

BESIDES ME THERE IS “NO SAVIOR”!

**Isaiah 43:8-13**

- <sup>8</sup> **Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,**  
**who have ears but are deaf.**
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations gather together  
and the peoples assemble.  
Which of them foretold this  
and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,  
so that others may hear and say, “*It is true.*”
- <sup>10</sup> “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,  
“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and **understand that I am he.**  
**Before me no god was formed,**  
**nor will there be one after me.**
- <sup>11</sup> **I, even I, am the LORD,**  
**and apart from me there is no savior.**
- <sup>12</sup> I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—  
I, and not some foreign god among you.  
You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God.
- <sup>13</sup> Yes, and from ancient days I am he.  
No one can deliver out of my hand.  
When I act, who can reverse it?” (Isa 43:8-13 NIV)

Why did the Savior of the world come?  
**First** of all to give **repentance.**  
**Second, to give forgiveness.**

That’s why the first sermon included an answer to our SIN problem.

That’s why the apostle Peter said,

<sup>38</sup> “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Peter preached repentance and forgiveness!**

You cannot have one without the other.

- Understand today the **marvelous gift** that God has given us **is the ability to repent of our sins.**

- **The ability to stand before a Holy God and ask for forgiveness.**
- **Who could dare stand before this Holy God?**
- **Who would risk death by going before Him?**
- **You and I.**
- **Because of the Death of Jesus Christ, You and I can!**

<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16 KJV)

**“Touched with the feeling of our infirmities” –**

- **Did you hear that he is “touched”**
- **In His heart he is feeling what we feel.**
- He is touched by the pain.
- He is touched by the weakness
- He is touched by the feeling of inadequacy.
- The feeling of sorrow
- The feeling of pain
- The feeling of suffering.
- The feeling of despair
- The feeling of disappointment.
- The feeling of discouragement.
- The feeling of failure
- The feeling of sin.
- He is touched....or moved to compassion by our “infirmities” = “WEAKNESS”

**Tempted in “ALL POINTS”**

- He knows what it is to be tempted!
- He knows what it is to have the Devil flash some temptation in front of your eyes.
- He knows what it is to have him offer you the world on a silver platter if you would only bow down and worship Lucifer.
- He knows what it is to look the devil in the eye and be tempted by every evil known to man.
- He Knows

- He Knows.
- We think that we are the only ones tempted the way we are.
- We think that God has no idea what it's like to be harassed by temptation.
- He knows folks!
- He knows!

**"Yet without sin"**

**Here is the difference between Me and Jesus Christ.**

- I was tempted to sin and I did.
- He was tempted to sin and He didn't.
- I was tempted to lie and cheat and steal and hurt other people and I did
- I did
- I did
- I sinned
- I failed
- I lost out with God
- I sold my soul to the devil the very first time I told a lie!
- **I became a sinner.**
- It wasn't just a one time thing either.
- I have sinned over and over in my life.
- I have failed God over and over and over.
- Time and time again, I have fallen to Satan's devices.....AND SO HAVE YOU!!!
- We only deceive ourselves if we try to convince ourselves that we are perfect.

**Here is the problem with many Christians today....**

**they fail to realize that they are NOT PERFECT!!!**

The Bible tells us that **"ALL have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God."**

- EVERYBODY
- We all have .....every one of us...
- From the preacher to the back door.
- From President Bush to the bum on the sidewalk

- From Bill Gates to the derelict on skid row.

Not a one of us deserves to sit in this assembly today.

**But thanks be to God for the Savior!**

- I’m so glad for the last part of that scripture...

**<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4:16 NIV)**

**I don’t know about you today....**

- But I needed His help last week.
- I need His help Yesterday.
- I needed His help this morning.
- And I Need His Help Right Now.

Isaiah 53:5-8

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
 he was crushed for our iniquities;  
 the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,  
 and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
 each of us has turned to his own way;  
 and the LORD has laid on him  
 the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
 yet he did not open his mouth;  
 he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
 and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,  
 so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
 And who can speak of his descendants?  
 For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
 for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (Isaiah 53:5-8 NIV)

- **Those were my transgressions**
- **Those were my iniquities**
- **That was the chastisement for my peace.**
- **Those were my stripes**

- **That was my oppression**
- **That was my affliction**
  
- **But it was placed upon HIM**
- **AND he opened not His mouth ....to bring accusation against me!!!**
  
- **He could have said "Hey stop beating me.....Dane Boyles is the one that is the sinner here.**
- **Hey...don't crucify me.....Dane Boyles is the one that deserves to die for his own sins.**

**But then that would mean that He did not forgive me.**

- That would mean that I was not forgiven.
- That would mean that I had no hope!!!
  - **But I have a hope today.**
  - **I have forgiveness today!!!**
    - **I have a savior today.**
  - **I have a Jesus....who can save His people from their sins.**
    - **Aren't you glad for Jesus today**
  
    - **Aren't you glad for forgiveness?**
  
    - **Aren't you glad there is repentance!?**
      - **Aren't you glad for the altar?!**
  
    - **Aren't you glad for the cross of Calvary!?**

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
 and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,  
 he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
 and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul,  
 he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
 by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
 and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
 and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
 because he poured out his life unto death,

and was numbered with the transgressors.  
 For he bore the sin of many,  
 and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:10-12)

- ✓ Jesus was deeply self-giving
- ✓ Jesus accepted ends determined by Another
- ✓ Jesus willingly shouldered a burden of untold suffering
  
- ✓ I stand astonished
- ✓ I stand over-awed
- ✓ I stand deeply respectful in His presence
  
- ✓ Despite my offenses
- ✓ Despite my iniquity
- ✓ Despite my sin
  
- ✓ He was pierced
- ✓ He was crushed
- ✓ He was estranged
- ✓ He was numbered with the transgressors for me!
  
- ✓ God is by nature a Savior
- ✓ Will you come to God?
- ✓ Will you let Him take away your:
  - pain
  - weakness
  - inadequacy
  - sorrow
  - suffering
  - despair
  - discouragement
  - failure
  - sin?
  
- ✓ Will you give it up and come to Jesus right now?

✓ Please come as we stand and sing.