

THE RIGHT KIND OF FAITH (Dual Emphasis – Lord and Savior)

Jonah from the belly of the GREAT fish cried out, “Salvation is of the LORD” (Jonah 2:9). Truer words were never spoken! ONLY the LORD can save!

Isaiah 43:11 (NKJV)

11 I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.

In order for Jesus to be SAVIOR He has to be LORD as there is no Savior other than the LORD! Consistently the Scriptures present Jesus as Lord and Savior and that He must be believed on for WHO He is in order to be saved.

- a. Matt. 1:21-23: The Messiah was to be named Jesus because “He will save His people from their sins”. At the same time, His name would be Immanuel which is translated as “God with us”. Thus, we see His Name (Person) and His saving work all wrapped up in one package.
- b. Lk. 2:10-11: The angel announced, “good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” This good news involved a “Savior” [His work] “who is Christ the Lord” [His Person].
- c. 1Cor. 2:2: Paul told the Corinthians that he determined not to know anything among them “except Jesus Christ [His Person] and Him crucified [His Work].”
- d. 1Cor. 15:1-4: The gospel is that Christ died for our sins/Christ arose. Christ denotes His PERSON (the prophesied/promised divine/human Messiah in the OT). Note that Paul has already established that all who are part of the church, sanctified in Christ Jesus, and called to be saints, are those who have called on Jesus as Lord (1 Cor. 1:2). In 1 Cor. 12:3 Paul said, “***no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit***”.

So, Paul’s summary of the gospel in 1 Cor. 15:1-4 builds on the truth of Christ’s PERSON already established in the book.

In the immediate context of 1 Cor. 15 Paul is dealing with a misunderstanding over the resurrection and therefore emphasizing that point (see 15:12-19, and remainder of chapter). The resurrection is a vital part of the gospel which declares Jesus to be LORD-GOD (cf. Rom. 1:3-4).

e. Gal. 2:20: Paul said, "I live by faith in the Son of God [His Person], who loved me and gave Himself [His Work] for me."

f. Gal. 6:14: Paul's boast was only "in the cross [Work] of our Lord Jesus Christ [Person]".

g. Phil. 2:8-11: Christ "became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross [His Work]. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given him the name which is above every name [Person], that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and those on earth, and of those under earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God that Father."

h. Heb. 10:29: "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God [Person] underfoot, counted the blood [Work] of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"

SAVING FAITH IS PERSONALLY EMBRACING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR WHO HE IS (LORD/GOD) AND FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE (DIED FOR OUR SINS) - THAT IS AS LORD AND SAVIOR. THIS IS WHAT WE MUST BELIEVE!

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."