

Salvation 101, part 2

Equipping Hour

Sunday, August 22, 2021

I. Salvation and the Bible

Is salvation the theme of the Bible?

Is salvation the interpretive key for understanding every portion of the Bible?

II. The Problem of God

Exodus 34:6–7 (NASB95)

6 Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

How might God maintain His own reputation and forgive sinners?

Job 9:1-3

Job 9:32-33

Isaiah 6:5, after the "woes" of 5:8,11,18, 20,21,22. And 5:24b-25a.

III. The Dilemma of Proverbs 17:15

Proverbs 17:15 (NASB95)

He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.

There is a real problem, then, for us who are wicked and not righteous.

Romans 4:5 (NASB95)

But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

What do we make of God's solution to our dilemma? an abomination!

IV. **God's Promise of Rescue**

The "proto-gospel":

Genesis 3:15 (NASB95)

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Anticipation:

Cain (Gen 4:1ff)

Seth (Gen 4:25)
"seed"
what is Eve looking for?
5:8 "died"

Noah (Gen 5:29)
"rest" from the curse
6:5-9 all men wicked, but Noah found favor, righteous in his time
At the end of chapter 9 - drunk in his tent, a disappointment, no rest from the curse, no victory over the snake.

Abraham (Gen 12:1-2)
bless you and multiply you
deceitful schemer
idolatry
polygamy
15:6 - believed and reckoned as righteousness
20 - more scheming, deceit, treachery, lack of trust in God

22:17-18 "seed"

Isaac

Jacob (Israel)

Judah (Gen 49:10)

Moses

rescue out of Egypt, given revelation, regulation
the tabernacle and sacrificial system

Deut 34:10 there was no prophet like Moses, whom YHWH knew face to
face.

Deut 18:15 - a future prophet....

Moses' sin and death before entering the promised land, or delivering the
people to the promised land.

Judges

Samson

Gideon

Jephthah

21:25

Do we need a king?

Saul

1 Sam 9:1

1 Sam 13:13- chapter 14.

David

1 Sam 16:7

2 Sam 7:8-11

- sin -

2 Sam 7:12-13

Solomon

1 Kgs 8:56, 61

1 Kgs 11:1-9

The Kings of Israel and Judah

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born of woman. a reversal of the way of things brought about by sin.

What have we seen?

priests
prophets
kings
judges
leaders

Human history is a parade of depravity and death.

Sometimes we read the Old Testament heroes as people merely to imitate... but the whole lot of them are one great disappointment when you consider what we've been waiting for. None of them could do what was promised. Every one of the Bible's heroes is tainted. We need someone else!

The Prophets (Acts 3:24-25)

[Isa 2:19-21]
Isa 7:14
Isa 9:1-2,6-7
Isa 11:1-10
[Isa 25:6-9]
Isa 52:13-53:12
Isa 61:1-3
Jer 23:5-6
Jer 30:3,9
Jer 33:14-15
Ezek 34:11,23
Ezek 37:21-28
Dan 7:13-14
Hos 3:4-5
Micah 5:2
Zech 8:3,8
Zech 9:9-10
Zech 12:9-10
Mal 3:1
Mal 4:5-6

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John The Baptist

Could it be him? He's different - weird clothes, weird food, a weird message (Matthew 3:4)

But he is not the one. (Matthew 3:3,11)

JTB is the forerunner; must decrease - another must increase
beheaded (Matthew 14)
John 1:29-30

Jesus

"Immanuel"

born with no father

never sinned

line of Judah (promise to David's descent)

speaks things into existence (fish, bread, wine, hands, etc.)

casts out demons (power over Satan's henchmen)

compassionate toward the weak

promises eternal life to those who believe in Him

Matthew 4 - showdown with Satan

[(dis-)similarities to Genesis 3 - Satan is there, desert/garden,
hungry/lavish provision, did not consider equality with God a
thing to grasp for]

John 11 - speak the dead to life!

Jesus the Christ - Jesus the Messiah. promised one, anointed one,
expected one. The one we have all been waiting for...

How does the snake, the serpent of old, the devil react to the presence of
this One?

- incited Herod to murder baby boys...

- tried to get Him to kill Himself (Mt4)

- incited leaders, crowds

[Jesus kept escaping!]

- indwelt Judas

- succeeded. the plan finally worked! killed. buried. dead.

the death blow dealt by the snake is really the death blow dealt to the snake. God
employs the snake's murderous intent to accomplish the snake's utter undoing.

"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the
devil" (1 John 3:8).

