



## Once Saved, Are You Set for Life?

**Romans 5:17: (NASB) *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.***



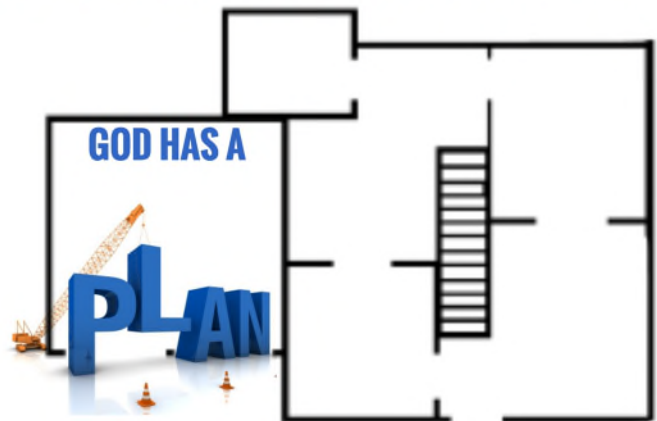
A goose that lays golden eggs. King Midas and the ability to turn things to gold through "the Midas Touch." A winning Powerball Lottery ticket. Confessing Jesus as your savior and inheriting an irrevocable one-way ticket to heaven. What do all of these things have in common? First of all, they all sound really good at the outset as they all provide a way to find some kind of wealth without work. It sounds like fun, though if you know the stories of the goose and King Midas, things didn't work out so well. Secondly, they are all not based in reality, even Powerball, which has odds of winning placed at over one in 175,000,000 which translates into "not gonna happen, so don't hold your breath." Wait a minute; did we just imply that a one-way ticket to heaven is not based in reality? Yes, and no! Let us look!

To save means "to deliver." What are we saved from? The answer is elusive depending on who you ask, but the simplest approach we can think of is to go to the Bible verses showing us the dilemma that creates the need for saving: *The sentence given to Adam and ultimately all of us.*

If you understand the foundation of a building and see the shape of the foundation, you know what the shape of the building is going to be. Let us figure out what the shape is and then we can see the shape of God's plan.

*THE FOUNDATION OF THE ENTRANCE OF SIN WITH ADAM LED TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEED FOR REDEMPTION.*

In Christianity there are a lot of different ways of looking at being saved and we will feature two different denominations and their perspectives. In our opinion, both of these perspectives have gaps and are not answered with the Scriptures.



 **Children can be saved, What Do Catholics Believe About Salvation, Catholic Answers**

- *You mention specifically people who would say, well as long as you're a good person, you'll be saved.*
- *Right. The ones that come into play - a friend of mine and I have mutual friends. These mutual friends are Jewish, and they do not believe in Christ. Obviously, they do not accept Christ as a Savior. To me that's going to condemn them.*



- *Well, from a Catholic perspective we'd say it's a source of concern. It doesn't necessarily mean that they are not going to be saved. Jesus Christ is the Savior of everybody, whether they know it or not, and it's clear that there are some people who in this life don't arrive at an explicit knowledge of Jesus and explicit faith in him but nevertheless be saved. An example of someone like that - a child who dies in infancy because, let's say you've got a child, the child has been baptized, but the child doesn't have explicit faith in Jesus in this life, and so it's obviously possible for at least some people who through no fault of their own haven't arrived at that faith to be saved anyway through God's grace.*

Does this view square with Scripture? Let us begin to unravel the answer of what it means to be saved.

Adam was a perfect man. He was given the ability to think, to choose and have blessing and dominion, having been created in God's image.

Satan is the father of rebellion. He revolted on his own and then sought to get the human race to follow him in that rebellion. Satan wanted control, power and wealth. He wanted it all and that meant drawing the human race to him.

#### **He lied and couched that lie in a bed of truth:**

Genesis 3:4-5: (NASB) *<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, you surely will not die! <sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

What was the "couch" of truth? That their eyes would be opened and they would be like God. What was the lie? *That they would not die!* Eve was deceived and took the bait. Adam was not there during the deception. He came in afterwards and had the ability to look at the situation and he made a choice without the coercion of Satan.



