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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

About

SIN & SALVATION
RESURRECTION & JUDGMENT

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HEAVEN

HELL
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THE NATURE OF MAN

◉ *The Nature of God* ◉

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SALVATION

CHARLES RYRIE

- ▶ "Soteriology, the doctrine of salvation, is one of the grandest themes in the scriptures. It embraces all of time as well as eternity past and future. It relates in one way or another to all of mankind, without exception. It even has ramifications in the sphere of the angels."

- ▶ ...It is the theme both of the Old and New Testaments. It is personal, national, and cosmic. And it centers on the greatest Person, our Lord Jesus Christ."
Basic Theology, p. 319

THE IMPORTANCE OF SALVATION

- ▶ “In only two instances does the New Testament pronounce a curse on Christians for failure to do something. One is not loving the Lord (1 Cor. 16: 22),

- ▶ ...and the other is preaching a gospel other than the Gospel of grace of God (Gal. 1: 6- 9)."

- ▶ “Not comprehending clearly the doctrine of salvation can lead to proclaiming a false or perverted Gospel, and many statements of the Gospel one hears today may well come under this curse.”

- ▶ “Yet the grace of God overpowers our unclear presentations, and people are saved in spite of, though not as a result of, an unclear or misstated Gospel.”

J.M. PENDLETON

▶ “Children of wrath are children of sin, and if we are by nature children of wrath, we are by nature children of sin. Man’s wretched condition as a sinner, and his consequent need of a Saviour, are also clearly taught...”

Christian Doctrines, p. 176

ERWIN LUTZER

- ▶ “If you are persuaded that Christ did all that is necessary and all that ever will be necessary to bring you to God, you not only will be saved, but know it!” *How You Can Be Sure That You Will Spend Eternity With God, p. 115*

- ▶ The doctrine of salvation, in theology proper, is referred to as soteriology; that is, the study of salvation.
- ▶ What could be more important than that?

DOUG STAUFFER: LET FREEDOM RING

- ▶ “Salvation is the most important issue in this life and certainly, in the life to come. If you are not saved, all other pursuits and concerns cannot compare to this issue. Salvation delivers a person from the penalty, power and presence of sin.” (p. 215)

BASIC OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING NEW TESTAMENT SALVATION

1. WE NEED A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD SALVATION.

SALVATION IN SCRIPTURE. SALVATION IS:

- ▶ Deliverance from death
(Ex. 14:12-14; Ps. 18:2; 118:14-18).
- ▶ Rescue from death, danger or threat
(1 Sam. 14:45).
- ▶ Associated with mercy (Ps. 119:41).

- ▶ Protection from the harm of the enemy (Ps. 140:7).
- ▶ Refuge from storms (Is. 25:4, 9).

DICTIONARY DEFINITION

- ▶ **SALVA'TION**, n. [L. *salvo*, to save.] The act of saving; preservation from destruction, danger or great calamity.

- ▶ Appropriately in theology, the redemption of man from the bondage of sin and liability to eternal death, and the conferring on him everlasting happiness. This is the great salvation.

- ▶ Deliverance from enemies; victory. Ex. 14.
- ▶ Remission of sins, or saving graces. Luke 19.
- ▶ The author of man's salvation. Ps. 27.
- ▶ A term of praise or benediction. Rev. 19.

THEOLOGICAL DEFINITION

- ▶ “The comprehensive term to describe the complete deliverance that God, through the person and work of Christ, and by the operation of the Holy Spirit, gives to His people.

- ▶ It includes all the other soteriological terms: regeneration, conversion, justification, adoption, sanctification, and glorification.”
The Dictionary of Theological Terms

2. SALVATION IS FROM SIN AND DEATH

▶ Matthew. 1:21

▶ 2 Corinthians 7:10

▶ Man's problem is his sin Rom. 6:23; 5:12; Jn. 8:24.

THE LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF 1689

- ▶ “They [Adam and Eve, our first parents] being the root, and by God’s appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity...

- ▶ descending from them by ordinary generation, being now conceived in sin, and by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death, and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free (1 Thess. 1:10).

3. SALVATION IS EXCLUSIVELY THE WORK OF CHRIST

▶ Acts 4:12

▶ Jn. 14:6

▶ 1 Tim. 2:4-6

4. SALVATION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH

▶ Ep. 2:8, 9

▶ 2 Thess. 2:13

▶ Rom. 11:5, 6

▶ Gal. 2:21

▶ Tit. 2:11

5. SALVATION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY FAITH WHICH IS PRODUCED BY GOD'S WORD

- ▶ Ep. 1:13
- ▶ Rom. 10:17
- ▶ 2 Tim. 3:15

6. SALVATION IS UNTO GOOD WORKS

▶ Ephesians 2:10

▶ Philippians 2:12

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