#### "Mary's Savior"

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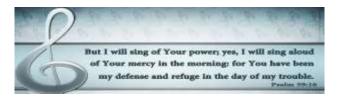
Probably most of the things believed about Mary the mother of Jesus are based upon imagination rather than upon the Bible. Let us consider one thing about her that is clearly taught by the Bible: once Mary was a lost sinner, but the Lord saved her. We know this because Mary said so herself. She said, "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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#### "Do not seek personal inventions."

By Pastor Randy Johnson

Luke 16:23 - 24 "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:27 - 29 "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: (28) For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. (29) Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

Is hell a real place and do people actually go there? God said there was a real place called hell and God never lies, God is not a man therefore he never lies or changes His mind. God said He made hell for the devil, the false prophet, and the anti-christ, but God has promised that one day, in the end, all left on earth will go there. Revelation 20:9 – 10 "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." God also said it was a place of never-ending torment. The rich man gives us the best description of the misery there, "...send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." We also know that after all is done on this earth and God melts it with fervent heat, that all in hell will be raptured from hell and judged by Jesus Christ at what is called the Great White Throne. Rev. 20:11 – 15 tells us that "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." But as they will learn it was not their works that landed them in hell, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." But who is written in the "book of life," "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:" Matthew 25:34 The Elect of God who were chosen before the foundation of the world, Eph. 1:3-12. Every one of these lost souls will suffer in the heat of the flames of hell for all eternity just as the rich man is suffering. This is the condemnation of God on the reprobates of this

## "Do not seek personal inventions." Continued

world. God said in Romans 1 that He gave them up, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;" V. 18 and God said he "gave them up" "God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:" V. 24; "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections" V. 26; "God gave them over to a reprobate mind," V. 28; therefore God concluded "that they which commit such things are worthy of death" V.32. Indeed, hell is a real place for the people who refuse to believe on Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It is not about our works, it is not about how you have lived, (because we are all wicked) it is about who is saved and who is lost. Jesus said, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18 Folks, hell is real, it is hot, it is full of torment and if you die lost you will be there for ever and ever.

### 19TH ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> Starting at 6:00pm – 7:45pm

Two Speaker – Open and Pastor Ronnie Miller 8:00 - Meal and Fellowship after the services.

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#### Lunch

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