- **Adam chose disobedience.**

Genesis 3:6: (NASB) *When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Eve may have been deceived, but Adam made a choice. This represents the first conscious choice of humanity that was contrary to the will and way of God.

1. Satan created a rebellion.
2. Adam made the first conscious choice to act in a way that is contrary to the will and way of God.

This has everything to do with the concept "once saved, you are saved for life."



Saved means "to deliver." What are we delivered from? Most Christians say, "I am saved from my sins and my sins are forgiven." That is valuable but *not complete*.

- Adam's choice led to a life of sin and an end of death.

**Genesis 3:17-19:** (NASB) *<sup>17</sup>Then to Adam He said, because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, you shall not eat from it; cursed is the ground because of you (Adam); In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

The dying process included a life now to be built within the confines of imperfection, which meant toil and failure on a regular basis. Mankind would now return to the elements - not just your body, but what makes you "you." Death is simply going back to the pre-life state, the absence of life.

But mankind needs to be "saved" from much more than death. For man to exist and to live godly, they need to be saved or delivered from:

1. The earthly rule of Satan,
2. the choice of sin, and
3. the result of the sentence of death.

### How does this "saving" process work?

 **No-fault salvation, *What Do Catholics Believe About Salvation, Catholic Answers***

- *We also acknowledge that God can even potentially save unbaptized children who die. But with someone like people who are Jewish or people who are members of other religions, we would say that if it's through no fault of their own that they don't have explicit faith in Jesus Christ, then as long as they otherwise cooperate with God's grace and try to do His will according to the understanding of it that they do have, then God won't hold it against them that they don't have an explicit knowledge of Jesus, and He can go ahead and save them anyway. This is something that has some correspondences with things that Saint Paul says in the book of Romans where he talks about Gentiles who don't have the Law, meaning that they don't know the Law of Moses, but nevertheless he opens the possibility that their consciences may exonerate them on the Day of Judgment.*

Christians say that saving only comes through the name of Jesus. If this is the opportunity to be saved, wouldn't it be sensible to say you have to acknowledge the name of Jesus *now*? We see it differently.



For salvation to work, Adam needs to be bought back. To "buy back" Adam would therefore accomplish "buying back" all of Adam's descendants. Everyone downstream from Adam inherits what Adam started; therefore, according to justice, everyone would inherit whatever restitution was offered to Adam.



Let us offer a logical and sequential process to save (deliver) humanity from the clutches of Satan's rule, the misery of sin and the penalty of death:

The graphic features a background of pink and red flowers. On the left, a large red arrow points downwards, containing the text "STEP 1" in white. To the right of the arrow is a white box with a black border containing three bullet points. Below the box is a teal banner with the text "THE PROCESS OF SALVATION" in white, bold, capital letters.

- Because God is just, He would first require there would be a just payment for the transgression.
- Adam's life was forfeited, and as a result, the lives of all his posterity would inherit that state of forfeiture.
- To "buy back" Adam would therefore accomplish "buying back" his posterity.

## THE PROCESS OF SALVATION

**Genesis 1:28:** (NASB) *God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it;*

Billions and billions of posterity! How do you make this work? How do you "save" all of humanity?

**You begin by giving assurance (though veiled) that the entrance of sin is not the exit of God's eternal will:**

**Genesis 3:21:** (NASB) *The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.*

How is this a veiled promise? When Adam and his wife realized they were naked, they covered themselves with leaves. *The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them, which meant there had to be a sacrifice made with the shedding of blood. God gave a little message that there is both hope and the covering of shame through the shedding of blood.*

We then find those who are worthy of trust and form a lineage through them from which salvation will come. "Saving" is a process! If we understand God had a plan to save humanity right from the start, we need to be able trace the process God implemented.

