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SALVATION IS OF THE LORD

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.
—Jonah 2:9

I am sure that everyone has heard or read the story how the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah and **how he was held captive in the fish's belly for three days**. Jonah was totally helpless to deliver himself from this captivity, in his desperate condition he looked toward the holy temple and prayed unto the Lord for his deliverance and made **this glorious confession, "Salvation is of the Lord"**. This story was not given to entertain us nor to peak our curiosity of how a **man could survive three days in the fish's belly, but rather this story was given by God to teach us how God saves sinners**. In Matthew 12:39 our Lord Jesus Christ used this scripture to preach the gospel to the lost, self-righteous Pharisees. Here are **four things to remember about God's glorious salvation**.

1) SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS ORIGATION!




Our Lord planned and purposed the salvation of His chosen people before the foundation of the world. Before Adam was created, Jesus Christ stood as the Surety for His Elect. **Salvation is older than creation, every detail of a sinner's salvation was decreed before time began**. God determined from the beginning who would be saved and how He would save them (2 Thess. 2:13). To deny this truth is to deny that salvation is of the Lord!

2) SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS EXECUTION!

God not only purposed the sinner's salvation, but He also provided the means whereby He could justly accomplish it. The Lord Jesus Christ provided sufficient atonement by His precious blood to put away the sin of those whom God was determined to save (Heb. 2:17; 2 Cor. 5:21).

From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Peace Be Still"** based on Luke 8:22-25.
-  Brother Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"Sovereign Grace"** based on Romans 9:12-13.
-  Pastor Orvin D. E. Paige will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **"Comfort In The Conflict"** based on John 16:32-33.

3) SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS APPLICATION!

Because the sinner is spiritually dead in sin, God must make application to the sinners heart. This is exactly what happens when God sovereignly regenerates a sinner. Salvation is not **what we do for God, but rather what He does in the sinner's heart** (Eph.2:1).

4) SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS SUSTAINING POWER!

Those whom God are pleased to save by His sovereign grace are eternally secured in Christ Jesus. They will persevere in faith because they are kept by the power of God. None for whom God chose, none for whom Christ died, none for whom the Holy Spirit calls shall ever perish. To entertain any idea that a man is saved one day, only to be lost on another is to believe **that salvation is of works, not of grace**. Our Lord said, **"My sheep shall never perish"** (John 10: 27-30).

—Tom Harding

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~23rd August - 29th August~

~Today~

Yashoné Baltimore—Tyrells
Belinda Alectine—Tyrells

~ 27th August~

Dequan Hutson—Central

~ 28th August~

Sis. Stephanie Jarvis—Central

~ 29th August~

Annabelle Maina—Central

Happy Anniversary

~Today~

Dr. Hensworth & Sis. Vandah Jonas

~ 29th August~

Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading
Prepare for next week...

SERIES: "LIKE NO OTHER—THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Study #2 A Birth Like No Other—Part 2 of 2
(Luke 1:26-35)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. —II Timothy 2:15

CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate with **Sis. Michelle Jeffrey** on successfully completing her Pre-Med Programme at the American International College of Arts & Sciences Antigua (AICASA). She is now enrolled at the American University of Antigua (AUA). Let us pray that the Lord will continue to bless her with much success.

BEREAVEMENT



The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to

- ❖ Sister Charmaine Nickeo upon the death of her father Charles DeSuza
- ❖ Brother. Rolston Nickeo. upon the death of his grandmother Glendora Benjamin

Let us pray for and support this couple and their families at this trying time. Pray that the Lord will comfort these families and remind their unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESIDING ELDER TRAVELS

The churches are encouraged to pray for the Presiding Elder and his dear wife as they take a few days abroad to celebrate 29 years of marriage. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless their union with each other and communion with Him

2. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this **Saturday, 29th August, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.** at the **Baptist Retreat Centre** at Pares Village. The Men's Ministry is reminded that it is responsible for the food preparation. Bring your Bibles as we go before the Lord in prayer, study His Word and fellowship together. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

3. JOINT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All teenage boys and girls are advised of a joint meeting this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church**. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen. Please be punctual.

4. CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All members of the Circuit are reminded of their Covenant Responsibility to attend all the stated meetings of the church unless providentially hindered by illness, unusual working conditions that do not violate the Lord's Day, and other such circumstances (Heb. 10:24, 25). The stated meetings of the church are as follows: All services on the Lord's Day (Sunday School, morning and evening worship), Midweek Prayer Services; Church Stewardship (business) Meetings; and any special meetings that the elders shall deem necessary. Please be reminded that you are expected to advise the elder who is resident at your congregation of any providential hindrances.

5. PROVE THE TITHE

All church members are encouraged to be faithful with the giving of their tithes (10% of gross income) in accordance with the teaching of Malachi 3:8-10, as well as the **Missions Offering** as the Lord blesses you. The former supports our local church programmes and the latter our outreach beyond the walls of our churches. Let us give cheerfully, in obedience to Christ, and keep the work of the ministry strong and efficient.



THINK IT THROUGH...

OUR HIGH PRIEST

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.

Hebrews 4: 15

We have a High Priest who is so great that there is none in the world like Him. He is so far beyond us, and infinitely above us, that we are but dust and ashes. Yet, He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He now appears for us in heaven— in our nature.

Our Lord took our frail nature upon Him and was exposed to want, poverty, hunger, cold, weariness, pain, death, grief, anguish, trouble, and fear. He knows all of our infirmities. None of them are so small that He does not take notice. We may feel our afflictions are more than we can number, but He counts them exactly. He does not only know them notionally, but experimentally. He has Himself been exercised with them. He knows their weight and how they smart, for He has felt them. He knows by experience what it is to be in need, to have nothing upon which to ride, and nowhere to lay His head. He knows what it is to be in pain, and to be despised, abused, reproached and hated. He knows the sorrows of life and the pangs of death by His own experience. He knows what it is to be tempted to sin and troubled with horrid suggestions from Satan.

He knows what it is to be deserted by His friends and to be forsaken of God. He became like us in all these things. And now, He is affected with our infirmities, and is touched with the feeling of them. He not only has suffered what others feel, but suffers with them in what they feel. Though Christ is no longer under these infirmities as He once was, He is touched in His soul by our sufferings. He desires to help and comfort us, and do what is best for us in such a condition, out of His wonderful love. He feels as we feel at the sufferings of a very dear friend. His compassion is as a parent for a beloved child.

—DAVID CLARKSON

This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 6:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Joint Youth Fellowship: Central
- Sat. **7:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast**
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting



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Central Baptist Church	462-2894
Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
Covenant Baptist Church	561-4022
Baptist Academy	462-2894
Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801

Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	764-1491
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
Earl W. F. Skerritt	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957

BE EARNEST IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries
"Sovereign Grace Hour" (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Nekecher Ryner, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Judy Edwards, Bro. Anthony & Sis. Tamisha Browne, Sis. Nadine Smith

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Dr. Bhaskara Murikipudi, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Jonathas René, Bro.

Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards

SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Theo Blair, Joshua Joseph, Martina Humphreys, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Kinda Morgan, Saleema Anthony, Akeem Agard, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Colin Baker, Sharon Grenville, Mark Grenville, Art Bazilio, Lloyd Bazilio, George Browne, Hamadi Browne, Ajani Dowdie, Arianna Dowdie, Athalia Andrew, Kadajah Andrew, Marlensy Salien, Christophe Marcellus, Shari Irish, Reisah Irish

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells), R. Oliver Baptiste (Tyrells), Clytie Francis (Central—restoration), Shane Corey (Central), Kareem Michael (Covenant), Rosemund Haynes (Central—transfer), Victoria Charlton (Central), Sylissa Richards (Covenant), Eliena Louisa (Central), Xavier Joseph (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:11
 Elementary — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 Secondary & Adults — 2 Corinthians 13:5