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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Clair and Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Tim Thomas, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **Jesus Christ is "The Founder of Our Salvation".**

*"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:9 – 10*

There are many people that call themselves Christians who will never be able to comprehend true salvation, and they will die without God's glorious gift of salvation. We have started a new study on Wednesday night for the next few weeks titled "Why did Jesus, the Son of God come to this world?" Well, God answers that very question in Matthew 1:21 *"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."* The purpose of God sending His beloved Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and allowed Him to be *"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels..."* Hebrews 2:7 is so that He could save His people from their sins. This is what so many people miss, that Jesus came to save the lost sinner from their sins because they could not save themselves. While some people are hung in the traditional beliefs of their biblical thoughts or church domination teaching, they are blinded to the truth of the bible about salvation and Jesus Christ's purpose in coming to this world. God did not say Jesus would try to help His people be saved, God did not say Jesus would work with His people in saving them. God said Jesus came from glory in the likeness of sinful flesh, being born of a woman, being made a little lower than the angels, allowing Satan and evil people to crucify Him, to **SAVE HIS PEOPLE!** This salvation was the ordained, predestinated, work of God, God does nothing that is not ordained by Himself and He has the absolute right to do His own pleasure. God said thru the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:4 - 5 *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"* This is Jesus saving "His people" doing His Fathers will. Nowhere in the entire bible does God ever say anything different, people will use -out of context - scriptures to attempt to prove different, but God does not contradict Himself. God said in Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Notice the two words "seek" and "save"

again He is not attempting to save them; He is going to save them. Another glorious reference is Isaiah chapter 53 where God details His purpose and plan of saving the sinner, please read it. God summed His plan up in these two verses, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4 – 5 This is why Jesus is the "founder of salvation" because He manufactured it, He has ownership to it, and He did it as Matthew wrote, "...for he shall save his people from their sins." Salvation is an absolute gift of God, it is not something earned, worked out, it is a gift from God to a lost and dying sinner. The Apostle Paul described our salvation with these words, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Romans 7:24 Let's look at the word "wretched", it means - enduring trial, that is, miserable – The Apostle understood what it was to try to accomplish his own salvation and to be a good and outstanding Jew, but to find that he had failed. Paul did not just wonder up on this understanding, Jesus seek and saved him. It was a revelation from God when Jesus came to him, and the very same One he seeks to persecute he believed on in salvation. Jesus is the Author and Finisher of Paul's salvation just as He is ours. Listen to Paul describe God's gift to him in his own words, "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed. 1 Corinthians 15:9 Folks, Jesus did not come to this world to help you workout your salvation, God sent Him here to seek and to save you. Salvation is possible because He came, He lived, He died, He was buried, He rose from the grave, and His blood was shed to cleanse all our sins. Jesus is the Founder of our salvation, "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:27 – 30

***Most church people play at religion, as they play at their games!***

By A.W. Tozer

Religion itself, is **the one game most universally played.**

The Church has its "fields" and "rules" and its "equipment" for playing *the game of religion*. It has its devotees, both laymen and professionals, who support the *game* with their money and encourage it with their presence—but who are no different in life or character from many who take no interest in religion at all!

As an athlete uses a *ball*—so do many of us use *religious words*. We throw them swiftly across the field—and learn to handle them with dexterity and grace. We gain as our *reward*, the *applause* of those who have enjoyed the game.

In the *secular* games which people play, there are no moral benefits. They simply are a pleasant activity which changes nothing, and settles nothing of any importance.

Sadly, it is much the same in the *game of religion*. After the pleasant meeting, no one is basically any different from what he had been before!

*"How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will not accept your offerings!"*  
Malachi 1:10

***Quote For Food;***

"We fear men so much — because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you — turn your thoughts to the wrath of God." - William Gurnall