



## **Mary's Savior**

By Curtis Pugh 1944 – 2018

Probably most of the things believed about Mary the mother of Jesus are based upon imagination rather than upon the Bible. Let us consider one thing about her that is clearly taught by the Bible: once Mary was a lost sinner, but the Lord saved her. We know this because Mary said so herself. She said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," (Luke 1:46-47). It is obvious, is it not? If a person has a savior they must have at one time or another been saved. For instance, if a man falls overboard and is about to drown and another person pulls him back into the boat, the one man was saved from drowning and the other person is his savior.

Mary was the natural child of her parents. Her genealogy is presented through her husband and her father. It goes all the way back to Adam proving that she was a human being and thus as a descendant of that first man was a sinner. She needed a Savior as do all lost sinners.

Every true child of God, that is, every lost sinner who has been born again by the Holy Spirit experiences the same thing that Mary experienced. She and all who know the salvation of the Lord have experienced the rejoicing of the inner man that comes with being born from above. They can all say with Mary, "my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Those who do not experience this joy have never been born again!

Every child of God ought to say with Mary, "my soul doth magnify the Lord." But, alas, there are some who will only share a part of the credit for their salvation with God. They magnify themselves by claiming that they initiated their own salvation. They are like the man overboard who, once rescued, says I sure am glad that I held on tight to you and pulled myself back into the boat with your help – when in reality they were helpless and were pulled in by the other person.

"I came to Christ," they say, thinking they did it themselves. While Christ said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day," (John 6:44). They refuse to "magnify the Lord," but rather attribute at least a part of their salvation to themselves. They did not need to be saved. They only needed a little help. They helped save themselves and so they are a co-savior with Christ, only sharing a part of the glory for their salvation with Him. Their attitude is "we did it."

There was none of that in Mary's confession! She said, "my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour"! What do you say? "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).

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# **Welcome to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church**

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## **Our Prayer List**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Ricky Bennett, and Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Baby Jud, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny, Vickie Adkins.

## **Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works**

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

## **“A Thought From Our Pastor.”**

*“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;”* 1 Peter 5:2

### **What Our Father Hath Done for Us!**

*“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”* Isaiah 53:10

It is beyond our greatest thought what our Father has done for us. It brings me back to Abraham and what God told him to do with his son, *“And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”* Gen 22:2 What would go through any father’s mind if God were to tell them to take the very son that they loved so much and to sacrifice him on an altar. It reminds me of all those parents that must have watched helplessly as their children were martyred in the “dark ages”. No parent that loved their son or daughter would have any pleasure in watching their child given as a sacrifice. The tears and broken heart Abraham must have had as he began obeying God’s command. *“And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.”* But just as *“Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.”* *“the LORD called unto him out of heaven, God said to Abraham, “Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him”* for as Abraham looked, *“behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.”* I could only imagine how blessed Abraham must have been feeling with God’s blessing. However, I could only imagine how blessed Abraham would have felt if God had allowed him to follow through with the sacrifice. **It is a blessing to do anything that is pleasing to our Father.**

As we turn our attention to Jesus, the very Son of God in the flesh. As we think of everything He suffered, the humility of the arrest, the horrible beating He took, and then the hours He spent on the cross in unimaginable pain. He had all the power; He could have come off the cross and destroyed those wanting Him dead. He could have called legions of angels, *“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”* Mat 26:53 But no, He could not, *“But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”*

## **Pastor’s Thought Continue.**

Jesus was here to fulfill the Father’s will and His will was for Jesus to go through everything He did, even on the cross of death. Why did the Father feel so much pleasure, **it was all because He loved us.** Jesus was the only being in all the world and all of creation that could accomplish this great task, for there was no other. No *“ram caught in a thicket by his horns”* This Son’s sacrifice was to cleanse the sins of every redeemed soul that God was going to save. Therefore, the Father *“shalt make his soul an offering for sin,”* and rejoice in His death. Our Heavenly Father was not selfish, He was not greedy, He was not ashamed, He was pleased in every possible way. *“Yet it pleased the LORD”.* What an act of pure love our Selfless Father has done for sinners like us. As we look at the grace that God had for us in sending the only worthy Saviour as our Redeemer. Let us all rejoice today and every day until we are with the Lord. We all have so much to be thankful for, because without God sacrificing His own dear Son, we would have all went to hell.

## **Church information and Happenings**

- Please remember Sister Rebecca Johnson as she is rehabbing.
- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.

## **Our afflictions are light!**

By Author Pink

Our afflictions are light, when compared with what we really deserve.  
They are light, when compared with the sufferings of the Lord Jesus.

But perhaps their real lightness is best seen, by comparing them with the eternal glory which is awaiting us!

*“For our light and momentary afflictions are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all! So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!”* 2 Corinthians 4:17-18