

The Meaning of Salvation

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Then I saw a new heaven and new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son." ... Then he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal clear jasper... I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bondservants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

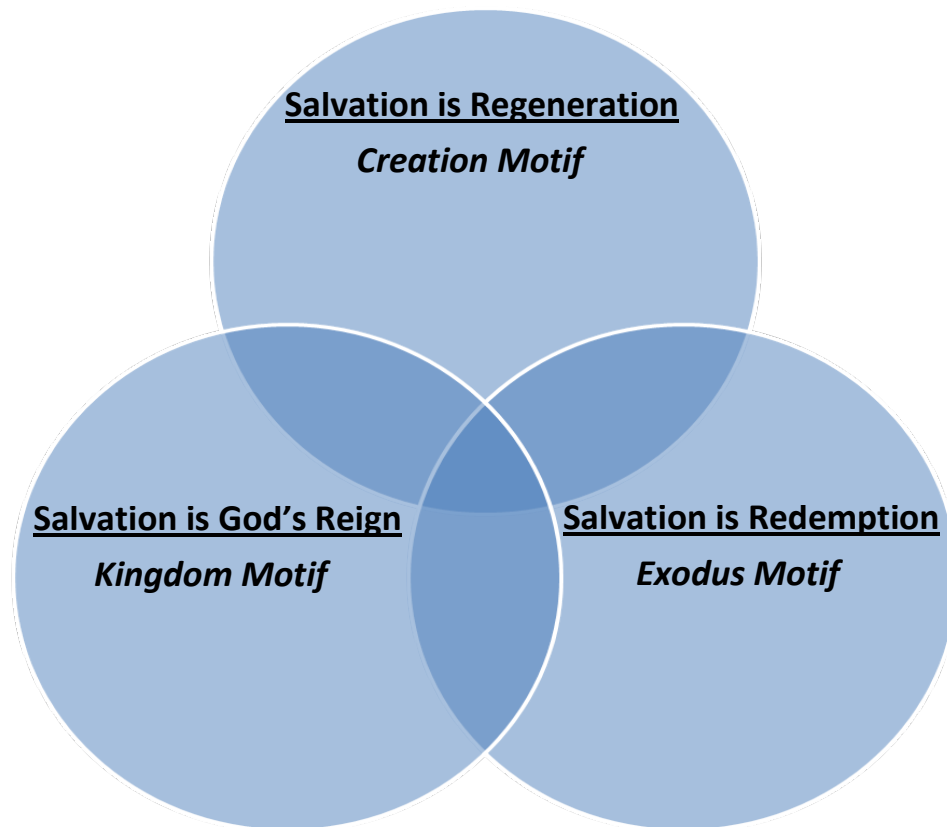
Revelation 19:6-9, 16; 21:1-27; 22:1-5

Observations: what is salvation?

The good news we share in evangelism isn't only a message that we are saved *from*, but saved *for*, something. Salvation is the culmination of God's plan in history for humanity and the cosmos. This plan is rooted in the Old Testament and comes to its fullness in the New Testament.

- Note the allusions to *creation*
- Note the allusions to *kingdom*
- Note the allusions to the *exodus*

Salvation: Old Testament Antecedents and New Testament Fulfillment



Thus says the Lord your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel... “I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”
Isaiah 43:14,15

He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him, all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or in heaven.
Colossians 1:13-20

Unity of scripture: Interrelated meaning of salvation connecting the Old and New Testaments

Witness like Jesus did

Old Testament Motif	New Testament Fulfillment	Good News
<p><u>Exodus: Redemption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slavery and the price of redemption: God as <i>go'el</i> political and spiritual principle of substitution Israel's ongoing exodus "just as/so" in Joshua a second exodus Exodus for the nations "Egypt My people" 	<p><u>Exodus & Jesus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus' ministry and the exodus motif "Behold the Lamb of God" cross as <i>redemption & atonement</i> God so loved the world... "He dwelled among us" 	<p><u>It's All About Freedom!</u></p> <p>Gospel as <i>reconciliation</i> through Christ's cross</p> <p>Jesus forgives debts and befriends sinners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redemption: freedom from the <i>penalty</i> of sin <p>"Neither do I condemn you"</p> <p>"A man had two sons..."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redemption: freedom from the <i>power</i> of sin <p>"Sin shall not be your master"</p>
<p><u>Kingdom: Reign of God</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israel is God's kingdom the people God calls promise to David King as a messianic title Branch of Yahweh Jerusalem the City of God Israel and the nations "All the nations called by My name" 	<p><u>The Gospel of the Kingdom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mystery of the kingdom Jesus the messianic king "My kingdom is not of this world" the Suffering Servant Lord and Father of <i>all</i> who respond by faith 	<p><u>The New People of God</u></p> <p>"Gospel of the kingdom"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gospel is <i>adoption</i> and <i>inheritance</i> Salvation is corporate and inclusive <p>"By one Spirit you were all baptized into one body"</p> <p>"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."</p>
<p><u>Creation: Regeneration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation: life from death footnote on the Sabbath New Covenant, new heart "not like the old covenant" Cosmic restoration 	<p><u>From Death to Life</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Life in the Son" the central theme of John New Covenant in Christ the new and better way Creation restored 	<p><u>New Life!</u></p> <p>Gospel as <i>regeneration</i></p> <p>"You must be born again"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alive in the Spirit <p>"I AM the resurrection and the life"</p> <p>not better, but new</p>

