

Salvation From All 3 Aspects of the Sin Problem

On the following pages there are three columns related to the three aspects of sin that we need salvation from:

1. The wages of sin - death
2. Our slavery to sin;
3. All the evil effects of sin.

Each column contains verses from the Bible that explain what God has done, is doing, or will do to save us from all aspects of the sin problem.

Disappointments and misunderstandings occur when we focus on just one part of the plan of salvation and fail to see the whole picture.

For example, many people get angry at God for allowing bad things to happen on earth. The truth is God promised freedom from all pain and death only after He returns to earth and brings a complete end of sin.

Some people think there couldn't be a God of love when there is so much suffering on earth. The opposite is true. When Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, God had three choices.

1. He could have prevented them from experiencing evil. If He did that, we would be like robots who didn't have freedom of choice. However, love never forces anyone to love and obey them.
2. He could have let them die and not created a plan of salvation.
3. He could take the initiative to save the human race from the wages of sin and restore the freedom of choice to every person.

When we understand that Jesus took the initiative to save the human race from the wages of sin, we will recognize what our choices are: Do we want to be reconciled to God and receive Him just as He is, our Savior and Lord? Or do we want to cling onto a life of sin and selfishness?

Misunderstanding what Jesus accomplished for the whole world has led many to think that getting eternal life is our greatest need. "Getting saved" and helping others "get saved" becomes their main focus.

But the good news is so much better than that. Jesus took the initiative to love, redeem, and save us from the wages of sin before we did anything.

Ephesians 2:4,5 - "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). . ."

Romans 5:6-10 - "When we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. . . . God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

1 John 5:10,11 - "He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

When God gave Jesus to the world, He earned eternal life for everyone. If we don't believe that, John says we call God a liar. So I will say it again. The real question for each person is simple. "Do I want to be reconciled to Jesus. He has accepted me just as I am. Do I want to accept Him just as He is, a loving Savior from all aspects of the sin problem. Can I trust Him to be the Lord of my life and to always know what is best for me."

The only reason anyone will be lost in the end is because they choose to love sin. "This is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3:19,20.

When Jesus returns, they would rather die than live with Jesus forever (Revelation 6:14-16). Out of love, God will honor their choice and they will perish, for he will never force Himself on anyone (John 3:16).

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	Through Jesus' perfect life and death the human race has been saved legally from the wages of sin	Through the Holy Spirit believers are being saved spiritually from slavery to sin	When Jesus returns, believers will be saved physically from the evil effects of sin
Salvation	<p>Ephesians 2:4</p> <p>God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).</p> <p>2 Timothy 1: 9</p> <p>[God] has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 1:18</p> <p>The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 2:15</p> <p>For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.</p>	<p>Isaiah 25:9</p> <p>This is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. . .; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.</p> <p>Hebrews 9:28</p> <p>Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.</p>
Redemption	<p>1 Timothy 2:5,6</p> <p>For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all. See also Rom. 3:23,24)</p>	<p>2 Peter 2:1</p> <p>False teachers will bring in heresies, denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves destruction.</p>	<p>Romans 8:23</p> <p>We who have the first fruits of the Spirit, ... groan within ourselves, ... waiting for the redemption of our body.</p>

<p>Reconciliation</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:19 <u>God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.</u></p> <p>Romans 5:10 When we were enemies <u>we were reconciled to God</u> through the death of His Son,</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:20 We are ambassadors for Christ, . . ., God were pleading through us: we implore <u>you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.</u></p> <p>Romans 5:11 We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom <u>we have now received the reconciliation.</u></p>	<p>Revelation 21:3,4 The tabernacle of God <i>is</i> with men, and <u>He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them <i>and</i> be their God.</u> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, or pain.</p>
<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Ephesians 1:4,5 " . . . before the foundation of the world," God "predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself."</p>	<p>Galatians 4:5 Jesus redeemed us so we might "receive the adoption as sons."</p> <p>Romans 8:15 "You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."</p>	<p>Romans 8:23 We ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.</p>
<p>Justification</p>	<p>Romans 3:23,24 <u>All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.</u> (Rom. 5:8,9, 18; Titus 3:4-7)</p>	<p>Romans 5:1 Young's Lit Translation Having been declared righteous, then, <u>by faith, we have peace</u> toward God through our Lord. . . . (When we believe we have been justified or declared righteous we experience peace with God.)</p>	<p>Revelation 15:3 "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! <u>Just and true are Your ways.</u> . . ." God is very concerned about justice and upholding His law. (See also 1 John 1:9)</p>

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<p>Sanctification</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:10</p> <p>"By that will <u>we have been sanctified</u> through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once <i>for all</i>."</p> <p>Hebrews 10:29</p> <p>How much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, <u>counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"</u></p> <p>1 Corinthians 1:2, NASB</p> <p>To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those <u>who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus</u>, saints by calling."</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:14</p> <p>"For by one offering He has perfected forever <u>those who are being sanctified</u>."</p> <p>1 Thesalonians 5:23,24</p> <p>"Now may the God of peace Himself <u>sanctify you completely</u>; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you <i>is faithful, who also will do it.</i>"</p> <p>(See Philipians 2:12,13; 2 Peter 1:5-10; 1 John 5:10,11, Jude 24)</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:51-53</p> <p>"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and <u>the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed</u>. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal <i>must</i> put on immortality."</p> <p>Those who "love darkness " will cry for the rocks to fall on them (John 3:19; Rev. 6:16). They would rather die than be with Jesus.</p>

<p>Forgiveness</p> <p><u>Charizomai</u> (Graciously give, forgive)</p> <p><u>Aphiemi</u> (Send away, leave, let go, forgive)</p> <p>2 Cor. 5:19 expresses the same idea as Charizomai</p>	<p>Colossians 2:13 (Charizomai)</p> <p>" Even when we were dead in our trespasses, Jesus made us alive with Him, <u>"having forgiven (charizomai) you all trespasses."</u></p> <p>Ephesians 4:32 (Charizomai)</p> <p>"Let all bitterness, . . . be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, <u>forgiving (charizomai) one another, even as God in Christ forgave (charizomai) you."</u></p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:19</p> <p>"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them."</p>	<p>1 John 1:9 (Aphiemi)</p> <p>"If we confess our sins, <u>He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."</u></p> <p>Matthew 6:15 (Aphiemi)</p> <p>"If you do not <u>forgive</u> men their trespasses, neither will your Father <u>forgive</u> your trespasses."</p> <p>(If we confess our sins, God assures us He will "<u>let go</u>" of them. If we choose to hold onto our bitterness, God will honor our choice.)</p>	<p>Revelation 22:14,15</p> <p>"Blessed <i>are</i> those who do His commandments, that they may . . . enter through the gates into the city. But outside <i>are</i> . . . murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."</p> <p>(Forgiveness will not be necessary in the new heaven and earth that God will create, for love will reign in the hearts of all. See Rev. 21:8,27)</p>
<p>What this accomplishes</p>	<p>This enables God to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be just when forgiving us (1 John 1:9) 2. Qualify everyone for eternal life (Colossians 1:12; 1 John 5:10,11) 3. Restore our individual freedom of choice (John 1:12; 3:16) 	<p>This enables believers to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enjoy being with God and others who love God also 2. Be a blessing to others 3. Bring glory to God 	<p>Believers will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be resurrected with new bodies when Jesus returns the 2nd time 2. Inherit the new earth; all the evil effects of sin will be gone forever. 3. Dwell with God forever