

Acts 4:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Analysis

Neither is there salvation in any other—Peter declares absolute exclusivity: Christ alone saves, eliminating all alternative paths. The Greek 'en allō oudeni' (in no other) allows zero exceptions. **For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved**—'name' (ὄνομα) represents the person and work of Christ, not a magical formula. The perfect passive participle 'given' (δεδομένον) indicates God's authoritative bestowal, making Jesus' name the Father's appointed means. **Whereby we must be saved** establishes salvation's necessity (moral/spiritual inability) and singularity (one way). This verse became Christianity's most controversial claim in pluralistic cultures.

Historical Context

Peter's defense before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council that condemned Jesus) after healing the lame man. Asked 'by what name' (v.7) the healing occurred, Peter boldly declares Jesus—whom they crucified—as the only Savior. This explicit claim led to the apostles' first imprisonment and prohibition from preaching.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you articulate Christ's exclusive claims in a pluralistic culture without compromise or offense?
2. What does 'must be saved' imply about humanity's spiritual condition apart from Christ?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὐκ	ἐστιν	ἐν	ἄλλῳ	οὐδενὶ	ἢ	σωτηρία	οὔτε
Neither G2532	G3756	is there G2076	among G1722	other G243	any G3762	G3588	salvation G4991	none G3777
γὰρ	ὄνομά	ἐστιν	ἕτερον	ὑπὸ	τὸν	οὐρανὸν	τὸ	
for G1063	name G3686	is there G2076	other G2087	under G5259	G3588	heaven G3772	G3588	
δεδομένον	ἐν	ἄνθρωποις	ἐν	ᾧ	δεῖ	σωθῆναι	ἡμᾶς	
given G1325	among G1722	men G444	among G1722	G3739	must G1163	be saved G4982	we G2248	

Additional Cross-References

John 14:6 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Corinthians 3:11 (Parallel theme): For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

John 3:36 (Parallel theme): He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Luke 24:47 (Parallel theme): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Matthew 1:21 (Salvation): And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Hebrews 2:3 (Salvation): How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Revelation 20:15 (Parallel theme): And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Hebrews 12:25 (Parallel theme): See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Psalms 45:17 (Parallel theme): I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Colossians 1:23 (Parallel theme): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;