

ISSUES OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Self-Help Study Guide

SALVATION AND REDEMPTION

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Salvation

Save from Eternal Death. Of the numerous New Testament passages using *sozo*, Matthew 1:21 gives a perfect illustration of salvation, God in Christ freely granting believers eternal life: "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. "The name Jesus (Yeshua) comes from the Hebrew verb for "save". Among the typical verses presenting this most important meaning are "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31) and "that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

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Save from Disease, Heal. Jesus told the woman with the hemorrhage, "Daughter thy faith hath made thee whole" (lit. "Saved you" Mark 5:34). Here and elsewhere the physical healing and spiritual salvation may have taken place at the same time.

Save One's Life from Being Wasted. Because many people have a fixation on the word *saved* as only referring to escaping from hell, and of the word *soul* as only referring to immortal part of man, this last usage has not been recognized by everyone. As we have seen, *sozo* definitely has meanings other than "rescue from eternal destruction." So does *psyche* has meanings other than "*soul*" in the popular sense (see word studies on pp. 891 and 1360). The word *psyche* can just as easily mean "life" as "soul," and sometimes must mean that. The popular Christian expression "save a soul" has come to always equal meaning number one, above, but it is virtually never so used in Scriptures.

Yet in Luke 9:24 and its parallel passages, our Lord appears to use *sozo* and *psyche* to mean "Save your Christian Life from being wasted." There are other passages, such as in James, that in context would be better taken as referring to good works for rewards rather than to escaping from hell.

Redemption

There are several Greek words that mean "to purchase or redeem." The orthodox theological teaching is that at the Cross God paid a ransom price (the blood of Christ) to buy sinners from the slave market of sin.

Agorazo comes from the Greek word for market (*agora*) and is used thirty times in the New Testament, usually of simple buying. Three times in KJV/NKJV, the word has the theological meaning "redeem", including the well-known text, "Thou [the Lamb]... Hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Reve. 5:9; cf. 14:3, 4).

Exagorazo is a strengthened form of the above, occurring four times, always translated "redeem." Twice it has the idea of Christ's redeeming us "from the curse of the law" (Gal. 3:13) and from "under the law" (Gal. 4:5).

Lutroo is verb occurring three times in the New Testament and also translated "redeem." More specifically, it means "to set liberty" upon receipt of ransom (*lutron*). Peter tells us that the price was the precious blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). Paul says that the purpose of the ransom was to "redeem us from all iniquity" to be His own special people (Titus 2:14).

Lutron is the noun for "ransom." In two parallel passages Christ says the reason He came was "to give his life a ransom many" (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45).

Antilutron is a strengthened form of *lutron*. The prefix *anti*-emphasizes Christ's taking our place (1 Tim. 2:6).

Lutrosis occurs three times and is yet another word for "redemption." Hebrews 9:12 uses it to express redemption of transgressions under the old covenant to make way for the new.

Thus we see a general doctrine, salvation, using one verb *sozo* for several different meanings, and a more specific doctrine, redemption (a subdivision of salvation), using many words to teach one general truth.

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Study Lesson:

Ps: 3:8 18:46 37:39 149:4

Is: 12:2-3 33:6 52:7 59:16-17 61:10 62:11 63:5

Lk: 1:68-77 2:30 3:6 21:28

JN: 4:22

Acts: 4:12 13:47 28:28

Rom: 1:16 3:24 8:23 10:10 11:11 13:11

I COR: 1:30

II COR: 6:2 7:10

EPH: 1:7, 13-14 4:30 6:17

Phil: 2:12

Col: 1:14

I THESS: 5:8-9

II THESS: 2:13 3:15

Titus: 2:11

HEB: 1:14 2:3-10 5:9 9:12-15, 28

I Pet: 1:5-10

II Pet: 3:15

Jude: 3

Rev: 7:10 12:10

Examples:

Paul: I Tim: 1:13-16

Israel: Ps: 98:2

Gentiles: Rom: 1:16