

SEMESTER 1 2020

THEME | What does the bible say about being saved?



WEEK 1: Introduction and Word Studies

Introduction:

Getting started on our *Interpretive Journey* – [see reference] – contexts and connections

1. What did 'salvation' mean to the biblical audience?
2. What are the differences between this audience and us?
3. What are the theological principles around 'salvation'?
4. How is 'salvation' reflected in the whole of the bible?
5. How should Christians live 'salvation' today?

Key Scripture: 2 Tim 3:14-15

Salvation in the OT – Looking at Hebrew usage

Yesha- early references

Gen 48:18

Ex 13:14 – Ex 15:2

Prophetic echo - Zech 9:9

Isaiah focus

Salvation in the NT – Looking at Greek usage

Sōtēria

Save – early references

Matt 1:21 save from sins!

Luke 1:69 OT imagery

OT/NT Themes/Connection....

References:

(from Strong's Concordance)

yesha: deliverance, rescue, salvation, safety, welfare

Original Word: יֵשָׁע, yesha, (yeh'-shah)

Definition: deliverance, rescue, salvation, safety, welfare

(from Bible Dictionary)

Salvation – OT basic meaning – to 'bring into a spacious environment'

- Also carries sense of 'freedom from limitation'
- i.e. deliverance from range of challenges
- 'God' and 'Saviour' are virtually identical terms in OT as God is author of salvation
- Pre-exodus – 'hope of salvation centres more upon immediate historic intervention for the vindication of Israel'
- Exodus 'normative instance of God's saving deliverance
- Prophetic and exilic periods look to future deliverance

OT-NT overlap?

- Kinsman-Redeemer, Messiah-Servant (esp. Isaiah)
- 'Thus the OT leads us finally to the understanding that God delivers his people through his savior-Messiah'

(pp. 1371-1372)

(from Strong's Concordance)

sótéria: deliverance, salvation

Original Word: σωτηρία, sótería, (so-tay-ree'-ah)

Definition: welfare, prosperity, deliverance, preservation, salvation, safety.

By extension: to be in right relationship with God, with the implication that the condition before salvation was one of grave danger or distress

Soter in NT always refers to God the Father and Jesus Christ as Saviour of believers from righteous wrath to a proper relationship with God

(from Bible Dictionary)

Salvation - NT

Generally the 'religious' usage of a moral/spiritual deliverance becomes almost wholly dominant as far as the idea of salvation is concerned.

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