HOW GOD **SAVED** AND **SAVES MEN** IN ***DIFFERENT AGES***

***Ezekiel 18:23 2 Peter 3:9***

1. **In *Genesis 1* and *2*. *(Man is saved by works alone)***

* There was no way Adam could be saved by faith in ***Genesis 1*** and ***2***. God’s commandment was *“Don’t eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and you will be okay.”*
* When the fall happened, the Lord made Adam and Eve coats of skins. ***Genesis* *3:21*** This was God’s grace. It took faith on their part to put on the coats.
* So, after the fall, Adam and Eve are saved by grace through faith-*but not faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.*
* The Lord Jesus Christ was prophesied in ***Genesis 3:15***, and God showed them a type of what Christ would do when He killed the lamb and made coats of skin.
* Jesus Christ was not *revealed* in the Old Testament. He was prophesied. He was pictured. He appeared as an Angel of the Lord, *but His identity was hidden*.

“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?” ***Proverbs 30:4***

* THERE IS NO INCARNATION, CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION OR BLOOD ATONEMENT OF CHRIST JESUS IN THIS PERIOD FOR SALVATION.

1. **From *Genesis 3* through *Exodus 20*. *(Man is saved by grace through faith, but the faith was in what God told each individual.)***

* Abel offered a lamb from his flock to the Lord. Enoch believed God would judge the world when Methusaleh died so he walked with God. Noah believed God would send a worldwide flood and he built an ark.
* The message of ***Hebrews*** Chapter ***11*** is of this nature.
* A *work* was *connected with* each person’s *belief in* what *God said*.
* Works completed what faith started, like in the case of Abraham in ***Romans 4***.
* So, between ***Genesis 3*** and ***Exodus 20***, salvation by grace through faith during this time is not the same as salvation by grace through faith from (Pentecost, Acts 2) to the Rapture. In that period Jesus Christ did the works for our faith. Praise Him!
* In this period faith was not placed in Jesus Christ, and salvation was not necessarily complete upon belief, as the Body of Christ’s (the Church, the Bride of Christ’s) is.

“For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for

righteousness.” ***Romans 4:3***

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“And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for **now I know** that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.” ***Genesis 22:11, 12***

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1. ***Exodus 20* to *the ministry of John the Baptist*, {“*The Law*”} enters and runs about 1500 years. *(Men are saved by faith and works.)***

* The Law is a set standard of righteousness that applies to all that are under it.
* It is a ***(full faith-and-works)*** system.
* Being under the Law, you had to keep the Law.
* Under the Law, if you didn’t keep the Law, ***(you could lose your salvation and not*** ***get it back)*** (as in the case of King Saul in the Old Testament.)

“And Saul said unto Samuel, *I have sinned*: *for I have transgressed* *the commandment of the LORD*, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.”

***1 Samuel 15:24***

“But *the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul*, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.” ***1 Samuel 16:14***

* Under the Law, if you didn’t keep the Law, ***(you could lose your salvation and then get it back)*** (as in the case of Samson in the Old Testament.)

“And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that *the LORD was departed from him*.” ***Judges 16:20***

“Howbeit *the hair of his head began to grow again* after he was shaven.” ***Judges 16:22***

“And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.” ***Judges 16:28***

(As in the case of King David)

“And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she

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became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done *displeased the LORD.*

And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and

nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man’s lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David’s anger was greatly kindled against

the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing

shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master’s house, and thy master’s wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast *thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight?* thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, *I have sinned against the LORD*. And Nathan said unto David, *The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die*. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. ***2 Samuel 11:26 -12:15***

\*King David committed two unpardonable sins: adultery and murder. Both sins carried the death penalty, Yet God put away David’s sins and he was not put to death, yet it cost him dearly in life. He (King David) was the exception to the rule, not the rule. Why the Lord did that, the scriptures do not say, except that God is the rule maker and is righteous in all His ways and can do as He pleases. ***Romans*** ***9:14-21***

* The problem with “the Law” is that *no one can keep it, especially keep it Perfectly.*
* When an Old Testament saint failed to keep “the Law” in some point, then he was *required to bring* a blood sacrifice to die in his place. *If a person did not make the appropriate sacrifice for the sin that was committed or trust in it, then he was doomed.*
* Under “the Law” it was not enough to have (*faith without works*) or to have (*works* *without faith*.) You *had to have both*, and you *had to be in that state when you died* or you won’t make it.

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* The Old Testament *had no eternal security* for its saints. Read ***Ezekiel 18***
* The Old Testament under “*the Law*” had no effectual sacrifice that could “*take away* *sin*.”

