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*"No Other Name" 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." (Acts 4:12 NKJ)**

*Why is it that Christ alone is qualified to be our Savior?*

*I. Because He alone had / has the right qualities as a Man:*

- 1. We need an obedient Savior to save us from the penalty due to us because of disobedience –*

**Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (Romans 5:12 NKJ)**

**For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)**

- 2. We needed a human propitiation to appease God for the sins of humanity –*

**For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:16-17 NKJ)**

- 3. We needed a human Savior that He might be compassionate toward our weaknesses –*

**He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. (Hebrews 5:2 NKJ)**

- 4. He needed to be sinless / perfectly righteous to offer up (or be) a perfect sacrifice –*

**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJ)**

*II. He alone has the right qualities as the Son of God:*

- 1. Only as the God Man would He live forever perfectly to make intercession for us –*

**Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.<sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;<sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. (Hebrews 7:25-27 NKJ)**

- 2. Only as God could His suffering have the value to cover a multitude of sins and bring salvation to the world –*

**And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (1 John 2:2 NKJ)**

*A. Does this verse mean the whole world would be saved? No- "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36 NKJ)*

*B. Whole world means, not only Jews but –*  
**And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10 NKJ)**

*C. Ultimately the salvation Jesus brings impacts all the world –*  
**Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.<sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.<sup>4</sup> "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."<sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:1-5 NKJ)**

- 3. Only God is worthy of the worship Jesus receives for His work for our salvation –*

**Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power**

and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:11-12 NKJ)

*III. Jesus is God, the God-Man, Our Mediator and Savior, the Great "I AM" –*

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"<sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:13-14 NKJ)

1. *Consider the context of these verses, God was about to save His people from bondage in Egypt, speaking from the burning bush He says to Moses –*

And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows."<sup>8</sup> "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites."<sup>9</sup> "Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them."<sup>10</sup> "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"<sup>12</sup> So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." (Exodus 3:7-12 NKJ)

When God would teach mankind His Name

He calls Himself the Great I AM

And leaves a blank \_\_\_\_\_ believers may  
Supply the things for which they pray

2. *When Jesus introduces Himself to us He uses the same Name of God – "I AM"*

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. (John 6:35 NKJ)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12 NKJ)

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." (John 8:58 NKJ)

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (John 10:7 NKJ)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (John 10:11 NKJ)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (John 11:25 NKJ)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJ)

"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NKJ)

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"<sup>5</sup> They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.<sup>6</sup> Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground.<sup>7</sup> Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," (John 18:4-8 NKJ)

Notice *He* is in italics, that means it is not in the original Greek, the translators feel *He* is implied by the context.

I believe the Etheridge Translation (1849) is more accurate -

<sup>4</sup> But Jeshu, who knew every thing that should come upon him, went forth and said to them, Whom seek you? <sup>5</sup> They say to him, Jeshu Natsroia. Jeshu saith to them, I am. And Jihuda the traitor was also standing with them. <sup>6</sup> And when Jeshu had said to them, I am, they went backward and fell upon the ground. <sup>7</sup> And Jeshu again asked them, Whom seek you? Then they said, Jeshu Natsroia.

<sup>8</sup> Jeshu saith to them, I have told you that I am; and if me you seek, let these go. (Joh 18:4-8 ETH)

"I AM" tells us Jesus is God!