

Jesus, the Savior

In the beginning when God created man, He gave man a spirit and man became a living soul. What differentiates man from animal is that man has the spirit and soul. In the world of animal, there is no religion. Animal will not seek God when facing crisis because they do not have spirit. Without the spirit, no one can understand the spiritual world. Man is different. In desperation and crisis, man by nature will seek for help from gods. This is why wherever there is man, religion exists. Man creates idols to suit his own needs, thus different kind of religions keep coming up. Who is the real God? What kind of religions does man create? Let us explore this issue objectively and humbly.

The leader of a religion is not God

When we look at the founder of each religion, we found that they are all man. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is one example. Siddhartha grew up in a palace. When he was 29, he found life utterly meaningless, so he left his wife and children and became a monk, wandering everywhere to seek for the truth of life. Finally, under a bodhi tree he thought of some theories. He became a guru and founded Buddhism. And he died in his old age. He never proclaimed that he is God.

Similarly, all religious leaders are men only. They all cannot save themselves from death, sins or devil. Jesus is the real God, surpassing the realm of religion. He does not need to commit Himself to self-cultivation because He Himself is holy, righteous and love. The Bible says about Him, *“Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”* (John 1:3) He does not need to seek for the Truth because He Himself is the Truth. He said, *“I am the way and the truth and the life.”* (John14:6)

Men cannot save themselves

All religions in the world are connected with ‘teaching’, that is to teach people to be good. Only Christianity emphasizes on salvation. This is further confirmed by all founders of religions who have called themselves ‘teachers’, but Jesus is our ‘Savior’. Religions created by men cannot change human corrupted nature. On the contrary, the Salvation from God is what we all needed. We are all controlled by sin. If we read newspapers, it is easy to find selfishness, pride, hatred, deceit, malice, greed and hypocrisy

in men. This explains why there are strife and struggles of all kinds wherever there is man. We cannot but sigh that there is something wrong in men!

Only Jesus is the Savior

Yes, men have gone wrong. We find that no matter how perfect a law system is, men will try every means to find the loopholes. So, what we need today is not the ability to distinguish the right from wrong, but the power to overcome evil. The Bible describes man in this way; *“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.”* (Romans 7:18) The all-knowing God understands our situation. When people were still committing sins, God sent His beloved son, Jesus, to the world. Jesus died for us on the cross and received the judgments of God in our places. Because of Him, we can be freed from the anger and trial of God as well as the final punishment of eternal fire. Besides, through Jesus’ resurrection, God gives us the eternal life that triumphs over death, Satan and sin. All those who believe in Jesus will not perish, but have eternal life.

Let me make an analogy. If a boy who does not know how to swim fell into the sea, and a teacher came and laughed at him, pointing out that he deserved it because of his disobedience; or another coach came by and immediately taught the boy how to swim (how could the boy learn to swim at that critical moment?); or a kind-hearted man came and jumped into the sea to save him, who was the boy’s saver? The latter one of course.

Salvation is found in no one else

Dear friends, when people are suffering and in hopelessness, Jesus comes to seek for them, this includes you and me. Not through man or angel, the almighty God Himself becomes our Savior. Apart from this, there is no other salvation in the world. As said in the Bible, *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12) Jesus is man’s only Savior. He not only saves us from God’s trial in the future, He also is our Savior now in our life time. All believers can testify that we are freed from the clutches of Satan, death and sin, and we can overcome all hardship in life because of Him.

Now, Jesus wants to save you so that you can experience His boundless grace and love. What should you do to get this precious gift? You need not spend a dollar nor should you try to change yourself. You just need to turn to Jesus and pray. Admit

that you are a sinner, believe and accept Jesus as your Savior. Salvation will then be yours and Jesus will live in you through the Spirit forever. What a blessing!

Please follow this prayer, 'Lord Jesus, I believe and accept you as my savior. I am a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness of all the sins I have committed in my life. Please live in me and grant me your eternal life and the Holy Spirit. I dedicate my life to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.'

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