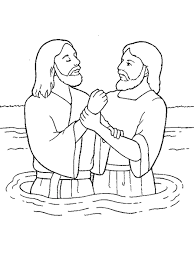
“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should *take away sins*.” ***Hebrews 10:4***

* With the Faith-and Works system a person was judged at his death, and if he was right, he went to Abrahams Bosom, if not he went to hell.
* John the Baptist is the “end of the Law and the Prophets,” and is not part of the “Bride of Christ.” (***Luke 16:16***; ***John 3:29***) He is not the first Baptist in the Baptist Church. He is part of the transition from one salvation message to another, from one dispensation to another, one Grace to another, and from “Thou Shalt not” to “It is Finished.” He Introduces Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ offers the Jews the Kingdom of Heaven, they refuse, so He (Jesus Christ) begins the transition into the Church age, Postponing the “Day of the Lord” because of the Jews rejection of Him as their King.



* IN THIS PERIOD, THERE IS THE INCARNATION OF THE MESSIAH, BUT NO CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION OR BLOOD ATONEMENT OF CHRIST JESUS YET.

1. **The next period begins at *the Gospels up thru Acts Chapter 2*. *(Men are saved by different measures throughout this period.)***

* This period is the most difficult to define and most likely the shortest period. It is the beginning of a transitional period in which the Lord is ***changing salvation*** thru several steps from (“*the Law*” *faith/works* *salvation*) to the Scriptural Pauline Salvation we have today (*Grace through faith* ***in******Jesus* *Christ***) (the *Gospel of the Grace of God*.)
* In this period, you actually have the Son of God present with “*the Law*” still in effect.
* In this period, you have John the Baptists salvation for a short period (*baptism in water* *unto repentance confessing their sins*.) Jesus Christ was baptized during this time with both water and the Holy Ghost. This is the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. ***Matthew 3***
* In this period, you have Peters preaching in ***Acts 2:38*** for the Jews to (*repent and be* *baptized (in water) in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*.) This was only for the Jews and proselytes, and it was for killing Jesus. Peters ‘Baptismal Regeneration’ in ***Acts 2*** to the Jews ended at Cornelius’ conversion

in ***Acts 10.***

* In this period is when Jesus Christ is offering the Kingdom of Heaven to the Jews if they will accept Him. They do not.

In this period, things are transitioning from *signs and sight* to *faith and spirituality*.

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* In this period, the Lord is removing the unbelieving Jews (unbelieving *Natural branches*), and grafting in believing Gentiles (believing limbs from *a wild olive tree*.) ***Romans 11:12-20***
* In this period, you have the local church beginning but not yet the body of Christ until the resurrection and Pentecost. ***Luke 24:49***; ***Acts 2:2-4***
* In this period, you have eternal security given (***John 10:21-29***) that does not match the Pauline epistles (***Ephesians 5:30***) which we now have today.
* In this period is when many changes are going on, according to God’s plan. Everything is perfectly timed and executed because the Lord is doing the changing. There is nothing confusing about it when all of the pieces are put together.
* All of the changes in this period take salvation from temporal and repetitious to eternal and free. The reason being, **Jesus Christ is now come** to permanently take care of the sin problem for man, by dying, shedding blood, being buried, and rising again. ***John 19:30***
* It is in this period in the Bible that salvation is blown into all kinds of ideas and beliefs that are false and not at all scriptural.
* This period mostly is associated with the Jews. However, the Gentiles begin entering into the picture in this period.
* In this period, we find doctrines (Bible truths) that *exist before* Jesus’ Resurrection, and doctrines (Bible truths) that do not exist *until only after* the Lords Resurrection.
* Examples:
* Sins are not only forgiven, but now are taken away. (Expiation)
* Symbolic Baptism in water is now *in the* *Name of the Father, and of* *the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*. ***Matthew 28:19***
* Symbolic Communion begins. ***1 Corinthians 11:24,25***
* Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Remission, Expiation, Imputation, Regeneration, Reconciliation, Spiritual Circumcision, Adoption, Sanctification, Glorification, Atonement, and Substitution is all now included in the Gift of God.
* IN THIS PERIOD, ABOUT ¾ WAY THROUGH, THERE IS THE CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION AND BLOOD ATONEMENT OF CHRIST JESUS. “JESUS SAYS, “IT IS FINISHED.”