"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of
them, having triumphed over them through Him." (Colossians 2:15)

But Jesus is not done yet : The cross secured the victory, but the death-blow has
not yet been delivered.

Satan is called:

“the prince of the power of the air” who works “in the sons of disobedience”

Eph2:2

“the god of this world”

But, Jesus is coming! And when He comes...

Revelation 19:11–20:10 (NASB95)

This is a lesson to anyone who would dare defy the Living God! The Omnipotent, the King, the Sovereign - He reigns. He reigns forever. Jesus wins!

Romans 16:20 war/enmity. only one winner. one family wins. one loses. forever.

Does Gen 3:15 say all of this? No. Was the virgin birth predicted in Gen 3:15? the cross?

The Sacrificial System:

The OT sacrificial system was a temporary provision that pointed to God’s promise of rescue. (Hebrews 7:23-27)

Physical rescues:

The rescue of God’s people from temporal circumstances and physical dangers demonstrates the intention and power fo God to save His people from harm.

Exodus

David from his enemies

Jonah

Esther

V. The Vocabulary of Salvation

Adoption – believers are brought into God’s family, made heirs of salvation, and given the rights and privileges in keeping with being sons and daughters of God.

- Ephesians 1:5
- Romans 8:15-17

Atonement – from the English words *at-one-ment*. Used to describe the twin ideas of substitution and satisfaction. The sinner is made to be *at one* with God through a substitute sacrifice which satisfies God’s anger against sin.

- Romans 3:25

Calling – God’s drawing a sinner to repentance and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross.

- Romans 8:30
- 2 Peter 1:10
- 2 Timothy 1:9

Conversion – the change of inclination and nature wrought by God in the repenting sinner.

- Acts 15:3
- Matthew 18:3

Election – God’s sovereign act of choosing some for salvation.

- Ephesians 1:4
- Romans 8:33

Expiation – the removal of sin and guilt.

- Hebrews 9:26

Faith – trust in the finished work of Christ for salvation. Faith is a gift and includes intellect, affection, and volition.

- Ephesians 2:8

Glorification – final and irreversible conformity to the image of Christ which takes place for believers upon their entrance into heaven.

- Romans 8:30
- 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

Grace – the unmerited favor of God.

- Titus 3:7
- Ephesians 2:8-10

Imputation – God credits to believing sinners the perfect righteousness of Christ, *and* God credits to Jesus at the cross all the unrighteousness of every believer.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Romans 4:4-6

Justification – God declares sinners *righteous* based on the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross. Sinners are reckoned by God to have fulfilled *all* of God's righteous requirements, and to have never broken any of His commands.

- Romans 4:5
- Romans 3:28
- Romans 3:24

Perseverance – those whom God regenerates will persevere to the end and be glorified.

- Romans 8:28-30
- Philippians 1:6

Predestination – God's election of some to salvation before the world began.

- Ephesians 1:5,11
- Romans 8:29-30

Propitiation – satisfaction of divine wrath by a substitute.

- Romans 3:25
- 1 John 2:2

Mercy – the relinquishing of deserved punishment; pity upon those in a wretched state.

- Romans 9:15-16
- Titus 3:5

Reconciliation – the making of peace between parties at enmity with each other.

- Romans 5:1, 10
- Ephesians 2:12-18
- 2 Corinthians 2:18

Redemption – the purchase of a slave for a price. God rescued sinners from their slavery to sin, corruption, and death by paying the price of His own Son.

- Romans 3:24

Regeneration – new birth accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

- John 3:3-8
- Titus 3:4-7

Repentance – literally, a change of mind; the turning from sin to Christ.

- 2 Peter 3:9

Salvation – rescue.

Past – believers *have been saved* from sin and its consequences.

- Ephesians 2:5

Present – believers *are being saved* from sin and from this world.

- 2 Corinthians 2:15

Future – believers *will be saved* ultimately when glorified.

- Romans 5:10

It can also be said that we have been saved from God, by God, and unto God.

Sanctification – being set apart.

Positional – believers are *even now* set apart unto God, seated in the heavenlies with Christ.

- Ephesians 2:6

Practical – believers *are being* set apart, progressively being conformed into the image of Christ by the Holy Spirit. We will in eternity be completely sanctified!

- Romans 6:6
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- Romans 8:29

Spirit Baptism – believers are placed by the Spirit into Christ and into the body of Christ.

- Matthew 3:11
- 1 Corinthians 12:13

Union with Christ – believers are united to Christ.

- Ephesians “in Christ” ie, 1:1,3,4,7,10,etc....
- Romans 6:5