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## **Our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**(2 Peter 1:1-2)**

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- **2 Peter 1:1-2:** Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

When I became a new convert to Christianity it was told by my mentors that the Scriptures of the Bible give both God and the Lord Jesus Christ the title Saviour they told me that since there cannot be two Saviours because that would mean there are two God's (according to their reasoning) Jesus must be God, but is this kind of logic and reasoning right?. This study shows that they were perfectly right in saying that the Bible refers to both God and the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour, but they were grossly wrong to conclude that it means that Jesus is God. Let's begin at the following words of Peter:

- Our God and Saviour Jesus Christ (v1).

Those with a preconceived mindset that Jesus is God read these words of Peter, "God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (v1) to mean that Jesus is God the Almighty, but this understanding is only arrived at because the words of Peter are approached with a preconceive mindset that Jesus is God. So how should these two verses, be interpreted? Let's begin by looking at what is true. The following Scriptures very clearly show that it is true that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are both referred to as the Saviour.

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### THE FOLLOWING OLD TESTAMENT VERSES GIVE THE TITLE: "THE SAVIOUR," TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY

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- They forgot God, their Saviour (Psalm 106:21).
- For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour (Isa. 43:3).
- I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour (Isa. 43:11).
- Truly, you are a God, O God of Israel, the Saviour (Isa. 45:15).
- There is no other god besides me and Saviour; there is none besides me (Isa. 45:21).
- I am the LORD your Saviour, and your Redeemer (Isa. 49:26) (Isa. 60:16).
- I am the LORD your God and besides me there is no saviour (Hosea 13:4).

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- Unto you is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).
- We know that this (Jesus) is indeed the Saviour of the world (John 4:42).
- God exalted Jesus at his right hand as Leader and Saviour (Acts 5:31).
- God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised (Acts 13:23).
- Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour (Ephes. 5:23).
- From heaven we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philip. 3:20).
- The appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 1:10).

- Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour (Titus 1:4).
- Whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour (Titus 3:6).
- The eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:11).
- Through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:20).
- Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
- We testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14).

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- My (Marys) spirit rejoices in God my Saviour (Luke 1:47).
- To the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (Jude 1:25).
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Saviour (1 Tim. 1:1).
- This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour (1 Tim. 2:3).
- Our hope is set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people (1 Tim. 4:10).
- I (Paul) have been entrusted with preaching by God our Saviour (Titus 1:3).
- That in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour (Titus 2:10).

From these verses we see that both the Old and New Testament credit God the Almighty and His most beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ with the title, "The Saviour." Added to this the immortal, invisible, eternal God Almighty the creator of all things and source of all life very clearly states:

- I am the LORD, and there is no other saviour besides me (Isa. 43:11) (Isa. 45:21).

But the fact that both Jesus and God are referred to as the Saviour and God says, "He is the only Saviour there is no other" does not mean that Jesus must be God. The immortal, invisible God Almighty the God is the Saviour of us all for the following two reasons:

1. He is the source of all life.
2. Before time began, He planned and purposed in His eternal mind that mankind's salvation to eternal life would be in his Son.

This means the following two things:

1. Jesus is the eternal fulfilment of God's foreordained plan of salvation for all mankind.
2. Without Christ God's eternal plan of Salvation for mankind would be left bankrupt and no-one could be saved to eternal life.

Putting both of these truths together it becomes clear that both the immortal invisible eternal God Almighty the one true God and the Lord Jesus Christ are both the Saviour, but in a different manner. God is the Saviour in that He is the source of all life and planned and purposed the eternal way of salvation, but Christ is our Saviour in that he is the fulfilment of God's eternal plan. Without God there would be no salvation, but God's eternal plan without Christ would be left bankrupt thus the reason the Bible in various contexts refers to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour.

Peter's words:

- Our God and Saviour Jesus Christ (v1).

Do not mean that Jesus is God, but that the immortal, invisible, eternal God Almighty the creator of all things and source of all life purposed in His eternal mind the eternal plan of salvation for mankind before the world began and this pre-ordained eternal plan appeared in the person of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ the Lamb of God sent from the Father to take away the sins of the world it is in this sense Jesus is also given the title the Saviour. Peter is saying that every brother and sister is saved by the righteousness of God (*and*) by the Lord Jesus Christ their Saviour. The word (*and*) separates the one true God (the Father) from His most beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ the redeemer and Saviour of every repentant sinner.

Added to this the King James Bible, states verse one in the following way:

- Our God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And in verse two Peter says:

- May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord

Both of these very clearly separate God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ by the word (*and*) leaving no room to think that the Father and the Son are both the one and only true God. Added to this all one has to do to harmonize the words, "Our God and Saviour Jesus Christ" with the teaching of the entire Bible is to punctuate the verse with a coma so that the verse reads:

- Our God, and Saviour Jesus Christ (v1).

This simple English correction clearly separates the great God and the Saviour Jesus Christ. Remember comas are added into the verse as they were translated from Greek into English. Anyone reading these verses of Peter without a pre-conceived mindset that Jesus is God would never conclude that Peter is saying that Jesus is God or even think he was implying it. Certainly, is it true that both God and the Lord Jesus Christ are given the title the Saviour, but to reason that this means that Jesus is God is a gross misunderstanding of Scripture and reading something into the verse that is not there.