***John 19:30***

1. **The next period begins in *Acts Chapter 2 thru to the Rapture*. *(*Salvation is absolutely clear*.) (Man is saved by GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST and His atonement—plus nothing.)***

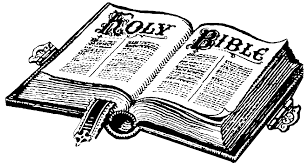
We begin this period in ***Acts*** Chapter ***2***, because it is the first time the baptism of the Holy Ghost occurs. ***Acts 1:5*** Believers are placed into the Body of Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. ***1 Corinthians 12:13*** **(NOT WATER BAPTISM)**

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* In this period, it is **vital** that a person completely understand that salvation is now ***a GIFT*** ***from the Lord*** that cannot be paid for in *any way*. It *must* be accepted ***as FREE*** from the Lord or it *is not given at all*.
  + In this period, works for salvation ***of any kind are not accepted by the Lord***. Any person dying, depending on, or hoping the Lord will respect good works for salvation will go to hell. This applies to every human soul that lives in this time period. Jew and Gentile. Now, if a Jew is not Born-Again ***John 3:1-15*** he will go to hell after death, the same as a Gentile.

“For *by grace are ye saved through faith*; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God*: ***Not of works***, lest any man should boast.” ***Ephesians 2:8, 9***

“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for *if righteousness come by the law*, then *Christ is dead in* *vain*.” ***Galatians 2:21***

* + In this period, the Lord uses the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles with others to the Jews to preach the ***NEW Testament Salvation,*** *found only through the Risen Lord Jesus Christ alone* called, “**the gospel of the grace of God**.” Paul’s Gospel **IS NOT** Christ’s earthly Gospel of the Kingdom to the Jews, or vice-versa.
* It is in this period that those that believe are now “Born Again.” God the Holy Ghost at the spiritual birth of the sinner enters his body and regenerates his spirit. God the Holy Ghost does not leave the new child of God (saint) but resides in him, and is the earnest (down payment) of the child of Gods inheritance.
* It is during this period that the written Old Testament and the written New testament are joined to make up the completed perfect written word of God where faith begins. ***Romans 10:17***; ***1 Peter 1:23-25***
* It is in this period, that the New Testament Gospel (“The Gospel of the Grace of God”) begins to move throughout the entire world for anyone and everyone to here and be saved. ***Mark 16:15***
* This period is the time when God’s grace is incredibly demonstrated, and the easiest time for anyone that wants to be saved to obtain it, without cost, and without any chance of losing it. It’s FREE and FOREVER! ***John 10:28*** This is because of what Jesus Christ accomplished.
  + IN THIS PERIOD, THE CRUCUFIXION, DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION, BLOOD ATONEMENT, AND ASENSION ARE ACCOMPLISHED AND NEVER TO BE REPEATED. NOW THE “GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD” IS IN EFFECT. (SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. ‘plus, nothing’)

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1. **The sixth system of salvation that the Lord uses is during the seven years of tribulation. *(Men are saved by faith and works.)***

* During this period, the way a person is saved is strictly by “faith and works.”

**The Jews**

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which *keep the commandments of God,***and** *have the testimony of Jesus Christ*.” ***Revelation 12:17***

**The Gentiles**

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that *keep the commandments of God*, **and** *the faith of Jesus*.” ***Revelation 14:12***

* In this period a person is going to have to die for their faith.

***Revelation 6:9; 20:4***

* During this period the Law is again active and the sacrifices are being offered.
* In this period, there is no grace as there was in the prior period. Things are back under the Law. The LORDS focus is back with the Jews.
* IN THIS PERIOD, THE ONES SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST JESUS, CALLED THE “BRIDE” ARE GONE WITH THE LORD TO HEAVEN. SALVATION REVERTS BACK TO THE LAW.

1. **Lastly, is the period of the Millennium and Eternity *(Men are saved by works alone.)***



* In this period, there is *no faith at all* having to do with salvation. The reason is that The King (The Lord Jesus Christ) is *right there physically present* where everyone can see Him. ***Revelation 22:3*** (…works, works, works…)

“Blessed are they that *do his commandments*, that they may *have right to the tree of life*, and *may enter in through the gates into the city*.” ***Revelation 22:14***

* During this period, there are millions of exact copies of the King walking around.
* In this period, hell is right there where it can be clearly seen. ***Isaiah 66:24***

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When the nations that survive the tribulation stand before the King, they are judged *by their* *works*: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, taking in strangers, clothing the naked, comforting the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Those who did those things enter the

Millennial kingdom. Those who didn’t, go to Hell. Faith is not in the matter not one time.

***Conclusion***: Salvation in **NOT** the same in all ages (if you believe what *God’s word* ***says***.) Compare - ***Zechariah 13:3*** with ***1 Corinthians 1:21, 12:28***; and ***Revelation 19:10***.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that **any** should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance.” ***2 Peter 3:9***

“But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, **many a time** turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.”

***Psalms 78:38***

“For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” ***Romans 9:15-28***



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