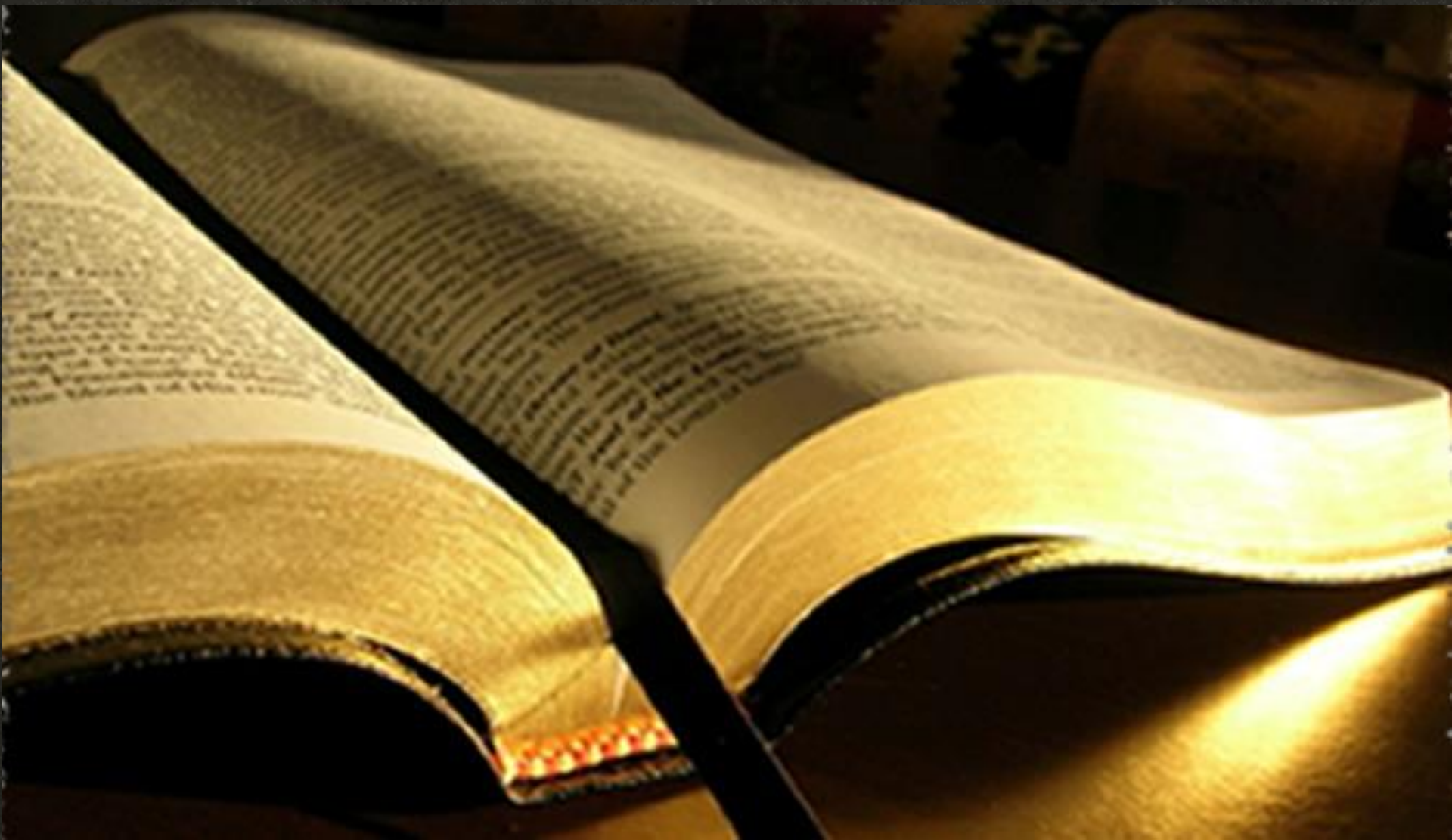


TWO SALVATIONS



Two Salvations

⁹ Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Eternal Salvation 2Timothy 1:9

There is a salvation which is eternal and unconditional

- ◆ This salvation is a completed accomplishment: *he hath saved us*.
- ◆ This salvation is unconditional: *not according to our works* (**Tit 3:5; Rom 9:11**).
- ◆ This salvation is by *grace*, not works (**Rom 11:5-6**).
- ◆ This salvation is by pure grace given us *before the world began*.

