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Q&A: How were people saved in the Old Testament?

By Steven Lawson

There is only one way of salvation. It is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. There is not one way to be saved in the Old Testament and a different way to be saved in the New Testament. That would be two different gospels. There wasn't one way for the Jew to be saved, and now a different way for the Gentile to be saved. That would be two roads to heaven. There's only one road to heaven. Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

In the Old Testament, they were saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, looking ahead to the coming of Christ. Jesus said in John 8:56, "Abraham saw My day, and he was glad." We are saved by looking back to the first coming of Christ, who died on the cross bearing our sins. In the Old Testament, they simply looked ahead to the coming of Christ. We all meet at the foot of the cross. It is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone that anyone is saved. We must be crystal clear about this.

In Genesis 15:6: "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." When Paul makes his case for justification by faith in the book

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Christian Perfection

By Oswald Chambers

Not as though I had already attained, or were already perfect... — Philippians 3:12
It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on

this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. "It can never be God's will that I should be sick," you say. If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? The thing that tells for God is not your

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"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand "
 Ephesians 6:13

Philippians 4:1

"Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. "

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. "
 I Corinthians 15:58

Salvation...

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of Romans, he doesn't cite the example of how Matthew was converted, or how John Mark was converted, or Luke, or John; he goes back to the Old Testament. In Romans 3 and 4, specifically chapter 4, he uses the examples of Abraham and David to teach in the New Testament how someone is justified by faith. And in Romans 1:17, he says, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, for it is written, "The righteous man shall live by faith,"" quoting Habakkuk 2:4.

Paul makes his case in the New Testament by quoting the Old Testament, referring to the very same gospel. Even the Bible itself teaches there's only one way of salvation.

In Romans 1:1-2: "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, set apart for the gospel of God, which was recorded in Old Testament Scripture by the prophets long ago." The book of Romans says that the gospel was recorded in the Old Testament, and they believed it and were saved, just like we believe it and are saved.

"There is salvation in no other name, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Then 1 Timothy 2:5-6: "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." There are as many mediators as there are gods. There's only one God, and there's only one mediator to this God, and that is the man, Christ Jesus. That is an immutable truth that is as equally true in the Old Testament as it is in the New Testament.

There's the old saying, "If it's new, it's not true." So, if you ever hear some new way of salvation, you can just mark it off as heretical.

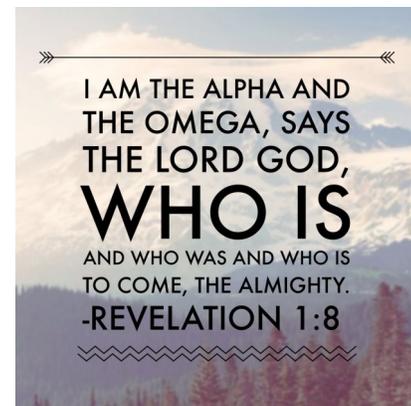
Bible Study & Fellowship Groups

Day	Time	Contact	Location	Current Study
Mondays	5:30 pm	Young Adult Ladies Hannah Zentz	Hannah & Jared's house	Spiritual Disciplines
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Guys Jared Zentz	Ralph & Christy's house	Hebrews
Tuesdays	6:00 pm	Women Laura Cormos	At church	Revelation
	6:00 pm	Men Ken Hettinger	At church	Sunday Sermons

Bible in a Year - Reading Plan

December

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| 1. 1 Corinthians 12-14 | 11. Acts 20-23 | 21. Hebrews 7-10 |
| 2. 1 Corinthians 15-16 | 12. Acts 24-26 | 22. Hebrews 11-13 |
| 3. 2 Corinthians 1-4 | 13. Acts 27-28 | 23. 2 Timothy 1-4 |
| 4. 2 Corinthians 5-9 | 14. Colossians 1-4. Philemon 1 | 24. 2 Peter 1-3, Jude 1 |
| 5. 2 Corinthians 10-13 | 15. Ephesians 1-6 | 25. 1 John 1-5 |
| 6. Romans 1-3 | 16. Philippians 1-4 | 26. 2 John 1, 3 John 1 |
| 7. Romans 4-7 | 17. 1 Timothy 1-6 | 27. Revelation 1-5 |
| 8. Romans 8-10 | 18. Titus 1-3 | 28. Revelation 6-11 |
| 9. Romans 11-13 | 19. 1 Peter 1-5 | 29. Revelation 12-18 |
| 10. Romans 14-16 | 20. Hebrews 1-6 | 30. Revelation 19-22 |



Also found in the YouVersion Bible App as the Blue Letter Bible

DEC BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	Dave S	12/9	Emma O	12/17	Dave & Linda S	12/23
	Naomi Y	12/9	Kyra O	12/17	Estelle B	12/24
	Amity E	12/10	Lauren D	12/19	Caden S	12/29
	Kathy K	12/11	Jeff & Lauren D	12/19	Gia	12/31
	Emily C	12/16	Pat M	12/23	Keegan	12/31

Christian Perfection

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relevant consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your real vital relation to Jesus Christ, and your abandonment to Him whether you are well or ill.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship to God which shows itself amid the irrelevancies of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of the things you have

to do, and the next thing that strikes you is the fact that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives are apt to leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary, by human effort and devotion we can reach the standard God wants. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in perfect relation to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes.

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Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:14

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Puzzle
Solution



Brain Workout Corner

Puzzle Corner: Odd Word Out

Look closely at the following words. Which one doesn't belong with the rest?

TIN

MINIM

MILITIA

SIEVE

LINEN

AVOID