

Text: Psalm 62.1 (NIV 84)

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God's rest is yours in Jesus. Amen.

**My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from him.**

Liam, when you are getting all worked up and nervous, what calms you down? I can understand that maybe that's going outside and kicking the soccer ball around, working on dribbling, juggling (you don't juggle three soccer balls with your hands, you juggle one by bouncing around on your feet and knees.). But you've chosen a verse that says you've found a better place to calm you down. God's arms. You've said you will find your rest in God alone.

Let me ask you another question, "When you are in big trouble, what will save you?" Go to mom because she's the softie? One of your big brothers going to bail you out? I know that doesn't usually happen. Again, the one verse you chose says your salvation comes from God. Your greatest rescue, to your biggest problem, can only come from God, from looking at Jesus dying on the cross. Indeed, the Bible says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name, given among people, by which we must be saved." How cool is that!

And how easily we forget! We think rest comes at 5 pm, or on Friday night, or when the TV is on, or when I can play video games. Make no mistake. These are all good gifts from God. But if we enjoy the gift and forget to give thanks to the giver, we are just little children, playing with the toy and never even say, "thank you," to Uncle Joe. Can money get you to heaven? Can you hold up a soccer trophy to God and say, "Got my ticket to heaven"? Is even your church membership, your confirmation, the badge you need to pass through those heavenly gates?

No! My salvation comes from God. Only the cross gets me to heaven. That's Jesus' work, not mine. Only his empty tomb assures me my tomb will be empty as well. Being covered in Jesus' blood, washed in the waters of baptism, there's your badge, what Jesus did for you. Liam, your greatest treasure is the salvation God gave you. Your eternal rest is in God alone. Great passage. Never forget it. My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from him. Amen.