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✠ Eternal salvation

- ✦ This eternal salvation was completed by Jesus Christ on the cross: *it is finished* (**Joh 17:2-4 c/w Joh 19:30**).

² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do

³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

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Eternal salvation

✠ Jesus purged our sins *by himself*; we have nothing to do with it (**Hebrews 1:3**).

³ Who being the brightness of his glory,
and the express image of his person,
and upholding all things by the word of his power,
when he had by himself purged our sins,
sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

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Eternal salvation

- ✦ This eternal salvation was obtained and secured by Jesus Christ when He entered into the holy place; it was not just simply made available for acceptance (**Heb 9:12**).

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves,
but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place,
having obtained eternal redemption for us.

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- ◆ This salvation was completed by Christ: he entered into the holy place *having obtained* eternal redemption for His people.
- ◆ This salvation was *eternal* redemption.

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Eternal salvation

- ♦ Eternal salvation is not an offer - it's a completed work: God *hath reconciled* us to himself by Jesus Christ (2Co 5:18).

¹⁸ And all things are of God,
who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,
and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

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✠ Eternal salvation

- ✦ Eternal salvation cannot be lost (**Heb 10:14; Joh 10:28-29**)

¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Temporal Salvation

✠ The Bible makes a distinction between things that are temporal and things that are eternal (**2Co 4:18**).

18 While we look not at the things which are seen,
but at the things which are not seen:
for the things which are seen are temporal;
but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Temporal Salvation

“Temporal” –

1. Lasting or existing only for a time; passing, temporary.
2. Of or pertaining to time as the sphere of human life; terrestrial as opposed to heavenly; of man's present life as distinguished from a future existence; concerning or involving merely the material interests of this world; worldly, earthly. (Opp. to *eternal* or *spiritual*.)

Temporal Salvation

Eternal –

- ✧ 1. Infinite in past and future duration; without beginning or end; that always has existed and always will exist: esp. of the Divine Being.
- ✧ 3. a. Infinite in future duration; that always will exist; everlasting, endless.
- ✧ The New Testament expressions eternal life, death, punishment, etc. are here referred to sense 3, this being the sense in which the adj. in such contexts is ordinarily taken.

Temporal Salvation

✠ The scripture needs to be rightly divided when studying salvation to see whether a verse or passage is referring to eternal or temporal salvation (**2Ti 2:15**).

Temporal Salvation

✠ "Salvation" doesn't necessarily always refer to being saved from hell and given eternal life.

✠ Consider the definitions of the words:

✦ **Salvation** - The action of saving or delivering; the state or fact of being saved. 1. a. The saving of the soul; the deliverance from sin and its consequences, and admission to eternal bliss, wrought for man by the atonement of Christ. 2. *gen.* Preservation from destruction, ruin, loss, or calamity.

Temporal Salvation

✠ Consider the definitions of the words:

- ✦ Save - 1. *trans.* To deliver or rescue from peril or hurt; to make safe, put in safety. 2. *Theol.* To deliver (a person, the soul) from sin and its consequences; to admit to eternal bliss.
- ✦ Deliver - 1. *trans.* To set free, liberate, release, rescue, save.
- ✦ "Salvation" or being "saved" can simply refer to being delivered from danger or hurt, or to being liberated or set free from something.

Temporal Salvation

- ✠ There is more than one type of salvation in the scriptures.
 - ◆ To be saved is to be delivered (**Act 2:21 c/w Joe 2:32; Psa 107:6 c/w Psa 107:13**).
 - ◆ There are salvations in scripture (**Psa 44:4**).

