

SALVATION

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1. Distinction of different salvations in the scriptures

A. When we are attempting to rightly divide scripture (2 Tim. 2:15), on the subject of salvation we must pay especially close attention to the context to derive the correct meaning of each text. There are multiple types of salvation (or “deliverance”) that are presented in the scriptures.

B. For example, a few scriptures that clearly include more than one salvation (or “deliverance”) even in the same verse:

- 2 Cor. 1:10 – *“Who hath delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;”*

- 1) *“delivered us from so great a death”*

- This first deliverance (or salvation) is from “*so great a death*”, clearly referencing eternal salvation from the wrath to come.

- 2) *“and doth deliver”*

- This deliverance is a current deliverance here in this time, in Paul’s current life. This is most likely a reference to the repeated providential deliverances that God had blessed Paul with here in this time in this world, not in eternity.

- 3) *“in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us”*

- Also, Paul had a great confidence that God would continue in the future to grant him similar providential deliverances that he had received in the past. Furthermore, he also had a trust that the final fulfillment of his eternal deliverance from sin would be completed by God when Paul was finally taken to heaven.

- Just in this one verse, we see multiple different contexts and settings of salvation: one past (*“delivered us”*), one present (*“doth deliver”*), and one future (*“will yet deliver us”*). We also find presented both an eternal deliverance (*“so great a death”*) as well as temporal or providential deliverances here in time (*“doth deliver”*).

- 1 Tim. 4:10 – *“For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.”*

- 1) *“the Saviour of all men”*

- Jesus Christ was the Saviour of all men that were given to Him on the cross to save (John 6:37-39, 17:2,4). He saved them all from the eternal wrath of God by His death. Now, this group of all men is not all of mankind “without exception”, but rather “all men” here means all men “without distinction” – *“there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.”* (Col. 3:11)

- 2) *“specially of those that believe”*

- Here we find a “special salvation” for those who have already been saved to eternal life by Jesus Christ. This special salvation is taken hold of by God’s child when they believe on Christ; this “special salvation” is received in addition to eternal salvation.

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1. Distinction of different salvations in the scriptures (continued)

C. Each verse can have a considerably different meaning of salvation, depending on the context or setting that salvation is presented under. To place the salvation that's under consideration into the appropriate context, it's very helpful to find the "from" and "to" in the text. From what situation are the people "saved from" and to what new situation are the people "saved to"? The situation from which one is saved from and saved to affects the setting of salvation under consideration.

- For example, if a person believes they are in danger of losing their job, but their supervisor intervenes and convinces the owner to save their job, the grateful retained employee might say, the manager "saved me". What he actually means is that he was "saved from" losing his job, and "saved to" being allowed to continue working for that company and to provide for his family. Notice the context and setting of the salvation is only related to the man's job status, not his entire life or other areas of his life.
- Another example, is when one might be drowning but a lifeguard dives into the water and "saved their life". The person who was drowning in the correct context was "saved from" drowning in the water and dying, and they were "saved to" continuing to live and enjoy swimming in the future. This presents an entirely different setting for salvation based on the context of what situation a person might be saved from, and what situation that person is then saved to.
- Scripture uses the same type of language that restricts the context of salvation in specific verses as well. In scripture, some texts regarding salvation are teaching an eternal deliverance in an everlasting setting, while other texts teach a temporal deliverance in a setting here in time in this world.

D. Salvation in the scriptures can be grouped into two categories based on the implication of what one is saved from and saved to, and the setting in which that salvation occurs:

- 1) Eternal Salvation
 - The scriptures that teach "eternal salvation" have to do with the "eternal state" of man, and this deliverance saves the elect from the eternal wrath of God. The setting of this deliverance is in eternity, not here in time.
 - In eternal salvation, the elect are "saved from" being dead in trespasses and in sins and the eternal judgment and wrath of God, and they are "saved to" eternal life with God and Jesus Christ in heaven.
- 2) Time or Temporal Salvation
 - The setting of deliverances other than eternal salvation, occur here in "time" rather than in "eternity". Therefore, we attempt to refer to salvations other than eternal salvation as time salvation.
 - Sometimes time salvation is called "temporal salvation" since it occurs here in this world which we can see, whereas eternal salvation occurs in a world that we cannot see. This distinction between "temporal" things and "eternal" things is noted in 2 Cor. 4:18: *"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