**Examples of the process of building the lineage:**

**Noah:** **Genesis 6:7-8:** (NASB) <sup>7</sup>*The LORD said, I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.* <sup>8</sup>*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.*

Faith and trustworthiness were found in Noah. When Noah reached dry land, he offered a sacrifice of an animal which resulted in the shedding of blood.

**Abraham:** **Genesis 12:1-3:** (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>*Now the LORD said to Abram, Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.* <sup>2</sup>*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.* <sup>3</sup>*I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*





Abraham also had great faith. He was willing to sacrifice his son, but the angel stopped him. A sacrifice was provided (a ram in the thicket), again with the shedding of blood.

**Jacob/Israel:** Genesis 49:1-2: (NRSV) *<sup>1</sup>Then Jacob called his sons, and said: Gather around, that I may tell you what will happen to you in days to come. <sup>2</sup>Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob; listen to Israel your father.*

**Genesis 49:28:** (NRSV) *All these are the twelve tribes of Israel (which make up the nation of Israel), and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, blessing each one of them with a suitable blessing.*

God was now working with a nation and not just individuals. God's plan for salvation would now expand by creating an environment to identify what sin is and from what we needed to be delivered. The Law was needed.

**Moses:** Deuteronomy 18:15: (NASB) *The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.*

Moses was considered the great deliverer. Moses delivered through the strength and direction of God. The picture of Moses delivering the people shows us what being saved really is. There were two aspects of being saved at that point: the firstborn and then the rest of the nation. Through the firstborn being saved, the rest of the nation was able to experience that deliverance.

**Hebrews 10:1:** (NASB) *For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.*

The Law identified sin.

**You finally seal that veiled assurance by delivering the long-awaited deliverer - the one who "saves:"**

**Jesus:** Galatians 3:16: (NASB) *Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, and to seeds, as referring to many, but rather to one, and to your seed, that is, Christ.*

That takes the promise to Abraham (*in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*) and shows us *it is all about Jesus.*

**Hebrews 10:4-5:** (NASB) *<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, when he comes into the world, he says, sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me.*

The Law was there to show us models of blood sacrifice and having to give something up to get grace back from God. Jesus became the way, the tool of all of salvation.



## What does this long-awaited deliverer do to deliver?

Jonathan: We would like to welcome Rachel, who will share her perspective on our topic. Rachel, is it fair for people to be lost if they never heard the name of Jesus before they die?

Rachel: No, I think there will come a time when all people will be able to hear from Jesus, but that's not this time now.

Jonathan: Rachel, you were doing some research on Muslim and Hindu faiths, which I found fascinating. What do they believe about salvation?

Rachel: The Muslim faith believes there will be a judgment day and on this judgment day you will be resurrected to one of three outcomes. The first outcome is that you will go to heaven and eternal bliss. The second outcome is that you will go to hell for a time to atone for sins and then you will go to heaven. The third outcome, which is the one you don't want, is that you will spend an eternity in hell, which is a blazing pit of fire.

In the Hindu religion, they believe in reincarnation until moksha, which is the release from the cycle of life and rebirth. You will retain the highest level of being and that involves a life of either action, knowledge, devotion or physical and mystical acts.

Jonathan: What have you found in your studies that gives you peace or gets you excited about salvation - God's way?

Rachel: I think it is so exciting to know that Jesus died for Adam's sin and because of this it gives us a chance to start from scratch. But we have to prove ourselves worthy and we are saved by God's grace. This means He will give us His unmerited love and favor by looking at us through Jesus' sacrifice as the ransom for all. Paul told us that in 1 Timothy 2:6. In Revelation, Jesus says he will grant all those who will walk in his footsteps an opportunity to share his throne in ruling over the earth. To do that we have to be conformed to the image of Christ. There are 144,000 people who accomplish this. This is mentioned in Revelation 14:1-5. They successfully escape the world's defilement and are blameless before God. They will be able to have immortality which is given as a reward for being faithful to their commitment to God. Revelation 2:10 tells us to *be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life*. To receive this crown, we must conform to the desires and will of the heavenly Father through disciplining ourselves. If we have this transformation of heart and character, we will be part of this 144,000. This is a life-long process and it begins with presenting our bodies as a willing sacrifice to God and Paul tells us this in Romans 12:1-2. We must put on the graces of the spirit through prayer, faith, and ceaseless effort. We put on the fruits of the spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23: (NIV) *<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control.*





Jonathan: So Rachel, to be with the Lord and to follow after Jesus gets you excited! You are talking about the spiritual salvation. Thank you for being with us.

