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Reading - Matthew Chapter 14 verse 30

“Lord, save me”

There is one question we want to consider, Are you saved?

It can be phrased in different ways,:

Have you experienced the touch of the Saviour in your life?

Are you born again?

They all come to the same point.

To be saved is to:

Escape the wrath of God
Know forgiveness of sins
Know the peace of God
Be assured of a place in Heaven

Reading - Matthew Chapter 14 verses 22-33

In this passage there are three questions to be addressed:

- 1 - Why?
- 2 - Who?
- 3 - How?

1 - Why did Peter need to be saved?

When Peter was sinking below the waves he feared for his life and as a consequence of his predicament he cried out to the Lord to save him. When someone's life is put in danger they do not need to be asked if need saving. There are many people today who are sinking in an equally dangerous situation; they are sinking in sin. Many have no appreciation of the reality of their plight and eternal danger. Sin can pull a person under and encircles them in a grip allowing them to sink into an eternity in hell and the lake of fire. Peter thought he was the master of the waves but they soon became his master.

The Word of God gives reasons why we need to be saved:

“For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

“For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1v18).

People will say, “I'm not a sinner!” “I'm honest and good living!” “Why am I a sinner in the sight of God?”

Romans Chapter 3 verse 23 clearly states, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”

God maintains standards of righteousness. It is not what we are in the sight of the society around us but what we are in

the sight of a holy God.

Why do we need saving? We cannot reach God's standards in our own effort. We require saving and we need a Saviour.

2 - Who could save Peter? Who could he cry to?

Peter said, "Lord save me"

Where there any alternatives for Peter?

Could he not have just swam back to the safety of the boat?

Could someone from the boat not have thrown a rope?

Are there not any alternatives?

Peter obviously did not think there was any alternative. The same principle can be applied to the Gospel today. Only the Lord can save. There is no one else who can effect salvation of a soul but the Lord Jesus Christ. People have mistaken views that there are many ways to God, through religious systems and church attendance. Many think they can secure their own salvation by doing their best and living a good life. No religion, good works or works of righteousness can save.

Peter preached what he practised and proved in the book of the (Acts 4:12). Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am the way the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by Me", (John 14:6). There is no other means to be saved.

Why did Peter believe the Lord could save him?

The Lord Jesus had the ability to save Peter because of who He is and what He has done. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Mark 1:1) and His death upon the cross paid the penalty so we can know forgiveness of sins. "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23).

How can we be saved?

Peter had a deep awareness of his own need. He cried, "Lord, save me". He was not being selfish but he was thinking of himself and his need.

In Luke 18:9-14, the Lord tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. The publican was blessed and not the Pharisee because he acknowledged his own need and cried to God for mercy (v.13).

This can be applied to the world today. Men can never be saved unless they acknowledge their need and confess that they are a sinner in the sight of God.

Peter cried, "Lord save me". In doing this he gave Jesus the title of Lord. This suggests he was giving control of his life to the Lord and acknowledging His ability to save and be the master of the situation. (Rom. 10:9).

People are living dangerously and do not appreciate how deep in sin they really are. When Peter was in danger and cried for the Lord the response was immediate. The Lord "stretched forth his hand and caught him" (Matt. 14:31). If you are prepared to confess your sin, salvation can be equally as quick and the Lord will pluck you from danger and take you unto Himself (1 John 1:9).