

## **HC 15-17– The Qualifications of the Deliverer you needed!**

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: You wouldn't ask your barber to do electrical work in your house. You wouldn't ask your dentist to replace your furnace. You wouldn't go to your politician for medical advice. The truth is, these people can't help you with your need. They are not qualified.

In a similar, but more important way, you don't want to get someone to fix the problem of your soul if **they don't know** anything about your soul and they **don't have the qualifications** to do anything about your soul. Today you will hear about the qualifications of the one you need to fix your soul and you will be able to check his qualifications against the qualifications of every other Savior!

Our headings are:

Your Deliverer had to **be a Pure Person**

Your Deliverer had to **a Powerful God.**

Our goals are: That you will remember that the **only one person in existence in heaven and on earth that was qualified to die for you**, did so, and you must therefore **serve him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

### **Your Deliverer had to be a Pure Person**

**15 Q. WHAT KIND OF MEDIATOR AND DELIVERER SHOULD WE LOOK FOR THEN?**

A. He must **be truly human** and **truly righteous**, yet more **powerful than all creatures**, that is, he must also be true God.

**16 Q. WHY MUST HE BE TRULY HUMAN AND TRULY RIGHTEOUS?**

A. God's justice demands it: man has sinned, **man must pay for his sin**, but a sinner cannot pay for others.

### **1. None of the many sacrifices in the OT the Jews performed could take away the penalty for sins, sins being so bad.**

There were burnt offerings, thank offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings and trespass offerings. (Do you remember them?)

These offerings pointed out different aspects of the work of Jesus— and so they had to be good. And yet, these sacrifices were ineffective to remove sins. The offerer had to see Christ through them to gain any benefit.

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

## 2. Why couldn't God accept animals to take away man's sins?

God is a just God, so he required that **if a man sinned, only a man could take his punishment**. God would not accept animals, grains, money, or even an angel to take the place of sinful man.

**This is why the deliverer you needed had to take on a real human body and a real human soul** to die as a substitute for you.

## 3. Now the Bible confirms Jesus was a real human, with real human lineage.

David was your Savior's father from his mother's and father's sides. (Matthew and Luke's Gospel)

Romans 1: 1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was **born of the seed of David according to the flesh,**

## 4. The death of a truly human person – Jesus - was confirmed as fully satisfying Divine justice for sins.

1Corinthians 15:21 **For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.** 22 For as in Adam (man) all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Matthew 20:28 - "just as the **Son of Man (Adam)** did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give His life a ransom** for many."

The word for "man" and "Adam" is the same. So Jesus' humanity and work are bound together!

Hebrews 2: 17 Therefore, in all things **He had to be made like His brethren,** that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

We therefore reject many heresies...including Eutychianism, which mingles the human and Divine natures of Jesus. Also, he did was not a ghostlike figure. He was not a soulless man.

## 5. But Jesus was much more than truly human; he was a truly perfect human, free of all human defects.

**He was purer than the pure and spotless OT sacrifices.** God could not accept a man with his own sins to die for a man with sins. A man could only die for his own sins. It is true, a man may die for another man – like a security detail might take a bullet to protect the life of PM Trudeau, but that man who might give his life for the PM cannot save Mr. Trudeau's soul. He can only save the Prime Minister's body – and only for a time.

He can't die for the Prime Minister's soul because **his own soul is sinful.**

## 6. The Bible confirms Jesus was a perfectly pure man.

The Old Testament predicted he would be pure and the New Testament confirmed he was

pure. About 750 years before Jesus was born Isaiah predicted his purity which qualified him to be a sacrifice for sinners.

Isaiah 53: 9 And they made His grave with the wicked—But with the rich at His death, Because He had **done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

The Apostle Paul confirmed that Jesus lived a pure life.

2Corinthians 5: 21 For He made **Him who knew no sin** to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The writer of Hebrews wonderfully illustrates the purity of the Lord Jesus in light of the sacrifices of the Old Testament: Jesus Christ was holy, harmless, undefiled— separate from sinners.

