

SALVATION FROM ALL 3 ASPECTS OF SIN

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 every aspect of the sin problem.

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

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. In reality, 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.
2. He could have let them die and not created a plan of salvation.
3. He did choose to take the initiative to save the human race from the wages of sin and restore the freedom of choice to every human being.

When we understand that Jesus took the initiative to save the human race from the wages of sin, we will recognize what our choice truly is: "Do we want to be reconciled to God and receive Him just as He is, our Savior and Lord? Or do we want to pursue 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. If this does not lead to being reconciled to God, it will lead to a false security. Jesus said,

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not . . . done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" Matthew 7:21-23.

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Salvation From The Three Aspects of the Sin Problem

	God's Choice Thru Jesus perfect life and death the human race has been saved, legally, from the wages of sin	Our Choice Thru the indwelling Holy Spirit believers are being saved, spiritually, from slavery to sin	Our Choice When Jesus returns believers will be saved, physically from the evil effects of sin
Salvation	Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <u>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)</u> , and raised <i>us</i> up together, and made <i>us</i> sit together in the heavenly <i>places</i> in Christ Jesus, (See also 2 Timothy 1:8-10)	1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but <u>to us who are being saved</u> it is the power of God. (See also: o 2 Corinthians 2:15,16 o 2 Thessalonians 2:13)	Isaiah 25:9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this <i>is</i> our God; We have waited for Him, and <u>He will save us</u> . This <i>is</i> the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." (See also Heb. 9:28)
Reconciliation	2 Corinthians 5:18,19 Now all things <i>are</i> of God, who <u>has reconciled us to Himself</u> through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.	2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore <i>you</i> on Christ's behalf, <u>be reconciled to God</u> .	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 and 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, for the former things have passed away.
Redemption	1 Timothy 2:5 For <i>there is</i> one God and one Mediator between God and men, <u>the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all</u> . Romans 3:23,24 For <u>all</u> have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <u>being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus</u> .	2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even <u>denying the Lord who bought them</u> , and bring on themselves swift destruction.	Romans 8:23 Not only <i>that</i> , but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, <u>the redemption of our body</u> .
Sanctification	Hebrews 10:10 By that will <u>we have been sanctified</u> through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once <i>for all</i> .	Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever <u>those who are being sanctified</u> .	1 Corinthians 15:51 . . . For the trumpet will sound, and <u>the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed</u> .
Forgiveness	Colossians 2:13 Even when we were dead in our trespasses, Jesus made us alive with Him, " <u>having forgiven (charizomai) you all trespasses</u> ." Ephesians 4:32 (charizomai) 2 Corinthians 5:19 (not counting world's sins against them)	1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to <u>forgive (aphiemi) & cleanse us from unrighteousness</u> . <u>Forgiving (aphiemi) others allows God to forgive (aphiemi) us</u> , for we are not holding onto resentment and bitterness. Matthew 6:14,15	Forgiveness will not be necessary, for love will reign in the hearts of all. See Rev 21:8,27 "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, & <u>whoever loves and practices a lie</u> ." Rev. 22:14,15
What this accomplishes	This enables God to: 1. Be just when forgiving us (1 Jn 1:9) 2. Qualify all for eternal life (Col 1:12-14) 3. Restore our freedom of choice (Jn 3:16)	This enables believers to: 1. Enjoy being with God 2. Be a blessing to others 3. Bring glory to God	After Jesus returns, believers will: 1. Be resurrected with new bodies 2. Inherit the new heaven & earth 3. Dwell together with God