**A SAVIOR IS BORN**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:11, “*For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*”**

**Sunday, December 23 Pastor Buddy Turner**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. **Our text for today’s Christmas message says that “a Savior” was born in Bethlehem.**
2. **Jesus has many titles and is called by several names. We are going to speak about Jesus, as Savior, today.**
3. **“Savior” is a deliverer, one who rescues. The Bible speaks of nations being saved, delivered, from other nations. The word is used for military, political, deliverance or salvation. Sometimes being “saved” means that someone is delivered, rescued from a fire, from drowning, or from some other threat to their welfare.**
4. **Indeed, nations and individuals, have looked to politicians, educators, inventors, various causes, etc., to save us from the ills that plague the broken world in which we live. They claim they can and will “fix it.” We live in an age of the greatest accomplishments, greatest prosperity, education, opportunities, etc., than we ever have. But, it’s not fixed, is it? People still get sick, worry, fret, fear, have accidents, commit crimes, etc.**
5. **A preacher of another century said it better than I can. Listen to Dr. Joseph Parker of London, “’*…Unto you is born this day….a Saviour.’ The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer, a man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time (for appropriate remuneration) to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a Saviour. ‘Saviour’ is a pathetic name. It is not an official title; it is not an image you could robe in scarlet, and bow down before on account of its majesty and haughtiness; ‘Saviour’ is an angel with tears in his eyes; arms mighty as the lightnings of God, but a heart of tenderness. ‘Saviour’ is a complex word. It has in it all human nature, all divine nature, all the past of history, all the possiblility of prophecy, all the mystery of apocalypse; the tenderness outvying the love of women, the majesty humbling the haughtiness of kings.*”**
6. **JESUS IS A SAVIOR FROM SIN AND IT’S CONSEQUENCES**
7. **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23).**
8. **All of us have an “I” problem, which results in a “SIN” problem.**
9. **“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men…” (Rom. 1:18a).**
10. **We need a SAVIOR! That’s Jesus Christ! He’s the only One who can save us from the results of our sins. That’s what Romans 1-8 is all about.**
11. **Jesus is the Savior of all who truly believe in Him. NOTE: Three Tenses of Salvation:**
12. **WE ARE SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN – PAST. Justification.**
13. **WE ARE BEING SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN – PRESENT. Sanctification.**
14. **WE WILL BE SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN – FUTURE. Glorification.**
15. **JESUS IS A SAVIOR FOR ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE – Romans 10:8-13**
16. **The Shepherds at the Birth of Jesus believed – Luke 2:16-20.**
17. **The Magi believed in Jesus – Matt. 1:1-11.**
18. **“For God so loved all the world,,,” (Jn. 3:16).**
19. **JESUS IS AN EXCLUSIVE SAVIOR – John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”**

**Acts 4:12, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**

1. **This differs greatly from the common approach to religion which says, “There are many roads leading to heaven.”**
2. **JESUS IS A SAVIOR WHO SAVES US FOR SOMETHING**
3. **Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**
4. **Romans 8:28-30, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called: whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”**
5. **JESUS IS A SAVIOR WHO HAS POWER TO KEEP HIS OWN – John 10:27-30; 17:1-6, 9-12.**