

The Salvation of Jesus (A Study in Christology - Part 3)

John 3:16

Context: A religious Pharisee named Nicodemus had observed that Jesus was sent from God. Nicodemus approached Jesus with many questions. Jesus spends the entire chapter discussing how someone can become saved.

As you study the Salvation of Jesus...

A. _____ **the Love of God (“For God so Loved”)**

1. It’s not that God is sharing his love with deserving creatures. When you understand what the Bible teaches - we are sinful, unholy creatures who deserve His judgment. His wrath. We are the ones who have transgressed and disobeyed his laws. We certainly do not deserve his love.
2. Romans 5:8 (ESV) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

B. _____ **fully upon Christ (“Believes on Him”)**

1. Faith in Him is what saves, not just believing His promises or accepting facts about Him. Saving faith has to be more than accepting facts. Even demons have that kind of faith (James 2:19). Believing in Jesus means receiving Him for all that He is (John 1:12). (John MacArthur)
2. It means both confessing Him as Savior and yielding to Him as Lord. In fact, Scripture often uses the word obedience as a synonym for faith (cf. John 3:36; Acts 6:7; Hebrews 5:9).

C. _____ **your soul (“Shall not perish”)**

1. John 10:27–28 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
2. John 3:36 (ESV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.