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A Consistent Message of Salvation

From the first book of the New Testament scriptures to the last, the message of a completed, effective salvation by Christ alone is taught.

Mat 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.

Rev 1:5b

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Please consider the above verses. First we find in the gospel of Matthew that the Son of God was to be named Jesus. The name means "savior", and that he was to be given this name on the basis of the work he would do. This Jesus would save his people, yes he has a particular people, from their sins. A specific person: Jesus Christ; in a specific role: as the Savior; of a specific people: his people; from a specific situation: their sins. As Christ was only conceived at the time of this pronouncement, and not yet born, nor had lived yet for about 33 years and been crucified for our sins and raised on the third day for our justification, the pronouncement was entirely prophetic of the work of Jesus Christ. Being a prophetic announcement, it begs the question: Was it fulfilled? If so, how? We find the answer, in the final book of the bible in Rev 1:5, particularly the later part. It declares he loved us. This us whom Christ loved are the very same ones that God sent His son to be their savior, as we saw in Mat 2:1. We find he loved His people, and none others are declared to be loved by this Savior. We also find that because he loved them, he became their Savior in a very particular way. He was to save them from their sins. This He did by washing them from their sins in His blood. This does not mean He removed our sinful natures, for we are still sensible of our sins. It does mean that He paid the penalty of our sins, which is death, by his own blood or death in our stead. We find that Jesus was declared to be our savior and that he performed the full work declared from the beginning, salvation from sins. He did this because he loved his people. Jesus died for them, atoning for their sins by his blood, which is the meaning of "washed us from our sins in his own blood". Do we believe the scriptures concerning our Savior Jesus Christ? Do we find the message concerning his work to be good news to us? Do we find the scriptures consistent from beginning to end concerning the work of Christ and its results? We will easily find it perfectly consistent and comforting when we take these straight forward statements from the scriptures at face value and believe that Jesus Christ is the real Savior who really saved!