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1. Distinction of different salvations in the scriptures (continued)

- E. It's also very important to understand the principles of applying systematic theology in understanding the text that's under consideration.
- There are no contradictions in the doctrine of scripture, so we must keep that principle in mind as we interpret difficult scriptures. No single verse will ever contradict a basic principle of systematic theology when properly understood and the context is properly applied.
 - For example, salvation from God's eternal wrath is given "by grace" of God and not by any works that man can perform (Eph. 2:8-9, 2 Tim. 1:9, Titus 3:5). By definition, grace ("unmerited favor") cannot be based on any work that is performed otherwise grace is no longer grace but rather becomes all of works (Rom. 11:6).
 - Therefore, if we see a text that requires a work or action of man as a condition for the salvation to be obtained, we can automatically conclude that eternal salvation is not under consideration, but the context is teaching some form of time or temporal salvation.

2. Eternal Salvation

- A. Eternity is the setting or context in which eternal salvation takes place. Eternity exists outside of time, since God is an eternal being which exists outside of time (Ps. 90:2). Consequently, since man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27), when man was created, he was given an eternal soul. Therefore, the eternal salvation of man has to do with the eternal state of man's soul.
- B. In eternal salvation, what are we "saved from"?
- i. Saved from eternal death
- The penalty for sin or transgression of God's law is death, and all men have sinned. Therefore, all men are guilty of eternal death from their transgression of God's holy law.
 - Rom. 5:12 – *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"*
 - Gen. 2:17, Rom. 6:23, James 1:15, Ezek. 18:4, Eph. 2:1,5, Gal. 3:10, Rom. 5:18, Rom. 3:10-20
 - Jesus Christ has saved His children from this eternal death by His substitutionary, sacrificial death in our stead on the cross.
 - 2 Cor. 1:10 – *"Who hath delivered us from so great a death..."*
 - John 3:16-17 – *"16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*

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2. Eternal Salvation (continued)

B. In eternal salvation, what are we “saved from”? (continued)

i. Saved from eternal death (continued)

- Jesus Christ has saved His children from this eternal death by His substitutionary, sacrificial death in our stead on the cross. (cont'd)
 - 2 Tim. 2:10 – *“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”*
 - 1 Cor. 15:54-57 – *“54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?... 57) But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

ii. Saved from the eternal wrath to come

- God’s eternal wrath will be exacted upon all those men and women found guilty of transgressing His law. God’s wrath will be meted out upon everyone for whom Christ did not die on the cross. The elect, for whom Christ died, have been saved from this future wrath of God.
 - 1 Thess. 1:10 – *“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”*
 - 1 Thess. 5:9-10 – *“9) For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.”*
 - Rom. 5:9 – *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”*
- This eternal punishment of incurring God’s wrath forever is finally carried out in the lake of fire. God’s children have been saved from everlasting fire by the death of Jesus Christ.
 - Matt. 25:33-46 – *“33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left... 41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels... 46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...”*
 - Rev. 20:11-15 – *“... 15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

iii. Saved from the power of darkness and saved into the kingdom of God’s Son

- Col. 1:13-14 – *“13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”*

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2. Eternal Salvation (continued)

B. In eternal salvation, what are we “saved from”? (continued)

iv. Saved from our sins

- Matt. 1:21 – *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*
- 1 Tim. 1:15 – *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”*
- Heb. 1:3 – *“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty of the throne on high;”*
- Ezek. 36:29 – *“I will also save you from all your uncleannesses...”*

C. In eternal salvation, what are we “saved to”?

i. Saved to eternal life

- Rom. 6:23 – *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- John 3:15-17 – *“15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”*
- John 10:27-28 – *“27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*
- John 17:2-3 – *“2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*
- 2 Tim. 2:10 – *“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:”*
- Matt. 25:46 – *“... the righteous [shall go away] into life eternal.”*
 - Dan. 12:2; John 5:24, 6:40,47; Rom. 5:21; Acts 13:48; Titus 1:2, 3:7; 1 John 2:25, 5:11,13,20

ii. Saved to heaven

- Matt. 25:33-34 – *“33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”*
 - Heb. 11:16, 13:14; Rev. 21-22; Luke 23:43; 1 Cor. 2:9

