

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 65 TITLE: "God of Our Salvation"

Intro: David Platt. Psalms. Joy. **Haha!**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- 1 Praise is **due** to you, O God, in **Zion**,
and to you shall **vows** be performed.
- 2 O you who hear prayer,
to you shall **all flesh** come.
- 3 When **iniquities** prevail against me,
you **atone** for our **transgressions**.
- 4 **Blessed** is the one **you choose** and bring near,
to **dwell in your courts!**
- We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your **house**, the holiness of your **temple!**
- 5 By **awesome deeds** you answer us with
righteousness,
O **God of our salvation**,
the **hope of all the ends of the earth**
and of the farthest seas;
- 6 the one who by his **strength** established the
mountains,
being girded with **might**;
- 7 who **stills** the **roaring** of the seas,
the **roaring** of their waves,
the **tumult** of the peoples,
- 8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are
in **awe** at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the
evening to shout for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and **water** it;
you greatly **enrich** it;
the **river of God** is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.
- 10 You **water** its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with **showers**,
and blessing its growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your **bounty**;
your wagon tracks overflow with **abundance**.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness **overflow**,
the hills gird themselves with **joy**,
- 13 the meadows clothe themselves with **flocks**,
the valleys deck themselves with **grain**,
they **shout** and **sing** together for **joy**.

CONCLUSION/ILL: **Dr. Bruce Means**. *Last Tepui. RainForest Biologist. To complete life's work. Alone. "I just want to be quiet and love it. Let it sink in. I'll be leaving the planet. Sometime. And I'll miss it." Bruce! You don't have to. We can enjoy it in all its newness/fullness. It's why Jesus came! New creation!*

Thesis: "Salvation is by God's grace alone as a work of God's Spirit alone through faith in Jesus Christ Alone."

I. **V1-4 - Sovereign Grace**

- A. **due** - fitting. belongs. "that makes sense."
- B. **Zion** - Heaven. **Church**. God/People live.
- C. **Vows** - covenant faith/promise/commitment
- D. **All flesh** - for all people/tribes/nations
- E. **Atonement** - definite. absolute. gracious.
Nature & Necessity of Atonement.

ILLUSTRATION: **Lev16. Day of Atonement. JESUS.**

- F. **Choose** - sovereign election. God does it.
That'll preach? "You preach that. Empty room."
- G. **Dwell - courts/temple/house**. church. living. "in my Father's house." **JESUS** claimed to be **WAY**.

APPLICATION: Jesus atoned for all the sins of all His people to be with God forever. **Particular Atonement.** "I lay down my life for 'my sheep.'" **Assurance.** Receive Him by faith. Only those He calls will believe.

II. **v.5-8 - Awesome God**

- A. **Awe** - amazed. wonder. "fear". Tremble. **Wow!**
- B. **Salvation** - From, Of, Thru and To God.
- C. **Hope** - Ends of the earth. **People&land.**
- D. **Power** - strength, might, calms storms. In nature and in people's lives/hearts. **JESUS.**
"Who is this? Even wind/waves obey Him?"

APPLICATION: When's the last time you were in AWE of God and His wondrous power and words. Blessings. *Do you live in a constant state of gratitude/thankfulness or complaining/whining/wanting/satisfied? v4.Blessed!*

III. **v.9-13 - Abundant Life**

- A. He waters the earth. Gives life. Fruit.
- B. **Waters/Rivers** - River of Life/God. **Rev. 22. JESUS.** Living water. **Jn.4. Is. 55.**

ILLUSTRATION: **Dig. Hard clay. Water. Soft. Hearts.**

- C. This life is **Abundant. JESUS. Jn.10:10**
- D. **All Things New** - New, Abundant Life. Renewal.
This is more than conservation, this is newness!

ILLUSTRATION: **Paradise - Gardens.** New heavens. New earth. New creation. Better. More beautiful. Pleasant. Enjoyable. Abundant.

- E. **Singing. Joy. Shouting.** Gladness.

APPLICATION: **1) Do you love nature?** Outdoors? Peace? Gardening? Watching things grow? Life? Rest? You have an eternity of that to look forward to in Jesus. Streams, creeks, oceans, mountains, beach. Unpolluted. No more curse. Disease. Death. Only LIFE. **2) Sing. Shout. Rejoice.** He's making all things new. He's renewing things far as the curse is found.