Hebrews 7: 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For **such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...**

### **Your Deliverer had to be a Powerful Person**

17 Q. WHY MUST HE ALSO BE TRUE GOD?

A. So that, by the **power of his divinity**, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

#### **1. While Jesus had to be truly man, and truly pure, these 2 things of themselves would not have qualified him to be your deliverer.**

Being this way might easily qualify him for most positions in human society, but not in a heavenly society. More, by only being a pure man, he would have only qualified to be the Savior of **just one man**.

#### **2. So Jesus had to be great enough and powerful enough in order that his death would be sufficient for all those his Father had given to him.**

And he was. He was a perfectly pure human, and he was all-powerful God. You see this illustrated when Jesus was pictured as passing through the cut animals while Abraham was in a deep sleep in Genesis 15. **Jesus was doing what Abraham and his descendants could not do. Abraham was only an observer and a receiver of Christ's work.**

What a blessing this is for everyone who is a Christian! **You receive this great thing for which you did not work**...and for what you could not pay. God did it for you!

#### **3. Look at how the necessity of Christ Deity is confirmed in the Bible.**

The honest Jew would be able to look at these verses and recognize it as the truth.

Isaiah 7: 14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the

virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call **His name Immanuel.**

“Immanuel” means “God with us.” **And he would then “save his people from their sins.”**

**4. Some try to rob Christ of his Deity by saying people have different names in which “God” is included, but they are not God.**

They might say for instance, “Joshua” means “God saves.” But Joshua Fapo or Joshua Persaud is not God.” So they argue: “Immanuel is only a name that includes God.”

However, people who make these types of conclusion **ignore other clearer passages.** For instance, this same Child of the virgin would be called “Mighty God” who would save his people from their sins.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon **the throne of David** and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

**No other person in the Bible is every called Mighty God.** If Jesus weren’t “Mighty God” then it would have been **blasphemy to write that.** He is the true “Mighty God” who would be from the throne of his father David, and to him the nations of the world would bow in submission.

**This doctrine denies the heresy of Arius (Arianism) which denies the Deity of Jesus,** and the heresy of Jehovah’s Witnesses. **Those who deny the Deity of Jesus will go to hell.** **Help save them!**

**5. Jeremiah tied it all together, showing Jesus (Jehovah) would be the means by which the people of God would become righteous.**

And you will notice this was not speaking of Judah being saved from Babylonian captivity, but of Judah being saved from spiritual captivity.

Jeremiah 23: 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to **David a Branch** of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

The Apostle John confirms Jesus, the Savior, was Creator of heaven and earth.

John 1:10 He was in the world, **and the world was made through Him...**

What a beautiful Savior: Son of God and Son of Man. Who could be greater than the Creator?

**6. These 2 things qualified Jesus to be that perfect Mediator, and you desperately needed a Mediator – to make peace between God and man.**

Consider Job's plea...his utter helplessness before God...

Job 9:14 "How then can I answer Him, And choose my words to reason with Him? 15 **For though I were righteous, I could not answer Him;** I would beg mercy of my Judge.

The only one that could stand before the Father on your behalf is Jesus Christ. Praise God he did.

**Conclusion:**

**Since man sinned, a man had to die. Jesus was a true person -fully human with body and soul. Jesus was truly pure.** Further, Jesus **had to be powerful, powerful enough to die for the sins of the whole world. He was true God.** There was none greater. You needed this one! If you are having a heart attack, you don't want a Doctor of Ancient Egyptians Studies. You want a medical doctor. And so Jesus perfectly filled your need. Hallelujah!

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

**1. It is Christ or death.** If you don't have Christ, it wouldn't matter how good you are, you would go to hell. It is plain and simple as that...and that death would be eternal separation from God with an eternally guilty conscience – that undying worm!

**2. How much you must now love the Savior!** How vast the benefits that you in Christ possess! And it was all provided by Jehovah. We say: Jehovah Jireh – Jehovah the Great Provider. He saves, he sanctifies, and he secures. This love will give you the strength and courage to keep on fighting sin.

**3. Do you realize that every Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and atheist, regardless of how good he is, will go to hell.** You have to tell him of this...that he may hear and be saved! You have the medicine to save. Don't hide it.

Finally, those outside of Jesus have only themselves to blame for the judgment that is coming on them. But the Lord has prepared a way out. If you ask him to set you free from sin's tyranny, he will do so. Jesus has met all the requirements for you. He is truly human, truly righteous, and truly God! Let his death be counted as yours.