

Matthew 1; Lord's Day 11

FAITH IN JESUS

- I. His work.
 - A. "Jesus" is the personal name of the Son of God in our flesh.
 - 1. The name must be important if God gave it to His Son (Matt. 1:21; Luke 1:31).
 - 2. His personal name declares Who and what He is (His mission), i.e., Savior: "Jehovah salvation" or "Jehovah saves."
 - B. The angel explained the name: Jehovah saves from sin (Matt. 1:21).
 - 1. Sins are all our violations of God's will, to which we add daily to the mountain of our sin and guilt.
 - 2. The Self-existent One, Who has life in and of Himself, performs the work of saving.
 - C. Jesus is Savior of His people from their sins.
- II. Jesus is the only true Savior because He actually saves from sin.
 - A. Jesus saves from the punishment of sin.
 - B. He is not just a Savior, but THE Savior, the only One.
 - C. Jesus actually and fully saved; He did not merely create the possibility for salvation.
 - 1. He is Savior for us, actually changing our guilt into innocence, removing every liability to be punished.
 - 2. He is Savior in us by applying that which He bought to us.
 - 3. And He is Savior at God's right hand, interceding for each and all of His own, and working all things for their good.
 - D. What do you want from Jesus?
- III. Jesus is the perfect Savior - completely saving us to the uttermost so there is nothing left to be done.
 - A. Jesus did everything necessary for salvation so nothing has to be added to His complete and perfect work.
 - B. Because Jesus is the true Savior, there is no need for saints, Mary, or good works.
 - 1. He is not just a Savior, but He is THE Savior, the only One.
 - 2. He is THE way, and no one comes to the Father but by Him (John 14:6).
 - C. Do you believe in this perfect Savior who is revealed in this Name?
 - 1. Do you constantly live in the consciousness of your need of this Savior?
 - 2. Do you trust Him and in live that trust or do you merely hold these facts about the Savior for truth?
 - 3. Then we can and may have real joy and eternal happiness.