die for your sins or mine, because like all men, he sinned (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10). Since he sinned, any death that he suffered could only be regarded as a penalty for his own sins.

No “Savior” In Buddhism

Buddha’s real name was Siddhartha Gautama. He lived from about 566 B.C. to 483 B.C. As far as history tells us, Siddhartha Gautama never claimed to be a savior; only a mere man. As a man who sinned, any death that he suffered can only be reckoned as penalty for his own sins.

Conclusion:

In contrast to the above sinful men, Christ lived an entirely sinless life (John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22,24; 1 John 3:5; cf. Isaiah 53:9). Every other human who has ever lived has at some point in their life sinned. This is why that only our Savior’s death upon the cross can be applied to you and me. Jesus did not deserve the death that he died, because He never sinned.

Because He was sinless, only He could die in our place. Because He died in our place, His death can be applied to our account before God. “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

As Christians, let us praise God for the wonderful provision of His sinless Son, and our “only Savior” (2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; Titus 2:13; Titus 3:6; 2 Peter 1:1).



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Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Tyrese McFarland
Sermon- Don DeLukie

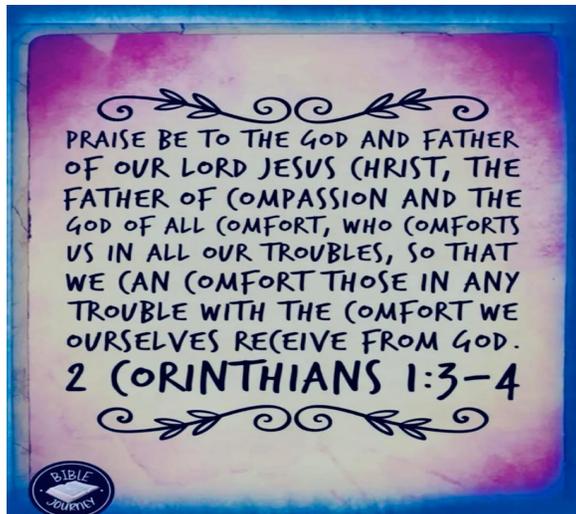
Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Don DeLukie **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Gospel Meetings and Ladies Days:** Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



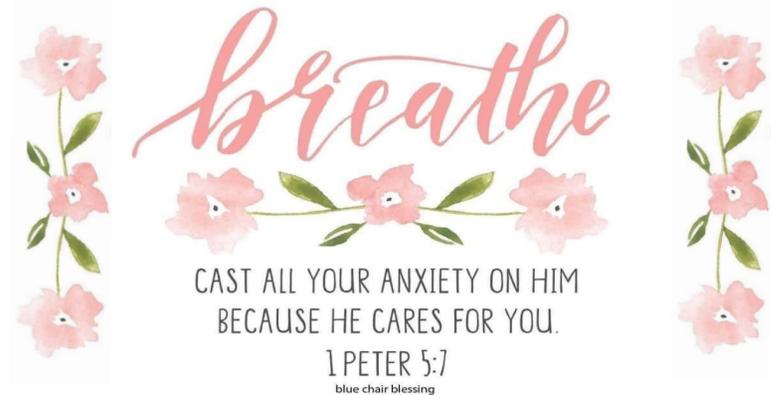
Please Pray For:

Rynlea Freeman, Billy Granger, Thomas Few, Devante and Jasmine Sanders, Rhonda Rogers, Katie Harris, John McDaniel, Vee Boren, Becky Baker, Luella Jacobs, Oddie Cameron, Glenda Wells, James Mardis, Mandy Purum.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Carolyn Jones, Pam Few.



January Birthdays

1 - John Chisley
15 - Tommy Franklin
21 - Gary Harris
24 - Buck Raus
26 - Arthur Binford

January Anniversaries

6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke



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