

Requirements to be the Redeemer

The Bible specifies a number of explicit qualifications that the Redeemer must fulfill:

- 1) He must be fully man to pay for the sins of mankind.
(Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13; Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 4:2-3)
- 2) He must be fully God (eternal and infinite) to pay the infinite price for mankind's sins (every unrighteous thought, word, and deed)
(Psalm 2:7; Psalm 45:6-7; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19; Hebrews 1:2-3; 1 John 2:2)
- 3) He must fulfill God's entire Law perfectly – He must be sinless.
(Isaiah 42:1; Isaiah 53:9-11; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
- 4) He must fulfill the Old Testament prophecies pointing to the Messiah.
(Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Psalm 2:7-12; Psalm 22; Isaiah 61:1-2; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 5:17; Luke 18:31; 24:27; John 5:39; Hebrews 10:7)
- 5) He must be the physical descendent of Adam, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and King David.
(Genesis 3:15; 4:25; 5:29-32; 9:26; 12:3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:7; Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5)
- 6) He must shed His own blood for the sin of the world.
(Genesis 9:4-6; 22:8; Leviticus 17:11; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5)
- 7) He must die as our substitute to pay the penalty for sin.
(Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:26; Psalm 22; Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 4:10)
- 8) He must rise from the dead physically to defeat death and Satan.
(Psalm 16:10; 49:15; 68:18; Isaiah 53:10-11; Hosea 6:2; Acts 2:25-31; 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 1:18)

The Bible's requirements exclude all but Jesus Christ. No other person, angel, or any other created being fulfilled what only the God-man could. Jesus Christ is our Almighty Creator, Lord, and Savior (John 1; Colossians 1, Hebrews 1; Revelation 1)!

Christ actually fulfilled hundreds of Old Testament prophecies written centuries before His birth. He also fulfilled numerous Old Testament types and foreshadows anticipating the promised Messiah. However, these 8 qualifications prove that only Jesus can redeem.

Some teach that Jesus was actually Michael the archangel or the spirit-brother of Lucifer, however only God Himself could fulfill these requirements. In fact Hebrews chapter 1 explains that Jesus is the Creator, and so much greater than any angel.

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds**; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You’? And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son’? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘**Let all the angels of God worship Him**’. And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.’ **But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom...**’ (Hebrews 1:1-8)

Some believe that Mary can co-redeem. However, neither Mary nor a pope nor any other person meets the Biblical credentials to be the Redeemer. Some believe that their good works or religious affiliation can save. Yet, the Bible is clear that only God can save.

“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22).

“‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...’” (Acts 16:30-31).

“Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works” (Titus 2:13-14).

“To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1).