The following sound byte shows the difficulties when you make today or this age the only time and only opportunity for salvation.

 **Salvation before Christ, *What Do Catholics Believe About Salvation, Catholic Answers***

- *It is also something that the early church fathers talk about, about how there were people before the time of Christ who lived according to reason - according to the Logos - even though they didn't have an explicit knowledge of God's Law or of Jesus Christ. They nevertheless were living according to the reason that God built into mankind, and so God would overlook their ignorance regarding other things.*

Jesus "pays the price." He gave his perfect life as a man to save Adam and his posterity.

**The following text is a good place to define the work of the deliverer of all humanity:**

**Romans 5:12-14:** (NASB) <sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned <sup>13</sup>for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of him who was to come.

Adam was entirely responsible for inherited human sin. Death reigned even before the Law was given - therefore the penalty was clearly upon ALL humanity. That contradicts what the previous sound byte said. We all needed to be saved!

**Romans 5:15-17:** (NASB) <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, ("the many" MUST mean all humanity according to the above context) much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. (This MUST mean the same "many.")

So, the deliverer is said to be delivering ALL of the human race, not just a few faithful souls. The grace of God is for "the many."

**Having made the ransom for ALL abundantly clear, the Apostle now slightly changes focus:**

<sup>16</sup>The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. <sup>17</sup>For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, (again, who did death reign over? Everyone!) much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ. (Aha! There IS a qualifier here applying to the called out ones! Shows reigning and authority specifics. This shows the small group reigning over that large group. This is "being saved" in a DIFFERENT way than the world - more coming on this!)

**Romans 5:18-21:** (NASB) <sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. (Okay - no qualifier - all humanity is again included in the deliverance) <sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's (Adam's) disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. (Again - this is about ALL humanity being



saved) <sup>20</sup>The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; (not that people became more sinful but that sin was more easily defined) but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace replaces sin on a wholesale scale and ALL are spoken of here as on the receiving end of eternal life under a reign of grace.

If this "two types of being saved" is true, doesn't it present all sorts of logistical questions?

We do not believe the Bible teaches everyone is saved right now.

 **Born again cannot lose life, Can a "Born Again" Lose Salvation, Desiring God**

- *Can a born again Christian lose his or her salvation?*
- *The answer to that question biblically is a resounding, clear, emphatic, joyful, glorious "no." A born again person cannot become dead, cannot be unborn again, because - and I'll give some biblical thinking here - try to be as textual as possible and not just theological. The life that is imparted in the new creature is precisely eternal life. This is the testimony - that God has given us eternal life. HAS given us. HAS given us eternal life and this life is in His son - 1 John 5:11. So, He didn't give us temporary life; He gave us eternal life. We are already participating in the life of the age to come.*

We disagree and believe there is a confusion in what it means to be born again.



A caller from Connecticut suggests: "Once saved, always saved" - I don't think so. I disagree with the gentleman in the sound byte. I appreciated Rachel's call. Revelation 2:10: ...*be thou faithful unto (until) death, and I will give thee a crown of life.* She also mentioned Romans 12:1 but what came to mind is Romans 12:2: *Be ye not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.* It is a lifetime work and I agree with you on this. In Job 1, Jehovah God was challenged by Satan and God allowed Job to be tested for 40 years until he was proven faithful beyond a shadow of a doubt. Another example is in Acts 9, when Saul of Tarsus was converted. In 1 Corinthians 9:25-27 Paul says, "I have to be careful; I could fail too." It is a lifetime work.

