

## The Baby Around Whom the Universe Revolves

### Selected Scriptures

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It is common for men to have difficulty in accomplishing all that we endeavor to do (James 4:13-15; cf. John 19:10-11). Of all men, only the Lord Jesus Christ is able to do anything and everything that He pleases (John 10:17b). God has always shown His unique centrality in all things by His ability to realize all that He has intended to do (Dan. 4:35). The Lord's plans are not dependent upon the good intentions or righteous actions of men (cf. Gen. 45:7; 50:20) and they are often accomplished contrary the desires or plans of men (cf. Jon. 4:1-2). Nowhere was this more clearly demonstrated than the death of Jesus Christ on the cross (cf. Acts 2:22-24; 4:27-28).
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All authority has been given to the Son (Matt 28:17) and that includes the authority to hold people accountable to the laws which He has set up (Gen. 2:15-17; Deut 5:11; Ecc. 7:20; Ezek. 18:4; James 2:10; 1 John 3:4). He will render a judgment upon all men for how we behave with all that He has given to us (Matt 25:14ff; Luke 12:42-48). Everyone who the Lord judges strictly upon the basis of their own works will be condemned (cf. Matt 25:31-46) whereas those of us who have received salvation by faith alone in Christ alone will receive some rewards on the basis of our works for Him (cf. 1 Cor. 3:10-15). All judgment for the eternal destiny of man has been handed over to the Son (John 5:22, 27, 30), and apart from His commending of His own to the Father, no one will receive everlasting rest with God (Matt 7:21-23; 10:32-33).
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Just as the Lord has always been willing and ready to dispense His judgment upon Men, He has always been a willing Savior (2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 17:7; 61:1-4; Isa. 43:1-3, 10-11; Ezek 18:30-32). God has most clearly shown His nature as Savior first in the Exodus of His people from Egypt (Ex. 20:1-2; Deut 4:20), but primarily in the saving work of Christ for all who believe (Col. 1:13-14; cf. John. 3:36). God's work as Savior was that Christ would stand in the place of those who believe while we would be treated as He deserves (2 Cor. 5:21). The work of Christ in salvation is completed and irrevocable (Rom. 5:1; 8:1) because the very power of the sin which would condemn us has been paid for and the debt has been cancelled (Col. 2:14). That God did not spare the Son in His redemptive plan ensures that there is nothing that He will not do to save and to keep those who are His own (cf. Rom. 8:32; Heb. 7:25).