Temporal Salvation

- ✠ David was saved from dying in battle (**Psa 55:18**).
- ✠ We can be saved from death, tears (sorrow), and falling (**Psa 116:4-8**).
- ✠ Men were saved from being killed at sea when they called upon the name of the Lord (**Psa 107:23-30 c/w Psa 107:13 c/w Mat 8:25 c/w Mat 14:30**).

Temporal Salvation

✠ The scripture teaches that there is an *eternal salvation* that is by grace alone and is not conditioned on anything a person does, nor can a person lose it (see above)

Temporal Salvation

✠ But does the Bible always refer *to eternal salvation* when it speaks about being saved? Consider what the following verses say one must *do* to be saved:

- ✠ Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (**Act 16:30-31**), which is a work (**Joh 6:28-29**).
- ✠ Get baptized (**Mar 16:16**).
- ✠ Confess the Lord Jesus with your mouth AND believe that God raised Him from the dead (**Rom 10:9**) - these are not the same thing either (**Joh 12:42**).
- ✠ Call upon the Lord (**Rom 10:13**).
- ✠ Repent with godly sorrow (**2Co 7:10**).

Temporal Salvation

✠ But does the Bible always refer *to eternal salvation* when it speaks about being saved? Consider what the following verses say one must *do* to be saved:

- ✦ Remember the gospel that was preached to you (**1Co 15:1-2**).
- ✦ Continue in the doctrine (**1Ti 4:16**).
- ✦ Have other Christians pray for you (**Phi 1:19**).
- ✦ Endure to the end (**Mat 10:22**).
- ✦ Have children (**1Ti 2:15**).
- ✦ Stay in a ship (**Act 27:31**).

Temporal Salvation

✦ Are all the preceding verses referring to *eternal* salvation? Obviously not. All these verses have one thing in common: the salvation being spoken of was conditioned on *works*.

- ✦ “Work” - 1. Something that is or was done; what a person does or did; an act, deed, proceeding, business; in pl. actions, doings
- ✦ Eternal salvation is *not of works* (**Rom 9:11; 2Ti 1:9; Tit 3:5**).

Temporal Salvation

- ✦ Are all the preceding verses referring to *eternal* salvation? Obviously not. All these verses have one thing in common: the salvation being spoken of was conditioned on *works*.
 - ✦ Any verse that attaches a condition that a person must fulfill (works) to be saved is not referring to *eternal* salvation.
 - ✦ Therefore all the preceding verses that speak of salvation or being saved are not referring to *eternal* salvation, but rather to a *temporal* salvation.

What does temporal salvation by belief of the gospel save people *from*

- ✠ Ignorance of God's righteousness (**Rom 10:1-3 c/w Rom 10:9**).
- ✠ Going about to establish their own righteousness (**Rom 10:1-4 c/w Rom 10:9**).
- ✠ Deception and bondage (**Eph 4:11-14; Joh 8:31-32**).
- ✠ The power of Satan and sin (**Act 26:18; 2Ti 2:25**).
- ✠ Fear of death (**Heb 2:14-15; Act 16:27-31 c/w Act 12**).
- ✠ An untoward and wicked generation (**Act 2:37-40**).

What does temporal salvation by belief of the gospel save people *from*?

✠ Chastisement from God for sin (**Pro 1:20-33**).

- ✦ Knowing God's will and *doing it* saves beatings from God (**Luk 12:47-48**).
- ✦ Believing and obeying the gospel will help us to be (not become) the sons of God *without rebuke* (**Phi 2:15; 2Co 6:14-18**).

What does temporal salvation by belief of the gospel save people *unto*

- ◆ Knowledge and assurance of eternal life (1Jo 5:13).
 - ◆ *Having* eternal life is *eternal salvation*.
 - ◆ *Knowing* you have eternal life is *temporal salvation*.
- ◆ Knowledge and assurance of their election of God (1Th 1:4-6).
- ◆ Fellowship with God and with believers of like faith (1Jo 1:1-3; Act 2:41-42,46).
- ◆ Fullness of joy (1Jo 1:4).
- ◆ Rest (Heb 4:1-10; Mat 11:28).
- ◆ Victorious living (1Jo 5:4-5).

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