Our caller brought out a great point: the Apostle Paul said he needed to be careful, *lest I myself become a castaway.* He said, "I have to be faithful and sacrificial in everything." Once you are saved, no, you are not set for life!

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**STEP 2**

- Based on the ransom price that buys back Adam, and therefore his posterity, you have to build a delivery and educational system for all of those billions to be truly informed and led through the process of redemption.
- This system is most logically made up of people who are not only trained but are truly trustworthy for such work. Such people of character are found in every walk of life.

**THE PROCESS OF SALVATION**





Once you have been given the grace of God through Jesus is when the work begins. If you are a called out Christian, the work begins right now.

After the ransom price, another lineage needs to be built; a lineage of people who come under the authority of Jesus, who are able to do the work of bringing the entire world back.

**Jesus obviously and carefully prepared those whom he called for the rigors of their training:**

Luke 9:22-24: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>saying, *The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day.* <sup>23</sup>And he was saying to them all, *if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.* <sup>24</sup>For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it.

For the Christian, being saved is a presently active endeavor entirely built upon the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus. It requires our focus, attention and sacrifice.

**Can just anyone line up as a true footstep follower of Jesus? No!**

John 6:41-44: (NASB) <sup>41</sup>Therefore the Jews were grumbling about him, because he said, *I am the bread that came down out of heaven.* <sup>42</sup>They were saying, *is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, I have come down out of heaven?* <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, *do not grumble among yourselves.* <sup>44</sup>**No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.**

That really limits things at this moment. Jesus is saying, "The only ones who can follow me are only those who are drawn by God." God throughout His entire plan from the beginning made choice after choice because He read the hearts of those needed to do the job, from Noah, to Abraham, to Jacob, to Moses and more.

*Participation in this present act of being saved is by invitation. God chooses individuals who will be able to handle and do the job for the sake of "the everybody else."*

**For those who are drawn of God, who are drawn into the process of being saved now:**

Romans 5:1-5,10-11: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Therefore, **having been justified by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (We have been given the power and influence of God working in our lives.)

It is all about the growth and the effort on our part, for the grace we receive never lacks. For those who are called out, the Scriptures talk about being called to *glory, honor and immortality*. The path to this glory is a narrow one of trials, testing and sacrifice.



**This effort is to seal our reconciliation, which takes place here and now:**

*<sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

**Why are some "saved" now? What are they supposed to do with it?**

**We have been saved/reconciled and we pass this ministry on to the world:**

*2 Corinthians 5:17-19: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup>Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

How is this reconciliation, this opportunity to be saved passed on to the world?

**Those who "belong to Christ" and are a "people for His name" as well as a "royal priesthood:"**

*1 Peter 2:9: (KJV) *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:**

So, the called out and saved are to be a priesthood for the rest of mankind, to show them the way back to God. But do they all want that reconciliation? No, but that does not mean they are not miserable.

**The rest of the world is looking for the answers to their misery:**

*Romans 8:19-21: (NASB) <sup>19</sup>For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

In their misery, they are looking for deliverance and are really needing God's help without even knowing it. Once "revealed" the followers of Jesus will then be able to help the world to be saved. The world's deliverance is not a present activity but is a future activity. The present activity is the shaping, forming and developing of those few, true Christians who truly follow in the footsteps of Jesus. A future delivery is for the rest of the world.

 **The call and Lazarus, Can a "Born Again" Lose Salvation, Desiring God**

- *The kind of call that Paul is talking about there is the call of Lazarus by Jesus from the grave, "Lazarus, I know you're dead, now come out." And the call creates the life and that's what happened to everybody who's a Christian. God's sovereign call created the life. So, that means that there's a promise attaching to the call. Here's a couple of verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:23,24: "May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely at the coming of the Lord Jesus. He who calls you is faithful, He will do it." The logic there is, if you've been called God is faithful; you will be kept for the last day.*

God is faithful but we may not be. That is one of the flaws in the logic used in that sound byte.



