

Episode #508 - How to Know God 9: You Need a Savior

I. The “Knowing God in the Word Radio Program” is for the purpose of helping listeners to fulfill the greatest need we have as believers – to know God.

II. We have seen that getting to know God is our greatest need, and the way to enter into relationship with and to please God is through faith. What we need regarding faith is to believe the record God gave of His Son. We have studied the glorious reality that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, and that He is the Son of God, God in human form. Yet to truly lay hold of all God has for mankind in the Christ, there is one thing we all need: a Savior.

III. You have a need.

- A. The basic needs of mankind are thought to be food, clothing, and shelter. Yet one is left out of this. Mankind needs a Savior.
- B. Our minds constantly witness to this. We cannot have peace of mind without a relationship with our Creator by means of God’s provided Savior.
- C. The dissatisfaction, restlessness, activity, and search for pleasure of most people is explained by this need. They try to still the voice of conscience by listening to a thousand other voices. Thoughts of God must be crowded out. Psalm 10:4. Yet need of a Savior is your greatest and most important need.
- D. There are many reasons you need a Savior, but the chief one is your standing in the sight of God. Romans 3:22-23. We lack God’s esteem. We may be highly esteemed by other human beings, but still lack the esteem of God.
- E. How to gain the esteem of God? Your neglect of the God-appointed Savior must cease. God has provided a Savior, and you need to become a sinner with a Savior, no longer a sinner without one. Then He will esteem you as a believer, and you will no longer lack His esteem. You need to deal with God regarding this!
- F. Another reason you need a Savior: death is working in you and you are dying! Apart from Divine intervention death will work itself out in you and your life will be over. Few want to face this fact, but it is inexorable. Hebrews 9:27. You need a Savior to rescue you from this fact that you are using up your life a little every day.
- G. Senior citizens are getting close to this inevitable fact. They need more than a hobby. They need a Savior. Do you think you have the power to turn the hour glass of your life over and live it again? You do not! You need a Savior Who is the Author and Giver of life. To have such a Savior is to have the guarantee of another life!
- H. Truly, you need a Savior!

IV. The Savior you need.

- A. The Savior you need is the one God has provided. No other will do! To even consider another would slander God’s provision.
- B. Luke 1:47. As the Virgin Mary said, our Savior should be no less than God Himself. Psalm 89:26. We have come to maturity when we can say, “My Savior is my God, and my God is my Savior.”
- C. Isaiah 43:11. Through Isaiah, Jehovah declared Himself to be the Savior. Isaiah 45:21-22. Jehovah declared Himself to be God and Savior, and there is none else. In view of this, we can say that our Savior needs to be no one less than the mighty God, the Creator, Jehovah who is seen on every page of the Old Testament and, in the New Testament, comes to us as the Lord Jesus Christ.

- D. The Savior we need must be the Savior of sinners. Luke 5:31-32. We go to physicians because we are sick, and we should run to the Savior because we are sinners. I Timothy 1:15 tells us Christ came into the world to save such as us.
- E. Titus 2:13 speaks of not two beings, but one. These titles are appositional. If Jesus Christ is not the great God, if He is not Jehovah, then He cannot be our Savior, since long before this Jehovah declared there is no Savior but Himself.
- F. The Savior you need is the Lord Jesus Christ. He was born for this, Luke 2:11. He was sent for this, I John 4:14. He is called this, Titus 1:3-4. Our Savior is our God and our God is our Savior.
- G. In receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are not putting our trust in a peasant who lived in Israel two thousand years ago. The record God gives of Him does not begin in a manger in Bethlehem, Hebrews 5:7. It begins with His first recorded act. Genesis 1:1. John 1:1, this Creator is called the Word, John 1:3. This Word, this Creator, was made flesh and dwelt among us for thirty-three years. John 1:14. This Creator is our Savior: capable, all-sufficient, able to save to the uttermost all who come to God.
- H. God's plan of salvation for the sinner is simple and His Word regarding it infallible, which means that a sinner can be saved by Jesus Christ, and a believer can know that he is saved. If we turn from our own works to trust in the sufficient work and merit of Christ, we should have knowledge and assurance that we are saved. If we trust Him as Savior, we must either believe Him sufficient for the job or not. Salvation depends on the Savior, not on the one to be saved.
- I. Since God's Word shows you need a Savior and Jesus Christ has been shown to be the Savior you need, your next step is to make Him your personal Savior. If your mind has been exercised and your heart stirred, this is the work of God's Holy Spirit. This matter is very dear to the heart of God. Why not right now deliberately decide you will believe in God, that you from this time forth will be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ? Let this be your first confession of faith, the most important one. This should be the one you make to God and to Him alone. Public declarations can and should come later, but your original confession of faith should be your personal dealing with God alone.
- J. Let me suggest in preparing for such a confession that you read through the Gospel of John. Pay attention to every occurrence of the word "believe." You will find it there just as in this message: that to all sinners who need a Savior, Jesus Christ is the Savior you need.

IX. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. That is the undeniable truth of Scripture. He can and will fulfill all the promises regarding the Christ in the Bible. He will save all who believe in His name. The question for all of us is clear. Do we believe in Him? Do we make Him our Savior?