

Salvation and the Olivet Discourse

Endurance and Salvation

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What does the word Salvation mean?

- ❑ **“Salvation”** means deliverance or rescue from distress or danger.
 - *Yasa* (to save) or a derivative is used 350 times in the OT.
 - Used for the first time in Ex 14:30 *“Thus the LORD **saved** Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.”*

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- ❑ *Sozo* (to save) and *soteria* (salvation) are the NT Greek words with essentially the same meaning of “deliverance.” They are used in a broad way.
- ❑ An important question: **From** what can one be saved (delivered)?
- ❑ Many things:
 - physical death (Dan 6:20)
 - enemies (Ps 18:3)
 - emotion stress (Ps 34:6)
 - wrong doctrine (1 Tim 4:16)
 - eternal death (Eph 2:8-9)
 - wasted life (Matt 16:24-27)

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- Another important Question: **For** what can one be saved (delivered)?
 - Abundant life
 - Enjoyment of safety
 - Emotional peace
 - Blessing in a new land (Ex 6:8)
 - Joy of rulership in the coming kingdom!

The Context of Salvation

- **Physical Salvation:** deliverance from physical danger. Examples are numerous (especially in the OT) where people were saved :
 - On the battle field (Deut 20:4)
 - From lions (Dan 6:20)
 - From the wicked (Ps 7:11)
 - From death in the sea (Acts 27:20)
 - From danger to safety (Phil 1:19)

The Context of Salvation

- Salvation is complex and multi-dimensional
 - I **have been** saved (completed work) from eternal death in the lake of fire (Eph 2:8-9; John 3:16)
 - I **am being** saved (currently in process) from present trials and difficulties looking forward to future reward (1 Cor 1:18)
 - I **will be** saved (future event) for eternal life with God; for rulership in the coming kingdom of God (1 Cor 15:42-44)

Salvation of the Spirit – past event

- By grace through faith **alone!** (John 3:16; Rom 5:1, 15; Eph 2:8-9; James 1:18)
 - Faith is defined as being persuaded that something is true; if I have faith I am convinced that something is true (Rom 4:20-21). Hence, if I believe the message of John 3:16, I have been persuaded or convinced that it is true!
 - Faith alone – at a moment in time – is the one requirement for salvation from eternal death! (Acts 16:31; John 3:14-16)

Salvation of the Soul

- Salvation of the Soul – present ongoing salvation looking toward the future (Matt 16:24-27; John 12:25; Heb 10:39; James 1:21)
- Salvation of the body – future (1 Cor 15)

Matt 24:13

- Time frame of Matt 24:13: Future not current
 - During Daniel's 70th week
 - Tribulation Saints – specifically addressed to Jews during the tribulation

Salvation and the Olivet Discourse

- Eschatology (study of future events)
- Soteriology (study of salvation)
- How connected are they?

Augustine and the Olivet Discourse

- Augustine: 4th century “church father”:
father of the Roman Catholic Church
- Pre-millennial then a switch to Amillennial via
allegorical method of interpretation
- Eschatological error led to soteriological error
- Confusion of gift and prize – past and
present/future salvation
 - Preserver to earn eternal life
 - No assurance of eternal life

Endurance yields Salvation

- Endure (*hupomeno*): to stand one's ground, suffer, stand firm, persevere
- Future Salvation, being **earned** in the present via endurance – “***This*** Gospel of the Kingdom!”
 - Perseverance: Doing the will of God on an on going basis
 - 3 Characteristics of Perseverance
 - Faithfulness
 - Wisdom
 - Love

“This Gospel of the Kingdom”

- Salvation for Inheritance (Matt 25:34)
 - **“This gospel of the Kingdom”** – reward for perseverance
 - The ultimate purpose for Salvation
 - This is what individuals were saved FOR!

“This Gospel of the Kingdom”

- Applied today
 - Perseverance results in reward: (James 1:2-12; Matt 5:11-12)
 - Our Faithfulness, Wisdom, and Love result in the reward of the inheritance (Col 3:23-24)
 - Exaltation with Christ – Joint heirs – Sharing the Glory of the kingdom with Christ...if we endure!
 - Merited Glory (Rom 8:17-18; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 2 Tim 2:10-13; Heb 2:10; 1 Pet 1:5-11)

Great Encouragement!

- 1 Pet 2:20 – Approval by God – His approval results in:
 - A Crown for your head!
 - A Throne for your seat!
 - A Kingdom to rule!
 - An intimate experience to share with the Messiah!

