

Saved from What?

Have you been saved? To answer that question, you need the answer to another question: Saved from what?

Salvation implies that there is danger, and you need to understand that danger before salvation has any appeal to you.

Why would I seek salvation if I have no sense of being in danger? Would I reach for a life preserver if I were nowhere near water? Would I call the fire department if there were no fire? So then, I need to know: What is the danger? Why do I need salvation?

Here is the answer. In Romans 3:23, the Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. All of us – you, I, and everyone else – have sinned. It is our sin that poses danger to our souls.

God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27), and He expects us to be like Him. He says, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). When we sin, we become unholy, and God’s wrath is provoked.

Romans 1:18 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...

Ephesians 5:6 – Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Colossians 3:6 – For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience.

How can I escape from the wrath of God? Who will save me?

God has appeased His own wrath by sending His own Son to be a Savior.

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

1 Thessalonians 1:10 – And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Romans 5:9 – Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Jesus was crucified for our sins. He took the wrath of God upon Himself.

Isaiah 53:5 – But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

Romans 5:6-8 – ⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 – He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

What if I reject Jesus? Is there another way to be saved?

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Acts 4:12 – “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 3:36 – “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Hebrews 2:3a – How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Hebrews 10:29 – How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

So now you know the danger to your soul, and you know the Savior. Have you been saved?

“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Jesus, Mark 16:16).