

Objective: to call everyone to the Saviour.

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Christ, The Saviour...Where is He?

Cry out, "Save us, O God our Saviour; gather us and deliver us...that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise."

1 Chron. 16:35.

Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31, 32; 1 John 4:14

Introduction

In this Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas carols are sung around the world to remember and commemorate Christ's birth. Houses, streets and shopping centres are decorated, families gather, presents are exchanged, great meals prepared and consumed—allegedly to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

When Do We Need The Saviour?

- When we are lost in our sin, self-will and selfishness – Isa. 53:6. Mankind turned away from God in the Garden of Eden and became helpless and self-dependent, ultimately, inwardly bankrupt...the Saviour came to reveal a new path... "Not my will, but thine be done." Luke 22:42; 1 Tim. 2:3; 2 Tim. 1:10; 2 Cor. 5:15; Titus 3:4-6.
- Whenever we need God's help and favour, the Saviour is "*there*," waiting to help us with our families, our finances, our relationship problems, our marriages, our inner struggles, our business, our ministry, our health, our travel, our relatives, our losses, our successes, our challenges, our fears, our weaknesses, our failings, our dreams, our responsibilities...every day, every moment....Titus 1:4. Grace and peace from The Saviour.

- When we are ignorant of what to do and need His Divine insight – 2 Pet. 3:18.
- When we need a new facility for the Church Family – Eph. 5:23. “...Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour.”
- When we are waiting for Christ to come again – Phil.3:20-4:1; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:11.

Where is the Saviour Today?

God is present everywhere all the time. However, The Saviour, only becomes *Our Saviour*, when we submit to Him, as *Our Lord*. 1 Tim. 1:1. Titus 1:3 tells us *Our Saviour* gives commands. 2 Pet. 3:2; Jude 25. Christ *can only be your Saviour if you **submit*** to His authority and His voice and His Word. Thus, the Saviour of everyone is *in* His Lordship.

Thus, it could be said, Christ the Saviour is Christ the Lord. Only if we make Him, The Lord, can He be, The Saviour—in all the circumstances of life where we need Him to ‘save us’ from something. The whole world wants a Saviour from time to time—the issue is, whether they are **willing** to turn their lives over to Him, as **their Lord**. You cannot beckon to Him, to come to you, as your Saviour, but push Him away as your, Lord. Is He still saving you?

2 Cor 1:10 says, “He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that **he will continue to deliver** us....”