

BIBLE STUDY SERIES:

TRUSTING THE FATHER

SALVATION / SAVED

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INTENTION:

No matter what you are facing in this life, you can be freed (saved) from its power over you.

Our Salvation into Eternal Life with the Lord is brought to us by Christ Jesus for us to believe into that Salvation.

But also, we are and can be Saved from the perils, diseases, strongholds (self), and obstacles we face on this earth—
we just need to allow Him into those aspects of our Spirit, Heart, Soul, Mind, and Body.

I. TOPIC:

We want to look at Salvation, including the term Saved.

It is Christ Jesus who did what He did through the completion of the Cross and sending of the Holy Spirit that brings Salvation and His desire for us to be Saved—both in the now, and in our eternity.

I am using two different words and definitions here to go into what it means for both in scripture. Let's start with their meanings in the Greek:

Salvation – G4991: sōtēria

1. deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation
 - a. deliverance from the molestation of enemies
 - b. in an ethical sense, that which concludes to the soul's safety or salvation
 - i. of Messianic salvation
2. salvation as the present possession of all true Christians
3. future salvation, the sum of benefits and blessings which the Christians, redeemed from all earthly ills, will enjoy after the visible return of Christ from heaven in the consummated and eternal kingdom of God.

Saved – G4982: sōzō

1. to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
 - a. one (from injury or peril)
 - i. to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
 - ii. to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue
 - b. to save in the technical biblical sense
 - i. negatively
 - to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
 - to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

When we go through the different readings and related verses, we will see how both Salvation and Saved applies to us in the right NOW, in the future, and in the physical, emotional (soul), and spiritual. We must not just see these terms as happening in the “distant future”, but how it uniquely and personally relates to all my being (Body, Mind, Soul, Heart, and Spirit). In this sense, we are: saved, being saved, and reserved for salvation.

We will also tackle the notion of whether we can “lose” our salvation.

II. READING: Salvation / Saved is only through (and because of) Jesus Christ:

John 12:44-50 (NABRE) {PoG}

Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, 45 and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. 46 I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save {G4982} the world. 48 Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day, 49 because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me.”

Acts 4:8-12 (NABRE) {PoG}

Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, “Leaders of the people and elders: 9 If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved {G4982}, 10 then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed ({G5199: restored to health}). 11 He is ‘the stone

rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.’ 12 There is no salvation {G4991} through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved {G4982}.”

Romans 1:16-17 (NABRE) {PoG}

For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation {G4991} of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek. 17 For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous by faith will live.”

Ephesians 1:7-14 (NABRE) {PoG}

In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favour that he set forth in him 10 as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

11 In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, 12 so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. 13 In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation {G4991}, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, 14 which is the first instalment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

1 Timothy 2:3-6a (NABRE) {PoG}

This is good and pleasing to God our saviour, 4 who wills everyone to be saved {G4982} and to come to knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself as ransom for all.

III. RELATED VERSES AND QUESTIONS:

- A. When we believe, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit; and through Christ Jesus is that means to Salvation. We are placed into Salvation when we believe, and fully inherit it upon the completion of our life here on earth—that is either when we die (Christian ‘sleep’), or when the Lord comes again.

Romans 13:11 (NABRE)

And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 (NABRE) {PoG}

But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation. 9 For God did not destine us for wrath, but to gain {G4047: preserve} salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him.

Hebrews 9:26b-28 (NABRE)

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. 27 Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, 28 so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#) (NABRE)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you 5 who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. 6 In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls.

Question: In the meaning of the word Salvation it says: “deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation—deliverance from the molestation of enemies”. What does that mean to you in the ‘here and now’?

Response:

- B. This eternal Salvation is because we are Saved by believing in Jesus Christ (His Faith and God’s Grace), which leads us to that fulfilment of Salvation.

[Romans 10:9-13](#) (NABRE)

For, 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. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 For the scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

[Ephesians 2:4-8](#) (NABRE)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.

[2 Timothy 4:18](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe [{G4982}](#) to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Question: What can we personally do to recognise this Saving in our life now—aspects of being Saved that do or can manifest themselves in our day-to-day lives?

Response:

- C. The saving that comes from Jesus Christ encompasses anything to do with one's being (Body, Mind, Soul, Heart, and Spirit). As we read in [Acts 4:8-12](#) above, we see this saving of the crippled man was physical (in his body). We must not reject that Christ wants us to be healed in the physical; as "healing" and "saving" are often shared in meaning in the context of a physical healing (of which Christ took upon Himself).

[1 Peter 2:24](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed [{G2390}](#).

[Mark 5:25-34](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

There was a woman afflicted with haemorrhages for twelve years. 26 She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. 28 She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured [{G4982}](#)." 29 Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed [{G2390}](#) of her affliction. 30 Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" 31 But his disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. 33 The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved [{G4982}](#) you. Go in peace and be cured [{G5199}](#) of your affliction."

[Mark 6:55-56](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 Whatever villages or towns or countryside he entered, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak; and as many as touched it were healed [{G4982}](#).

