



Weekly Devotional

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Jesus, The Only Savior For Sinners

"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen" (Jude 25).

True Christians, who believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the exclusive Savior, are often accused in our day of being arrogant and intolerant. Those who do not accept "exclusivism" rally under the flag of "relativism," and declare that all religions have varied, yet legitimate, ways to God. They tell us that as there are many paths up to the top of a mountain, so there are many ways that lead to God.

For believers to accept "relativism," however, they would have to discount the great declarations of the Bible. If there is some other way to God besides Jesus Christ, then the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament are not substantial. Also, the claims of Christ in the New Testament are merely misguided statements. All in all, the entire Bible must be viewed as a collection of writings, not the trustworthy revelation of God.

Jesus Himself taught that He is the only Savior. He declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). Also embracing the exclusiveness of Christ as Savior, His disciples preached, "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). What does this mean to us?

The exclusiveness of Christ means that His deity is a valid teaching! The same Christ Who claimed that He was the only way to God also claimed to be God in the flesh. His words, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30), declare His deity. Emphasizing the same lesson on another occasion, He said to Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). It is true, as we see in our text, Jesus is "the only wise God our Saviour."

The exclusiveness of Christ means that His death is a vital truth! The same Christ Who claimed that He was the only way to God also claimed that He came "to save that which was lost" (Matt. 18:11). His method for saving sinners, according to other texts, was His redemptive death. It is only "by His blood" that we are "justified" (Rom. 5:9), and we are only "reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Rom. 5:10).

The exclusiveness of Christ means that His dominion is a victorious theme! The same Christ Who claimed that He was the only way to God also claimed that He would rise from the dead. Concerning His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus proclaimed that on "the third day" after His crucifixion, He would "rise again" (Mark 10:34). Without hesitancy, then, dear friend, I plead with you to make sure that Jesus, the only Savior for sinners, is your Savior.