

SALVATION

Isaiah 12: 2 "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation."

I. Representative Biblical references to "salvation"

A. Old Testament

1. Heb. words *yasha*, *yeshu* - deliverance, help, salvation - Ps. 37:39; 38:22; 51:12,14; Isa. 30:15; 43:11; Jere. 23:6. (Name of "Jesus" derived from this Hebrew root - Matt. 1:21)

2. Heb. word *malat* - to escape, to be safe - Ps. 116:4; Jere. 51:45

3. Heb. word *nasal* - to deliver, free, pull out - Prov. 14:21

4. Jewish concept of "salvation"

a. predominantly physical deliverance - national, individual

b. usually projected such in the future

c. looked forward to Messianic deliverance and salvation

B. New Testament

1. Greek words *sozo* (107), *soteria* (46), *soter* (24), *soterion* (4), *soterios* (1), *diasozo* (8)

a. Get theological term "soteriology" - study of salvation

2. Range of meaning in Greek - physical safety, cure or healing from illness, rescue, deliverance, liberation, protection, keep alive, keep in good health, preserve well-being, benefit, develop wholeness or peace, make secure, bring victory

a. to make safe *from* danger, peril, judgment

b. to make safe *for, to, unto* health, benefit, victory

c. Wm. Barclay - "most common meaning - bodily health"

Too often we simply take it for granted that our salvation is simply our ticket into heaven. The truth is as we look deeper that there is so much more available to us in this free gift of God. So some questions to ponder are what is salvation, how can we apply salvation to different areas in our lives and finally how can we be sure that this essence of salvation is personally available to us.

Looking at the Greek word translated salvation, which is *soteria*, we can discover that we can see how it is used to define our rescue, or safety as well as deliverance, healing and protection. Digging deeper we can discover that the root word *soter*, defines God or Christ Himself, which in turn comes from *sozo*, which mean wholeness.

We need to discover the essence of salvation and apply it to our lives. Working out our salvation with fear and trembling in every area of our lives, from the breaking down the strong holds of the enemy to the health of our mind, body and soul to our prosperity and the hope we have of a blessed future.

Look at the original word translated as salvation. It is *yeshuwah*. Does that look or sound familiar? It should it is the very name of Jesus. Jesus is the essence of salvation. Jesus is salvation. He is wholeness, healing, deliverance, prosperity, wisdom, safety and security,

He is life and life abundantly, He is our all in all. Jesus is the one who exposes our lies and if we let Him will come into the memory the lie is embodied in and give us His truth, which will set us free.

This is where we can get our breakthrough. Jesus is the essence of salvation and applying His truth and love and putting your total faith in Him and Him alone will give you the answer to every area of your life. He forgives you of your sins; His word guides you in the way of righteousness. That means He will show you the right way to live. He give you a new beginning. Morning by morning new mercies He brings. He provides for our every need. He strengthens and comforts us. He is our mediator. He is life itself. There is nothing, which is impossible for Him.