Question: Does your heart and mind accept or reject that the Lord wants you to have physical healing?

- *Refer also: Bible Study Lesson 008 – Health & Healing*

Response:

- D. Our saving journey in this life is a healing journey. And so much of what this healing entails, is the saving of our soul (emotional wellbeing). The internal conflicts of this life often stem from what is programmed into us by this world (our upbringing), fighting against the spirit-out truth of who we are (under what the world buries us in). And each of our life-experiences differ. As such, each person's healing journey is unique. We may share common outcomes and stronghold symptoms; but the journey to become free from my own internal self (mind, soul, and heart) is mine to work out. Thus, each of our unique healing journey becomes "working out our own salvation".

[Galatians 5:1](#) (NABRE)

For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

[Philippians 2:12-13](#) (NABRE)

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work.

[1 Timothy 4:10-16](#) (NABRE)

For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the saviour of all, especially of those who believe.

11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. 13 Until I arrive, attend to the reading, exhortation, and teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate. 15 Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone. 16 Attend to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

[1 Peter 1:9](#) {PoG}

The conclusive results of faith *{the manifestation of God in your life}*, carry with it, the salvation of your emotional realm (soul).

[3 John 1:2](#) (NABRE)

Beloved, I hope you are prospering in every respect and are in good health, just as your soul is prospering.

Question: What aspects of your “inner being” are being saved? How can you overcome the anxieties of the healing needed in these areas?

Response:

IV. FURTHER THOUGHT:

A. Can we “lose” our Salvation?

No, not in the sense of it being as though we misplace it (i.e. like we would “lose” a coin). But we can reject Salvation; even after being Saved. What this means is that it is our choice to believe in Christ Jesus to be Saved; and thus, also our choice to un-believe even after we chose to believe on Him and are Born-Again. It is not a result of “losing” something by mistake or error, but by literally choosing to reject Jesus Christ in His entirety to no longer be Born-Again. No sin of the flesh can do this; we don’t lose our Holiness or Salvation when we commit a sin of the flesh. Remember, those were all bore at the Cross once-and-for-all-time. It is only the Sin of again not believing in Him for Salvation that will remove us from being Saved unto Salvation.

This is addressed specifically in [Hebrews 6:1-6](#) which describes what we have to experience before knowingly rejecting Jesus Christ outright after believing. We cannot Crucify Christ a second time; nor, in that sense, be “Born-Again-Again”. [Ephesians](#) talks about unsealing ourselves from the Holy Spirit. [Hebrews 10](#) and [2 Peter 2](#) talks about rejecting Him; with [Romans 11](#) discussing the analogy of Olive Branches being “grafted in” through belief, and “cut off” in unbelief (being cut off even after being grafted in through belief).

[Romans 11:19-24](#) (NABRE)

Indeed you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 That is so. They were broken off because of unbelief, but you are there because of faith. So do not become haughty, but stand in awe. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, [perhaps] he will not spare you either. 22 See, then, the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell, but God’s kindness to you, provided you remain in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And they also, if they do not remain in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated one, how much more will they who belong to it by nature be grafted back into their own olive tree.

[Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

13 In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, 14 which is the first instalment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

30 And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God *{through the Sin of un-believing in Jesus Christ}*, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.

[Hebrews 6:1-6](#) (NABRE)

Therefore, let us leave behind the basic teaching about Christ and advance to maturity, without laying the foundation all over again: repentance from dead works and faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms and laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And we shall do this, if only God permits. 4 For it is impossible in the case of those who have once been enlightened and tasted the heavenly gift and shared in the holy Spirit 5 and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to bring them to repentance again, since they are re-crucifying the Son of God for themselves and holding him up to contempt.

[Hebrews 10:26-29](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

If we sin *{the Sin of un-believing in Jesus Christ}* deliberately after receiving knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains sacrifice for sins 27 but a fearful prospect of judgment and a flaming fire that is going to consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who rejects the law of Moses is put to death without pity on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Do you not think that a much worse punishment is due the one who has contempt for the Son of God, considers unclean the covenant-blood by which he was consecrated, and insults the spirit of grace?

[2 Peter 2:20-22](#) (NABRE) {PoG}

For if they, having escaped the defilements of the world through the {precise and correct knowledge of our} Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, again become entangled and overcome by them, their last condition is worse than their first. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known {to be fully acquainted with} the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment handed down to them. 22 What is expressed in the true proverb has happened to them, “The dog returns to its own vomit,” and “A bathed sow returns to wallowing in the mire.”

Thoughts: It is that we can reject Salvation after being Born-Again; but have confidence (because God keeps us sealed) that you cannot accidentally “lose” it by mistake. Nor will He Himself reject you or remove you from Salvation because we might think He is “unhappy” with us (your sins are perpetually forgiven). We must believe and remain in that belief, for us to reach (achieve) Salvation at His coming or our death (Christian ‘sleep’). Just as you accept Him in your heart into Salvation, you have to reject Him in your heart to deny your Salvation.

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