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SALVATION

The Gospel is God's means that produces Salvations! Salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Paul states in Romans 1:16—For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. The Gospel is God's power to quicken a Spiritually dead soul by regeneration. The Gospel Justifies, Sanctifies and ultimately Glorifies a spiritually dead human-being, making him or her fit for eternity because of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

"PITHY PARADIGM" Salvation is . . .
*the greatest blessing that God can bestow;
deliverance from the greatest misery; exaltation to the
greatest happiness; the greatest change in man's state
and character which can possibly be effected; the
greatest display of the love, wisdom, grace, and
power of God!*

Salvation as seen in Scripture speaks of deliverance. Throughout Scripture salvation / deliverance is pictured as physical, spiritual and messianic.

Physically: Salvation is a rescue from danger deliverance, preservation, safety.

[Hebrews 11:7](#) Noah...the ark for deliverance

[Acts 27:34](#) Paul on a ship bound for Rome.

[Philippians 1:19](#) Prayers from the church at Philippi brought deliverance.

Spiritually: Salvation is seen in religious technical term describing safety of the soul.

[Luke 1:77](#) knowledge of **salvation** (soteria) by the forgiveness of their sins"

[Acts 4:12](#) "And there is **salvation** (soteria) in no one else (other than Messiah); for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved (sozo)."

[Romans 1:16](#) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for **salvation** (soteria) to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

[Hebrews 5:9](#) "And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal **salvation** (soteria)."

A Messianic deliverance at the end of this present age.

[Hebrews 9:28](#) "Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for **salvation** (soteria) without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

[1Thess. 5:8-9](#) "But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of **salvation** (soteria). For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining **salvation** (soteria) through our Lord Jesus Christ"

So the question for us IS...Why do I need salvation? Are you good enough? Are you not as bad as _____? Salvation is not based on what you have done or have not done, or how good or bad you think you have been!

In Adam's sin of disobedience to the revealed will and Word of God, man lost his innocence, incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death, became subject to the wrath of God, and became inherently corrupt and utterly incapable of choosing or doing that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace.

With no recuperative powers to enable him to recover himself, man is hopelessly lost. Man has an inability to rescue himself apart from the recuperating power of God's gospel of grace. Man's salvation is thereby wholly of God's grace through the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-19; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14; 1 John 1:8).

All men were in Adam, a nature corrupted by Adam's sin has been transmitted to all men of all ages, Jesus Christ being the only exception. All men are thus sinners by nature, by choice, and by divine declaration (Psalm 14:1-3; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:9-18, 23; 5:10-12).

Salvation is the unmerited favor that God grants to totally depraved sinners and is not related to any initiative of their own part or to God's anticipation of what they might do by their own will, but is solely of His sovereign grace and mercy (Ephesians 1:4-7; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 1:2).

God demand all mankind to repent and believe the gospel of salvation. Salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19). It is not of works that no one should boast.

In the spiritual realm by God's standards, the natural man is incapable of good. The natural man is enslaved to sin; he is a slave of Satan, rebellious toward God, blind to truth, corrupt, and unable to save himself. As Ephesians 2 states he is dead in sin enslaved to his evil nature.

Your ability to repent of your sin, believe the gospel of God, and to put your faith in Christ is the FREE gift of God's enabling grace.

Soteria is salvation from 'physical illness' ([Matt. 9.21](#); [Luke 8.36](#)). Jesus was concerned with men's bodies as well as with men's souls. Such salvation may

not cure, but it always enables the sufferer to transmute the suffering into glory.

Soteria is salvation from danger. When the disciples were in peril they cried out to be 'saved' ([Matt. 8.25](#); [14.30](#)). This does not mean protection from all peril and from all harm, but that he is 'safe when all safety's lost'. It is the conviction that nothing in life or in death can separate him from the love of God.

Soteria is salvation from 'life's infection'. A man is saved from a crooked and perverse generation ([Acts 2.40](#)). To walk in the world and yet to keep his garments unspotted from the world.

Soteria is salvation from 'lostness'. It was to seek and to save the lost that Jesus came ([Matt. 18.11](#); [Luke 19.10](#)). It was to turn him from the way that led to the most deadly kind of death to the way that led to the most vital kind of life.

Soteria is salvation from 'sin'. Jesus was called Jesus because he was to save his people from their sins ([Matt. 1.21](#)). By himself man is the slave of sin. He cannot liberate himself from it. He can diagnose his situation easily enough, but he cannot cure his disease. The saving power of Christ alone can do that. 'He breaks the power of cancelled sin. He sets sin's prisoner free.'

Soteria is salvation from 'wrath' ([Rom. 5.9](#)). The NT cannot be emptied of the conception of judgment. That conception is fundamental to it. Jesus Christ did something, God did something, which freed men from the wrath of injured holiness and transgressed justice. In Jesus Christ something happened which put a man into a new relationship with God.

Soteria is eschatological. We can begin to enjoy it here and now, but its full impact and its full wonder will only come to us in the day when Jesus Christ is enthroned King of all the world ([Rom. 13.11](#); [I Cor. 5.5](#); [II Tim. 4.18](#); [Heb. 9.28](#); [I Pet. 1.5](#); [Rev. 12.10](#)). It is quite true that the Second Coming of Christ is not a popular doctrine. But it does conserve the tremendous truth that this world is going somewhere, and when the world reaches its final consummation so will soteria be finally perfected.