## THE PROCESS OF SALVATION

### STEP 3

- The ransom is paid, the trained and trustworthy are in place and now the restoration can begin.
- This restoration takes the broken race of humanity and helps them learn to embrace the rule of God on a restored earth by having to answer for their own evil thoughts words and deeds and showing them how to choose eternal life through obedience.

Logically, once all of God's called ones are in place, now you start working on the "everybody else."

**First of all, when does this saving become apparent to those of the world being saved?**

John 5:28-29: (NASB) <sup>28</sup>Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, <sup>29</sup>and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment (trial).

The world will know they have been given the grace of God by the sacrifice of Jesus when they wake up from the dead. There is nothing like being raised from the dead to get someone's attention!

There are several Scriptures that show us being saved comes in two stages.

**This proves the process of being saved follows two completely different processes:**

1 Timothy 4:10: (KJV) *For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe. (Those who receive it now will reign.)*

Here we have two different classes of people with positive effects from the ransom.

1 John 2:2: (NIV) *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (The people are broken down into two different categories.)*

No one is left out because the grace of Jesus touches every man. This is what justice required.



## If being saved is at a different time for the world, does it still work the same way?

Once saved, are you set for life? No, because that is when the work begins. Being delivered simply means having the grace of the ransom of Jesus applied to you. Those who follow after Jesus have it applied to them now because they have given up their life-rights to an earthly life. The rest of the world will have the ransom of Jesus applied later once they are raised from the dead.

The following sound byte states that once saved, it is impossible to fall away. We just do not see that from a scriptural standpoint.

### Falling away isn't, *Can a "Born Again" Lose Salvation, Desiring God*

- *Well, what about people who are in the church? They've been deacons or elders; they look like they'd got saved in college and here they are five years later and they've thrown it all away and some of them die in that condition. What about them? And I think there are two key verses that people should think about long and hard. One is 1 John 2:19: "They went out from us because they were not of us, for if they had been of us they would have continued with us but they went out, that it may become plain that they were not all of us." "Of us" in that verse surely means "born again with us." Grafted into Christ with us, and they weren't. They looked like they were, they said some of the right things, they had tasted of the powers of the age to come, but they were not born of God.*

What a travesty! Christians who believe this are horrified for their family and friends who do not believe in Jesus. After all the Scriptures we read, that is not a justified attitude. God's plan has allowances for "the everybody else" because the grace of the ransom of Jesus touches every man.

### Second, salvation for anyone at any time must come through the name of Jesus:

Acts 4:10,12: (NASB) <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead - by this name this man stands here before you in good health... <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

How humbling it will be for the nation of Israel to be resurrected and realize that Jesus was the Messiah. They will quickly rejoice and honor and praise God. It will also be humbling for the world who looked for their salvation in their political figures, etc. to realize none of what they could do could save us.

Let us look at the following account as a template of the *future* process by which men will be saved.

The template - realizing their lack: Acts 17:22-23: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. <sup>23</sup>For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. (Paul subtly says, let me show you who this UNKNOWN GOD is.)





**A prophetic fulfillment - the lack is fulfilled: Zechariah 8:20-23: (NASB)** <sup>20</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, it will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. <sup>21</sup>... saying, let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go. <sup>22</sup>So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, in those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, let us go with you, **for we have heard that God is with you.**

**The template - misplaced honor: Acts 17:24-28: (NASB)** <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup>nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; <sup>26</sup>and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth... <sup>27</sup>that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup>for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, for we also are His children.

**A prophetic fulfillment - proper honor: Psalms 86:7-10: (NASB)** <sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me. <sup>8</sup>There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. <sup>9</sup>All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name. <sup>10</sup>For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

**The template - saved! Acts 17:29-31: (NASB)** <sup>29</sup>Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. <sup>30</sup>Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, <sup>31</sup>because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising him from the dead.

