



THERE IS A SAVIOR
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WHO IS THE SAVIOR?

The title of this week’s message is **THERE IS A SAVIOR**.

The word “savior” is defined as:

SAVIOR = One that _____, _____, or _____

Can you think of a time when someone came to your rescue?

If you have been in church for any amount of time at all, you know who the Savior of our soul is—JESUS.

Let’s go around the room and each person say one word that describes who Jesus is.

Christmas is just a little over three months away, and we will, no doubt, hear this verse during the season:

Luke 2:11— For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

How does Luke describe Him in this verse?

1. _____ defines what He does.
2. _____ declares His title.
3. _____ expresses who He is.

So if Jesus' main job description is that of "Savior," then for what reason do we need a Savior?

What comes to mind when you hear the word "sin?"

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD:

SIN:

God is _____	therefore, we sin by _____
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1 Peter 5:8—

Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

Do you worry about sin?

Tim Keller in his book *The Reason for God* describes sin this way:

“According to the Bible, the primary way to define sin is not just the doing of bad things, but the making of good things into ultimate things. It is seeking to establish a sense of self by making something else more central to your significance, purpose and happiness than your relationship with God.”

THE BITE HEARD ‘ROUND THE WORLD

In the beginning, God created a perfect world and enjoyed peace and harmony with all His creation. The whole earth and all on it were set for eternity. However, when sin entered into the picture, it changed everything down to an atomic, molecular level in the entire universe. Now everything either dies or runs down. Sin leads us away from God and towards destruction.

Romans 9: 20-21—

20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

What have been the effects of man's sin on our world?

These are all evidences that sin has led away from God's perfect creation.

Can you think of a time when a personal sin had a very real consequence?

Talk about a time in your life when personal sin had a very real consequence, such as receiving a speeding ticket or being grounded for being disrespectful to your parents. Say, "When we don't learn from our mistakes, God's word is very clear that our sinful actions will only get worse."

How have you seen the effects and/or consequences of sin in your own life or in your family history?

Just as sin leads us in a direction away from God, changing our way reverses and points us to God.

_____ is the word we use for turning around the direction our life is headed in. When we repent, we are turning our back on sin and renewing our relationship with God, each other, and the world. The noun used for repentance in the Old Testament refers to the idea of going back to where we started. In the New Testament, it communicates the idea of doing a 180-degree turn.

What thoughts/ideas/images first come to mind when you hear the word "repent?"

Share a time in your life when you remember making a conscious decision to turn away from something you knew was wrong and you choosing a different way instead.

Romans 8:9, 12-14—

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you...

12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

True repentance requires a _____.

We can try to turn on our own, but according to Romans 8:9, what is needed to turn from a sinful nature?

Romans 5:8—

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

How did God demonstrate His love for us?

MISCONCEPTION: Repentance isn't just saying "_____ " for wrong-doing. It means to _____ do it again.

Describe the difference between just being sorry for something and stopping a behavior.

Is there something you have in your life that is not glorifying to God that you need to get free from?

Do you need to make a directional change and head back to God?

Romans 3: 23-24—

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

24 they are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Now is the time to set things right. Don't put off changing your direction any longer!

PRAYER TIME

- Praise Jesus for the gift of His sacrifice for your salvation. Thank Him for the changes He has made in your life.
- Pray that the Spirit will reveal to you any unforgiven sin in your life. Ask Him to show you the areas of your life that you need to pay attention to and rely on the Spirit to help you have the strength to resist the devil.
- Ask God to give you a clean slate daily. Spend time meditating on God's desires for you and keep your focus on Him.