

**Pleasing God**

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*Genesis 5:23-24 (NLT2)*

*<sup>23</sup> Enoch lived 365 years, <sup>24</sup> walking in close fellowship with God.  
Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.*



*Hebrews 11:5-6 (NLT2)*

*<sup>5</sup> It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—“he disappeared, because God took him.” For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.*



Hebrews 11:6 (NLT2)

<sup>6</sup> And it is impossible to please God without faith.

Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.



# **1. FAITH IS NEEDED TO PLEASE GOD**

**a. It pleases God when you know He exists.**

**Psalm 14:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*"

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**b. It pleases God when you seek Him.**

***Proverbs 8:17 (NASB)***

*17 "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.*

*Ephesians 1:9-11 (NLT2)*

*<sup>9</sup> God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. <sup>10</sup> And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.*



*11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.*

2. It pleased God greatly to put in place the mysterious plan of Christ being our Redeemer.



## **Acts 3:19-20 (NLT2)**

<sup>19</sup> Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

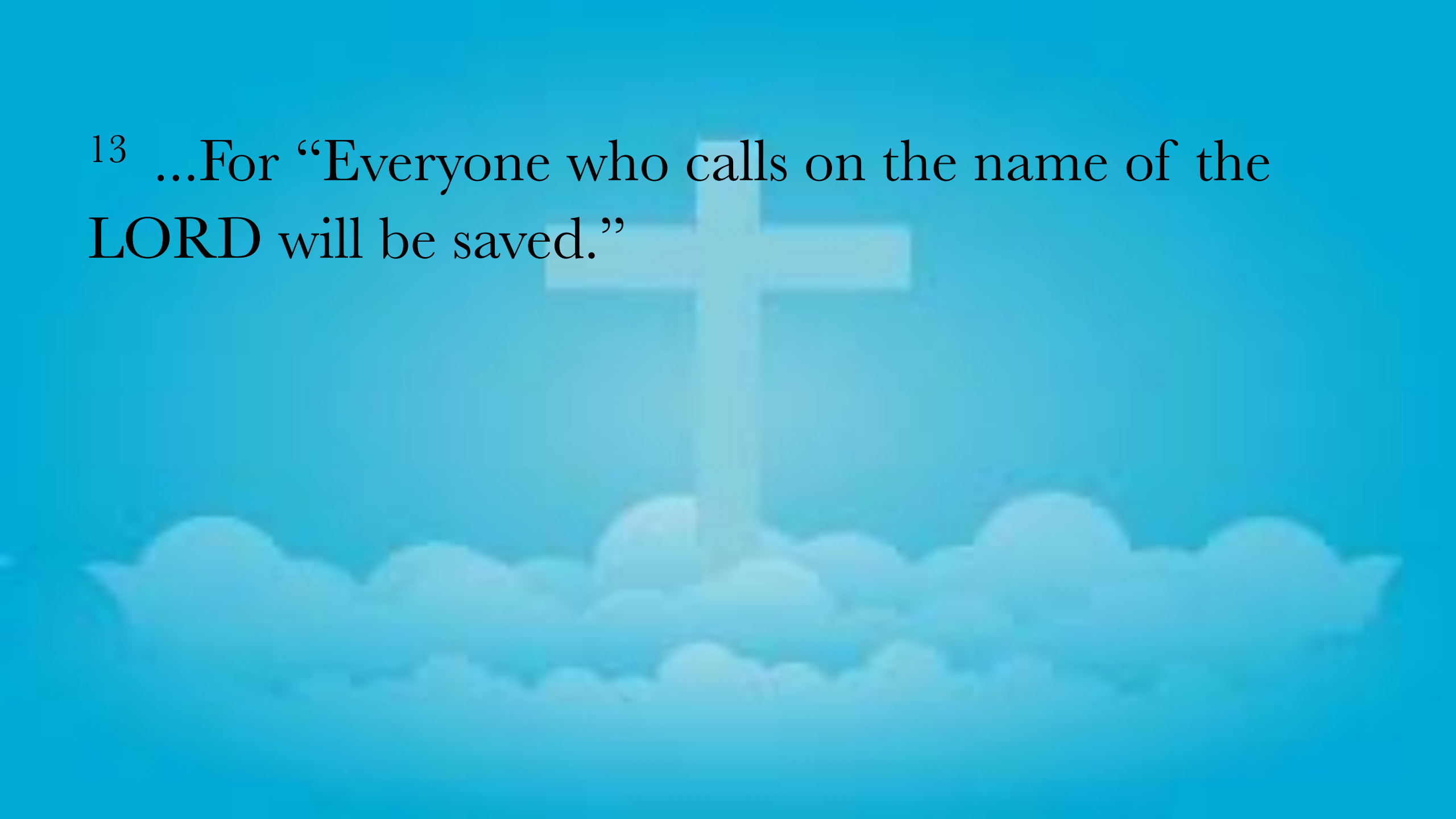
<sup>20</sup> Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.

## **Romans 10:9-13 (NLT2)**

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

13 ...For “Everyone who calls on the name of the  
LORD will be saved.”



**Greek Strong's Number: 4982**

**Greek Word: σώζω**

**Transliteration: sōzō**

**Vine's Words: Heal, Healing, Recover,  
Save, Saving, Whole, Wholly,  
Wholesome**

3. It pleases God greatly to give you the kingdom of Heaven.

*Luke 12:32 (NKJV)*

*<sup>32</sup> Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*



## Romans 5:6-8 (NLT2)

<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

<sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good.

<sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