**A prophetic fulfillment: Isaiah 42:3-4: (NASB)** <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.

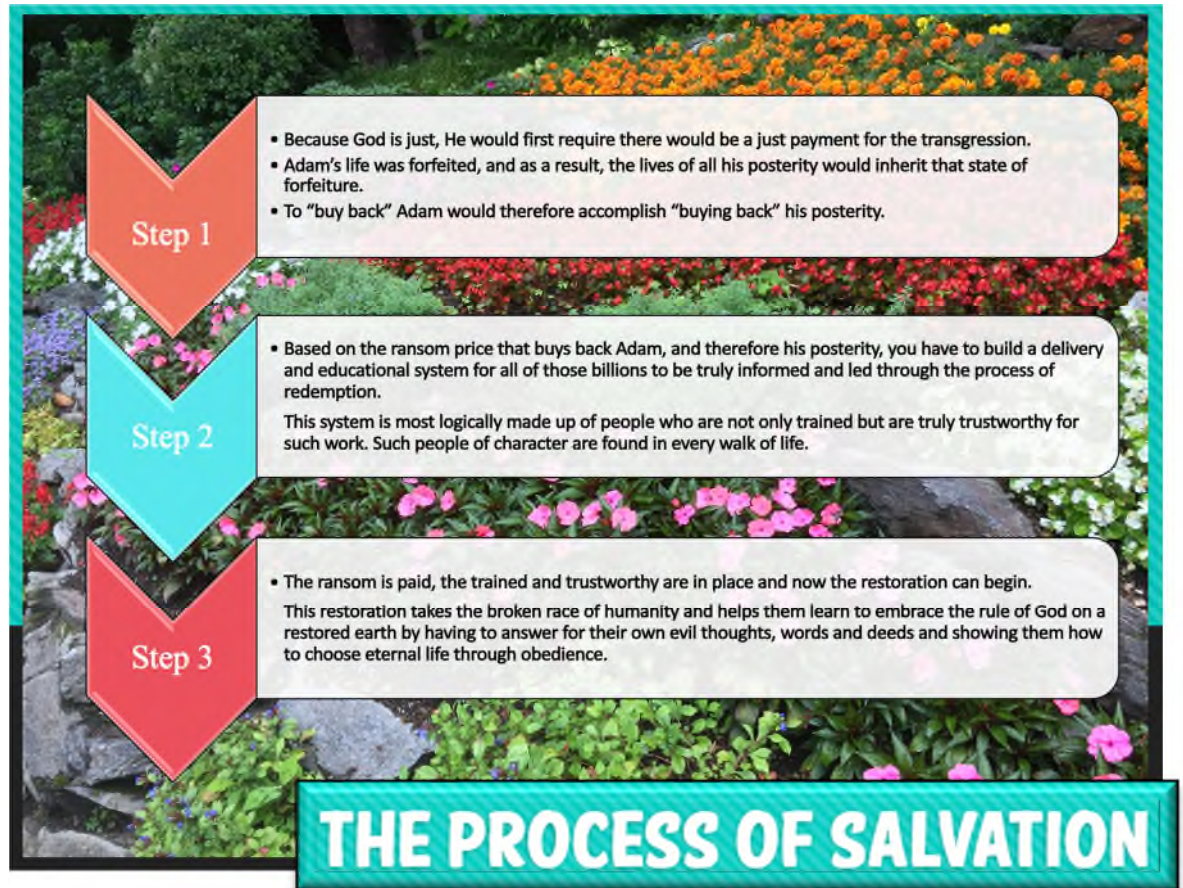
God is merciful and will faithfully bring forth justice in the earth. It is all about earthly salvation through the faithfulness of the true Christians who are blessed to go to heaven. There is a heavenly salvation and an earthly salvation, and EVERYONE has an opportunity to be saved and delivered. Once you are delivered, your work then begins to walk the path of life. For the Christian, now it is the path of sacrifice, and for the rest of mankind, they will walk the path of righteousness, following God's will, later after their resurrection.

The plan of God includes everyone. Once saved, go to work!

