

Rescue

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The Father Orchestrated our Salvation from Start to Finish

1. Jesus' ministry was initiated and validated by the Father.

Matt. 3:16 *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

Acts 2:22 *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—*

2. The cross was essential to the Father's plan.

Is. 53:5 *But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all...8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away...10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him...*

Heb. 9:26 *But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*

Acts 2:23 *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*

3. The Father satisfied his righteousness and demonstrated his mercy at the cross.

Rom. 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

4. The Father certified Jesus' saving work by "raising him up."

Acts 2:24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. **33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Dan. 7:13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Phil. 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reflections & Discussion

1. Re-read and memorize Acts 2:22-24 & 32-33. Note all the Father has done to rescue you and share his life with you.
2. Can you identify any uncertainty regarding the Father's love for you? What truth from today's teaching can help you develop assurance of his love?
3. Identify one arena/relationship in your everyday life (e.g. marriage, parenting, workplace, etc.). Consider how the Father's total involvement in your salvation can transform your attitudes and actions in this arena/relationship.

SONGS

"THE LION AND THE LAMB" - Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

"MARVELOUS LIGHT" - Charlie Hall

"THE GOODNESS OF JESUS" - F. Aghajanian, H. Druery, M. Farren, J. Maxwell, J. Robinson, R. Thompson

"CORNERSTONE" - Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, Eric Liljero

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 21,295.60

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$418,490.93

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$469,209.00