

# The Salvation of All Mankind

1 Timothy 2:1-7

## Introduction:

- Placing our trust
  1. Do not place trust in g\_\_\_\_\_ - always changes
  2. Place trust in the K\_\_\_\_\_ of K\_\_\_\_\_ - never changes
- God's perfect track record (Is 46:10,11 – He will accomplish a\_\_\_\_\_ that He has declared).
  1. Dan 2:44 – God's kingdom would come in the days of the R\_\_\_\_\_ empire. And so, the people of Israel are described as being in a state of ex\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 3:15).
  2. Is 13:17-20 – the city in Babylon (the l\_\_\_\_\_ city in the world at that time), would fall to the Medes and would never be inhabited. Today, ancient Bablyon is a bunch of d\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Is 52:13-53:10 – God's servant would willingly suffer for the sins of His people by being beaten, pierced, and killed; would be buried in a rich man's tomb yet see His days prolonged beyond death. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy \_\_\_\_\_ years later.
- God has announced that He will save all mankind
  1. All mankind is clarified by Rev 5:9 as people *from e\_\_\_\_\_ tribe, tongue, people, and nation.*
  2. When will we see this prophecy fulfilled? There are certain truths that we need to note.

## God intensely desires the world's salvation (3,4)

- The word *this* points to the previous activity of p\_\_\_\_\_. – *This [praying] is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior who desires all men [i.e. people] to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.*
- The word translated *desires* (KJV – *will have*; others – *wants*)
  1. Is often used of a desire that may not be fulfilled
    - a. In the case of p\_\_\_\_\_ - (Matt 7:12).
    - b. In the case of G\_\_\_\_\_ - (Matt 9:13).
  2. In this context, the emphasis is not on whether or not the desire will be fulfilled but on the i\_\_\_\_\_ of that desire (the word is in a tense in the Greek text that emphasizes ongoing action).
  3. God's intensely desires all people to be saved and to come to the k\_\_\_\_\_ of the truth.

- a. This is not talking about a collection of f\_\_\_\_\_ (that would be a different Greek word)
  - b. This is talking about a p\_\_\_\_\_ experience (experiencing Jesus as your personal Savior)
- So, we pray for all people and for governmental leaders in light of the fact that God intensely desires to save people from every tribe, tongue, nation, and class of people.
    1. Are you praying for the salvation of governmental leaders?
    2. Are you praying for the lost around you?
    3. Are you praying for the salvation of the Muslim world?
    4. Are you praying for salvation of atheists?

### **Jesus successfully purchased the world's salvation (5,6a)**

- There is only one
  1. G\_\_\_\_\_ (who is He?)
  2. M\_\_\_\_\_ between God and people (who is He?)
- Jesus fulfilled the Old Covenant when He gave Himself as a r\_\_\_\_\_ for all (v. 6a; see Lk 22:20).
  1. He became our one-time s\_\_\_\_\_
  2. He became our only p\_\_\_\_\_ because He rose from the dead, never to die again.
- Jesus is called a r\_\_\_\_\_ for all (see also Matt 20:28)
  1. The word pictures a payment made to f\_\_\_\_\_ a slave.
    - a. We all were e\_\_\_\_\_ to sin before coming to Christ
      - 1) Sin is simply falling short of God's standard which is His g\_\_\_\_\_ or glorifying Him (Rom 3:23).
      - 2) Whatever we do in word or deed we are to do all in the n\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus (Col 3:17).
    - b. There was nothing we can do to free ourselves.
  2. Jesus paid the ransom price in \_\_\_\_ A.D. – so why are not people born saved if the price has been paid?

### **Christians witness for the world's salvation (6b,7)**

- How salvation works:
  1. The ransom payment is not applied to a person's life until the time of f\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 3:16,18; Eph 2:8).
  2. Before anyone can have faith, they have to h\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel first (Rom 10:17).
  3. The gospel message is the p\_\_\_\_\_ of God for salvation to everyone who receives it by faith).

- This shows how important it is for us to give t\_\_\_\_\_ to this gospel (v. 6b) – *[Jesus] gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.*
  1. The word *time* in the Greek text is in the p\_\_\_\_\_ and so refers to various times that believers testify of Jesus.
  2. Paul gives himself as an example of one who testifies at various times in his appointed role as a preacher and an apostle to the G\_\_\_\_\_.
- God has declared that He will save people from every walk of life (Rev 5:9,10). Matt 24:14 tells us when. - *This gospel will be preached to all the ethnic groups in the world and then the end will come.*
  1. God is w\_\_\_\_\_ on us to get the gospel message out.
  2. God will work His power through that message to bring people to f\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.
  3. So, what are we waiting for?