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Part 2: Deliverance

Lord's Day 11

Question and Answer 29-30

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Question 29:

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

Answer 29:

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

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²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

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¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

John 3:16-18

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⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

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¹²Salvation 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

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Question 30:

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

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Answer 30:

No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. 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.

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¹²There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

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³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

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¹⁶They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.

Titus 1:16a

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¹¹My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹²What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 1:11-13

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¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

Colossians 1:19-21

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²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

Colossians 1:22-23

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⁵So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11:5-6

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⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10