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2. Eternal Salvation (continued)

C. In eternal salvation, what are we “saved to”?

iii. Effects of eternal salvation

- The elect’s sins are removed from the sight of God
 - Heb. 8:12 – *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”*
 - Heb. 1:3, 10:17; Rom. 11:27; Isaiah 43:25
- The elect have no charges before them in God’s courtroom
 - Rom. 8:33 – *“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.”*
- The elect are made righteous by Jesus Christ
 - 2 Cor. 5:21 – *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*
 - 1 Cor. 1:31, Rom. 5:18-20
- The elect have no condemnation and have been made free from the law of sin and death
 - Rom. 8:1-2 – *“1) There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*
- The elect have been perfected forever before God
 - Heb. 10:14 – *“For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*

D. Means of eternal salvation

i. Saved by Jesus Christ alone

- Acts 4:12 – *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*
 - Luke 2:30, Zech. 9:9, Rev. 7:10, 12:10, 19:1
- Ps. 3:8 – *“Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.”*
 - Jonah 2:9, Isaiah 12:2-3
- Ps. 37:39 – *“But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.”*
 - Ps. 62:1-7, 68:19-20, 89:26; Isaiah 49:6-8; Lam. 3:26
- Isaiah 63:1-5 – *“1) Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save... 5) And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.”*
 - Isaiah 59:16

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2. Eternal Salvation (continued)

D. Means of eternal salvation (continued)

i. Saved by Jesus Christ alone (continued)

- Isaiah 43:11 – *“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.”*
 - Isaiah 45:21-22, 60:16, 63:8-9, 49:26, 33:22; Jer. 11:12, 14:8-9, 17:14, 30:11; Ezek. 36:29; Hosea 13:4

ii. Saved by grace alone

- Acts 15:11 – *“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.”*
- 2 Tim. 1:9 – *“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”*
- Eph. 2:5-8 – *“5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)... 8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*
- Titus 3:5 – *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”*
- Titus 2:11 – *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,”*

E. Duration of eternal salvation

- The salvation that God gave unto His children by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross fully procured the deliverance of the elect’s souls from eternal death and separation from God. It is an “everlasting salvation” – that means it “lasts forever”!
 - Isaiah 45:17 – *“But Israel shall be saved with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.”*
 - Heb. 5:9; Jer. 23:6, 33:16; Hosea 11:17; Zech. 8:13, 10:6
 - Isaiah 51:6-8 – *“6) Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, my righteousness shall not be abolished... 8) For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.”*

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation

A. Some other verses in scripture present a salvation that occurs in the setting or context of here in time and in this world – or in a temporal setting that we can see and observe around us. These instances of salvation have no bearing or effect on a man's eternal destination or eternal salvation. However, there are additional blessings and certain forms of "additional salvation" that can be obtained by the child of God performing certain actions here in this time and world.

- i. There is a salvation that the elect may obtain here in God's church kingdom that is "with" (which here means "accompaniment") their "eternal glory" (or future eternal salvation)
 - 2 Tim. 2:10 – *"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."*
 - 1 Cor. 9:22, 10:33; Acts 13:47, 16:17; 1 Thess. 2:16
- ii. There are blessings for God's children here in this world that "accompany salvation"
 - Heb. 6:9 – *"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak."*

B. Salvation in obedience to the gospel

- i. Saved by belief of the gospel of Christ
 - Rom. 1:16 – *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*
 - Mark 16:16 – *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."*
 - Luke 8:12, Acts 11:14, Acts 16:30-31
 - 1 Cor. 1:21 – *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."*
 - Note that in 1 Cor. 1:18 the gospel is only manifested in power to those "which are [already] saved". In context, the same ones that "are saved" in 1 Cor. v.18 is the same group in v.21 that are saved by belief of the gospel. This again denotes an "additional salvation" in belief of the gospel for those that are already saved eternally by Jesus Christ
 - Compare 1 Cor. 1:18 & 21 with the same distinction of two distinct salvations in 1 Tim. 4:10 – *"For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."*
- ii. Saved by confession of Jesus Christ
 - Rom. 10:9-10 – *"9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

