

THE MEANING OF SAVED AND SALVATION IN SCRIPTURE

Concerning sin: saved means to be rescued or delivered from sin and its consequence.

Concerning peril: saved means to be rescued or delivered from physical danger or oppression.

Receiving salvation in Scripture pertains to being rescued from sin or from peril. It should be thought of as a rescue from sin. Sin is living outside of God in your own strength and understanding.

Receiving eternal life is a transformation to something. Those who believe in Jesus receive eternal life, new birth, regeneration, baptism of the Holy Spirit, membership in the family of God, inheritance, sealing by the Holy Spirit, indwelling by the Holy Spirit, judicial forgiveness, and peace with God.

Receiving eternal life is through cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction where a humble, repentant person allows the Spirit to bring him to saving faith (belief) in Jesus for rescue from sin.

Receiving salvation pertains to the progressive actions of the believer in cooperation with Spirit conviction and empowerment. Receiving salvation is being rescued throughout this life from sin. Believers are commanded to do actions which enhance their rescue from sin. These actions include confessing the name of Jesus through water baptism, through singing, and through telling others about Jesus. Confessing sin, repenting of sin, and obedience to Scripture are also actions which aid our resolve to follow Jesus, working out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved. The believer calls upon Jesus to be rescued from sin, abide in Christ, and do righteous actions. Romans 10:13

By grace you are saved through faith. The believer lives by faith and is rescued from sin in this life and this is all through the graciousness of God in Christ. It is Christ living in me. I can do nothing of eternal value without Christ empowering my actions. It is not by works in the flesh that rescues me from sin or that produces righteous actions. It is the power of God unto salvation. Ephesians 2:8

Believers are commanded to work out your salvation. Believers allow the Spirit to work fruits into their lives and then work righteous actions out through their lives. Philippians 2:12

God wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. God wants all men to be rescued from sin and know and believe in the "Truth" who is Jesus. Believing in Jesus gives eternal life. The benefit of believing the truth is to be rescued from sin. Salvation is a by-product of having eternal life. 1 Timothy 2:4

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Be born again and you then can be saved and rescued from sin. Acts 16:31

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sin. This repentance is to believe in Jesus, and this water baptism is a confession of your faith in Jesus so that you may be more resolved to follow Jesus with your life and be rescued from sin throughout this life. Acts 2:38