

WHAT IS SALVATION?

When God breathed his Spirit into Adam, he became a living soul. God made a body out of the earth and when Adam's spirit entered into the body the soul was produced. He was created in the image of God.

The will is centered in our soul, and Adam was given a choice. There were two pathways he could walk, symbolized by two trees in the garden.

He could follow the way of the tree of life which leads to sonship, ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ. Or he could hold on to his life, and follow the do it yourself path, of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

He had the power of choice, he could choose for himself what he thought was good or evil and live independently of God.

So the fall of Adam was basically a fall into himself. He became self-conscious apart from God. He felt guilt and shame because he did what God told him not to do, which opened the door of his heart to the enemy, to experience the enemies' mind and emotions.

So what was the sin of Adam? It was the loss of his shared image with God, his identity and destiny.

The word sin in the Greek is *hamartia* which means to be without a share in. It comes from Ha- which means not, and meros, a part, share of, or portion.

It is a noun- a thing, not a verb, it means to have no-share in, it is the loss of our portion, or share in-God's image, which is our identity.

When the definite article is used before it, it is speaking of the “the sin of Adam”. So “the sin” is a fallen identity, a lost image, which was passed down to us through being descendants of Adam.

What is salvation? Salvation is all about having a restored relationship with God now. Salvation is where we encounter God personally and realize what he has already done to save us and enter into an experiential relationship with him through the faith created by that encounter with him.

Salvation is about encountering the living God, experiencing the love and joy and peace of restored face-to-face relationship which reveals our true identity and our responsibility and destiny as sons of God to deliver creation from futility.

To truly be saved, we have to have a living personal relationship with the savior, who restores our relationship with the father, so we can arise and be seated in heavenly places.

To be saved is to see ourselves through the Fathers eyes as perfect “in Christ”. Any thoughts contrary to this come from the enemy. The devil essentially operates through a system of fallen identity reflecting his fall from relationship with God and wanting everyone else to be like him not knowing God in the communion of intimate relationship.

So as we experience the true reality of God, who he truly is and what he is like, then all those false doctrines, and theologies that we learned are all going to be exposed as lies distortions and misrepresentations of the truth.

It is only as we encounter the truth, who is a person and begin to know him, that we will be enabled to determine what the false is.

So when does salvation take place?

Revelation 3:8 says this- the lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. So Jesus already saved us before he lost us in Adam.

So we were saved by what Jesus already accomplished both before the foundation the world and when he physically manifested it on the cross. It is already a done deal from God's perspective.

When were we saved? When we prayed a prayer and received Jesus as our savior? Or when Jesus died and was resurrected and ascended?

When Jesus died on the cross it became an eternal event- that is when our salvation took place.

When Jesus died on the cross the whole Adamic race died with him. When he was raised from the dead he became the second man, the new creation, a whole new race of beings.

On the cross Jesus identified with the whole Adamic race, he experienced the consequences of all our wrong choices. That is why he cried out, my God my God why have you forsaken me? He felt our separation from God.

The cross was a trading platform. He who knew no sin became sin, Jesus experienced the loss of our shared image with God, our identity and destiny.

The father did not kill his son, the father did not punish his son,

and the father did not forsake his son. Jesus identified with lost humanity.

After this experience, Jesus said it is finished, bowed his head and give up the spirit.

The word finished means to complete something, to bring it to perfection or its destined goal, to carry it through. The word gave up means to deliver over or up to the power of someone. He gave up his spirit to the Father.

Jesus demonstrated the love of God, he healed the sick, he healed the broken hearted, he set the captive free. And then all his disciples forsook him, the people rejected him; the religious and political rulers killed him.

That is when our salvation took place, but when did we know it?

We may have had a conversion experience where we discovered that Jesus had already saved us and then faith was created by that discovery.

We believe and then we actually live in the new mind set of our belief.

When we are dealing with a fallen identity we need to experience the cross. It is a trading platform. Everything of the first creation died with Jesus upon the cross. He gives us beauty for ashes. We trade our sorrows for his joy. This is the place where our salvation is outworked in our life, where we experience the benefits of it.

So salvation from God's perspective is relational and restorational, redeeming, reconciling, restoring. Those are all words of relationship.

We are saved from our lost-ness, from the effects of our lost identity and our fallen mindsets of separation. We are transformed through the renewing of our minds, where all our thoughts and feelings are inspired of God.

But first we must be unplugged from the matrix of false reality, through a misunderstanding of biblical words that were taught us in the old-order church system.