

## Would You Like a Savior? ...from what?

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*“She 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**

The word “saved” or “savior” in the New Testament Greek language is “sozo,” which means *“**material deliverance (rescue) from harm, danger, suffering.**”* As we consider what it means to be “saved,” what material deliverance do we need? What is the material rescue we can have in Jesus?

**The Material Rescue from: Anger / Frustration / Sadness / Fear**

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**Instead of:** *Self-medication / Outbursts / Rage / Unforgiveness / Controlism*

**We can have:** *Grace / Mercy / Trust / Forgiveness*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

**Colossians 3:13**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)**

**The Material Rescue from: Stress / Anxiety**

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**Instead of:** *Controlism / Franticness / Shutting Down / Withdraw*

**We can have:** *Rest / Prayer and Petition / Thanksgiving / Faith*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace*

*of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6-7**

*This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.”*

**Isaiah 30:15**

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**The Material Rescue from: Self-loathing / Insufficiency / Insecurity / Loneliness**

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**Instead of:** *Desperation / Compromise / Braggadocio / Power / Dishonesty*

**We can:** *Believe God for our identity / Love and serve others / Be humble and meek / Live in our calling*

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.... All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

**Psalms 139:13-17**

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons [daughters] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.*

**Ephesians 1:4-5**

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

**Ephesians 4:1-2**

*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

**Ephesians 4:25; 29**