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**The advocate concept - the method by which the followers of Jesus are saved:**

1 John 2:1-2: (NASB) *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

So, this "advocate" relationship is describing those whom Jesus stands for vs. those whom he mediates for - two different classes of people with positive effects from the ransom. This also answers the question about how faith really works.

**One more title that helps to clarify the role of the true Christian in relation to the rest of the world:**

Hebrews 12:23: (KJV) *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect...*

**When we think of the firstborn, what do we think of?**

Exodus 12:13: (NASB) *The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

1 Corinthians 5:7: (NASB) *Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.*



What do we have? Sacrifice + blood = Deliverance! For who? The firstborn first and then the whole nation. The path IS different, but both paths lead to freedom.

**Jesus mediates the ungodly, they that have done evil:**

**Romans 3:23:** (NASB) *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

**1 Timothy 2:1-6:** (ASV) *<sup>1</sup>I exhort therefore... that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; ... <sup>3</sup>This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup>who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own times;*

**Judgment Day will be a day of restraint:**

**2 Peter 2:9:** (KJV) *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished <2849>.*

**Punished:** Strongs #2849 kolazw kolazo kol-ad'-zo from kolos (dwarf);  
1) to lop or prune, as trees and wings 2) to curb, check, restrain  
3) to chastise, correct, punishment 4) to cause to be punished

**Judgment Day applies equally to all who have ever lived!**

**Matthew 11:20-24:** (NASB) *<sup>20</sup>Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup>Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.*

(Source: Biblical commentary by Alfred Poole) Tyre and Sidon were habitations of heathens, their country joined to Galilee. They were places of great traffic, inhabited with Canaanitish idolaters, and exceedingly wicked; threatened by the prophet Isaiah, #Isa 23:1-18, and by the prophet Ezekiel, Ezekiel 26:1-28:26, and by Amos, Amos 1:9,10; a people odious to the Jews upon many accounts.

*<sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup>Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.*

**Sodom - Here was a city specifically destroyed because of its inherent evil!**

**Judgment Day will be based fully upon one's own actions, with the past considered, but not primary:**

**Jeremiah 31:27-30:** (NASB) *<sup>27</sup>Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. <sup>28</sup>As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, (past actions) so I will watch over them to build and to plant, (present Day of Judgment actions) declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>In those days they will not say again, the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. <sup>30</sup>But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.*

**The good news is there will be no place to hide!**

This next text is all about Israel in their unbelieving state and the Old Testament prophecies quoted are centered around the time of the end. Israel WILL confess Jesus.





**Romans 10:9-13:** (NASB) <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup>for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, whoever believes in him will not be disappointed. <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on him; <sup>13</sup>for whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Isaiah 28:16-17:** (NASB) <sup>16</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed. <sup>17</sup>I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the level; then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies and the waters will overflow the secret place.

**Joel 2:30-32:** (NASB) <sup>30</sup>I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup>And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Let us look at the concept of “being saved” from the Old Testament - being born out of the checkered experiences of Israel trying to follow God’s will and Law and often failing. To be saved is to be delivered - most often out of immediate calamity but also with reference to a permanent favor of God resting upon them.

**Psalms 80:1-19:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth! <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power and come to save us! <sup>3</sup>O God, restore us and cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people? <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears, and You have made them to drink tears in large measure. <sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup>God of hosts, restore us and cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. <sup>8</sup>You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground before it, and it took deep root and filled the land. <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shadow, and the cedars of God with its boughs. <sup>11</sup>It was sending out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river. <sup>12</sup>Why have You broken down its hedges, so that all who pass that way pick its fruit? <sup>13</sup>A boar from the forest eats it away and whatever moves in the field feeds on it. <sup>14</sup>O God of hosts, turn again now, we beseech You; look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine, <sup>15</sup>even the shoot which Your right hand has planted, and on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself. <sup>16</sup>It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. <sup>17</sup>Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself. <sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from You; revive us, and we will call upon Your name. <sup>19</sup>O LORD God of hosts, restore us; cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.