

A SAVIOR FOR ALL OUR NEEDS

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For a few moments let us consider why Jesus Christ is the "**perfect Savior**" for the entire world.

Delivered us from sin. "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14) By His death on the cross He became the Savior to ALL men. How? The power in His blood - redeeming men from the condemnation of sin! The Hebrew writer told us "He tasted death for every man," Hebrews 2:9.

Christ the sanctifier. "For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren." {Hebrews 2:11} Jesus gave the sinner the ability to "be set apart" from sin and be prepared for a good spiritual work.

Christ the Shepherd. "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever." {Psalm 23:1-6} He is the Chief Shepherd that watches over His flock, 1 Peter 5:4

Christ the Justifier. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." {Romans 5:9} By the blood of Christ, shed at Calvary, man has been acquitted, made right. So even though stained by sin one can stand righteous before the judge of all men. Without fear of the Lord's wrath!

Christ the perfect example. "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." {John 13:15} Our Lord left a perfect pattern for living in this ungodly world. All of God's people need to be striving to live to the high standard set by the Lord. He overcame sin in the same manner that men overcome today - by the word! Thanks be to God for such a wonderful Savior! ***