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FOUNDATION LEVEL – Lesson 3: Salvation: Can It Be Lost?

We are going to address this matter purely from the Scriptures and not any church traditions, prevailing ideas or beliefs. The best way to properly dissect this matter is using scripture to highlight and explain scriptural Salvation.

The first aim here is to unpack Biblical Salvation fully so that this question can be handled within the right context. If we don't present a thorough study and Bible digest on the contents of Salvation, any answers given can be misunderstood.

THE ROLE OF SCRIPTURE.

So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. ²² Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³ When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴ And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

²⁵ Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He ^[a]expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Luke 24:19-27

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[a]instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:15-17



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You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. John 5:39

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and sought the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Acts 17:11

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He was seen by ⁶Cephas, then by the twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

JESUS FULFILLED SCRIPTURE IN SALVATION

The role of Scripture is very important as we begin this study because we need to understand that the framework within which God procured our Redemption was SCRIPTURE!

This is very key so that our understanding can be enlightened by the Word of God and not opinion, church tradition or rules and regulations.

Died according to scripture – Gen 3:15, Ps 22:1-31, Ps 69:1-36, Is 53:1-12, Dan 9:24-26, Zec 13:7

He rose according to scripture – Ps 2:7, Ps 18:10,11, Hos 6:2, Jon 1:17

The Scriptures need to be searched and examined to fully understand and be enlightened about the full extent of our Salvation in Christ. Too many Believers are woolly and vague about their faith. This results in assumptions and even presumptions.

Once you have a good and detailed look at the Cross and its implications, you are amazed at the depth, height, width and breadth of God's Love and Grace.



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HEBREW DEFINITION

Let's begin this study with the root for the word salvation.

For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. KJV, Deuteronomy 20:4

The Hebrew word translated as "save" in the verse above, is the verbal root ישע (Y-Sh-Ah, Strong's #3467) meaning to rescue. The context of this word throughout the *Tanakh* (Old Testament) is to rescue someone from his enemy, a trouble or illness, such as can be seen in the verse above. Another form of this verb is מושיע (*moshi'ah*). This is the "hiphil participle" form of the verb. A hiphil verb changes the action of the verb into a causative and would literally be translated as "to cause one to be rescued."

*And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer (*moshi'ah*) to the children of Israel, who delivered (the verb Y-Sh-Ah) them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. (KJV, Judges 3:9)*

*He God of my rock; in him will I trust he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour (*moshi'ah*); thou savest (the verb Y-Sh-Ah) me from violence. (KJV, 2 Samuel 22:3)*

The name Joshua is written as (*yehoshu'ah*, Strong's #3091) and is the name/word (yah, Strong's #3050, a form of the name/word YHWH) and the word (*yeshu'ah*, Strong's #3444) meaning "rescue." The name then means, "Yah is rescue." The Aramaic form of the Hebrew name (*yeshu'a*, Strong's #3442), the name many use for the name "Jesus" which is the Latin transliteration of the Greek *Iesous*, which is the Greek transliteration of the Aramaic *Yeshua*, which is the Aramaic transliteration of the Hebrew *Yehoshuah*.

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GREEK DEFINITION OF SALVATION

In the New Testament, two words overlap when we look at the concept of Salvation. Sozo (Strong's #4982) and Soteria (Strong's #4991)

These two words are used to describe being SAVED and SALVATION. They refer to physical deliverance, safety, rescued, deliver, saving and spiritual deliverance.

Sozo is the verb whilst Soteria is the noun. " Jesus died for my Salvation (soteria) therefore I am saved (sozo) because I believe in Him"

*"By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the **salvation** (soteria) of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." (see note Hebrews 11:7)*

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (sozo) Rom 10:9

*"Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your **preservation** (soteria) for not a hair from the head of any of you shall perish." (Acts 27:34)*

***13** For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."(sozo) Rom 10:13*

"For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance (soteria) through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:19

***18** For the ^[a]message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved (sozo) it is the power of God. 1Cor:18*

*"(The preaching of John the Baptist was) To give to His people the knowledge of **salvation** (soteria) by the forgiveness of their sins" (Luke 1:77)*



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PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

To answer the question of IF a believer can lose their salvation, we need to unpack what happens at Salvation.

We need to bear in mind that Salvation is at three levels or in three dimensions of the nature of Man. Spirit, Soul and Body. The language of the Scriptures in the New Testament bear these out in what theologians call the Past, Present and Future tenses of Salvation.

SPIRIT (past tense)

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not ^[d]imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:16-19

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and ^[c]conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption ^[d]through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Col 1:12-14

9 who 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, 2 Tim 1:9

SOUL (Present tense)

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

18 For the ^[a]message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor 1:18



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BODY (Future tense)

²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 1 Cor 15

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a ^[m]mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 1Cor 15:51

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸so 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. Heb 9:28

Spirit – Justification

Soul – Sanctification

Body – Glorification

I am Spirit (Alive to God, Redeemed in Christ, Justified, Sealed by the Spirit),
with a **Redeemed Soul** (a mind being renewed, growing in the fruit of the Spirit
and Revelation of God's Word)
and **living in a Body** that is God's property, sanctified unto the Day of Salvation



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- A Christian is Redeemed - ¹⁸ *knowing that you were not redeemed with ^[a]corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1Pet 1:18-19*
- A Christian is Justified - *Therefore, having been justified by faith, ^[a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Rom 5:1*
- A Christian has Eternal Life - ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*
- A Christian is Sealed by The Holy Spirit - ¹³ *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who^[d] is the ^[e]guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Eph 1:13-14*
- A Christian's Salvation is a Gift from God - ⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph 2:8-9*

SUMMARY

- The Scriptures state clearly that Man has fallen short of the Glory of God due to sin
- There was no way to rescue or save Man by himself or any natural means
- Christianity is NOT a religion as such but a change of state
- You don't just believe, You believe INTO another spiritual state
- Man needed a Saviour who would rescue, deliver humanity from sin
- ALL mankind were in a bind as a result of Adam's decision
- Sin came into the world through Man not satan
- When a person believes INTO Christ, she/he is transformed and translated
- This is not a mental thing but a spiritual transformation
- The Christian is also SEALED unto the Day of full possession by the HOLY SPIRIT
- The Christian is Justified and made Righteous through the work of Christ on the Cross
- The Christian is now IN CHRIST
- The Christian is Baptized INTO Christ
- The Christian has eternal life
- The Christian is SEATED in Heavenly Places in Christ.
- Spirit (past) – The Christian is a new creation in Christ
- Soul (present) – The Christian now has to work on his soul, emotions and mind
- BODY(future) – The Christian now waits in HOPE for the final transformation of the Body