

Sermon Notes:

Salvation

*** How can we be saved?**

Only by faith in Jesus and his death on the cross for sinners, so even though we are guilty of disobedience to God and still inclined to evil, God offers by pure grace, without any merit of our own, the righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him. Ephesians 2:8-9

“The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

*** Are all people saved, since the Bible says that Christ died for all?**

Sadly the answer is no. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 is one of the passages that makes the statement that he (Jesus) died for all. We understand that to mean, everyone has a Savior available to them, if they choose to accept. The same chapter says that Paul and his team were committed to persuading others, by which he meant the lost; it also teaches that the new creation has come for those who are in Christ, clearly assuming that not all will be. The false teaching that all will be saved one day is called Universalism.

*** Do those who believe in Jesus need to fear that they will lose their salvation, that God will get angry with them and withdraw his grace?**

No; Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” John 6:37

(but also note the words of warning that Jesus gave in Matthew 24:10-13)

Prayer: Sovereign Savior, there is salvation in no one but you, and you save everyone who calls upon your name. We renounce our pride and pretension of earning your favor, and we come to you in repentance and faith. We trust your death to give us life. We praise you for the gift of salvation. Amen.