B. Salvation in obedience to the gospel (continued)

ii. Saved by confession of Jesus Christ (continued)

- Acts 2:16-21,39 – *“16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel... 21) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved... 39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”*
 - Joel 2:32, Rom. 10:13

iii. Saved from ignorance of Jesus Christ and the gospel

- Rom. 10:1-10 – *“1) Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3) For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God... 8) But what saith it?... 9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*
- Saved from ignorance and saved to the knowledge of the truth
 - 1 Tim. 2:4 – *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”*
 - 2 Thess. 2:10 – *“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”*

iv. Saved from the untoward generation around us by repentance and baptism

- Acts 2:38-40 – *“38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”*
 - 1 John 2:15-16, James 4:4, Phil. 2:15

v. Saved by repentance from sins

- 2 Cor. 7:10 – *“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”*
 - Heb. 6:1 – *“repentance from dead works”*
 - Acts 2:38, 3:19, 8:22, 11:18, 20:21, 26:20

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

C. Salvation in submission to baptism

- 1 Pet. 3:20-21 – *“20) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waiting in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water. 21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”*
 - Eternal salvation is introduced in 1 Pet. 3:18, where Jesus Christ suffered once for the sins of His people. In addition to eternal salvation, notice the context of salvation in baptism in verse 21 takes place here in time – baptism saves us “now” (*“baptism doth also now save us”*).
 - The effect of the salvation in baptism is directly addressed in verse 21. Baptism does not save one from or put away *“the filth of the flesh”*. In other words, baptism has no bearing on eternal salvation which requires the putting away of the sins of the flesh. Rather the salvation of baptism gives *“the answer of a good conscience towards God”*. This salvation soothes the conscience of the child of God when they are obedient to the command of Jesus Christ to believe and be baptized.
- Mark 16:16 – *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*
 - Acts 2:37-41, 16:30-33

D. Salvation in faithful discipleship

- i. Saved by entering into the door of discipleship in following Jesus Christ
 - John 10:9 – *“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”*
- ii. Saved from death to fellowship with Jesus and the church by our faithfulness
 - James 5:20 – *“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”*
 - Luke 15:24, 1 Tim. 5:8, Ezek. 18:27-28, Ezek. 3:8
- iii. Saved when you keep in memory the word of God
 - 1 Cor. 15:2 – *“By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”*
- iv. Saved by faith
 - Luke 18:41-42 – *“41) Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42) And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.”*
 - Eph. 2:8, Heb. 11:7, Luke 7:50
- v. Saved by hope
 - Rom. 8:24 – *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet have hope for?”*

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

D. Salvation in faithful discipleship (continued)

- vi. Saved by walking uprightly in discipleship
 - Prov. 28:18 – *“Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.”*
- vii. Saved by exhibiting a contrite spirit and meekness
 - Ps. 34:18 – *“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*
 - Ps. 149:4 – *“For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.”*

E. Salvation in studying and applying the word of God in our lives

- i. Saved by the word of God
 - James 1:21 – *“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”*
 - Acts 2:41 – *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”*
- ii. Saved when you keep in memory the word of God
 - 1 Cor. 15:2 – *“By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”*
- iii. Saved by studying and applying ourselves to the word of God
 - 1 Tim. 4:16 – *“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”*
 - This is one instance in scripture where one can *“save thyself”*. Certainly, this is not speaking of eternal salvation since scripture is emphatic that depraved man cannot save himself from hell to heaven by their works. The context where one can save themselves is salvation from the temporal chastisement and punishment of sin in their life, which they can be saved from by taking heed to the word of God in their daily walk of discipleship.

F. Salvation of others

- i. There are some circumstances in scripture where our actions can affect or even secure the temporal salvation or deliverance of others from various things here in this world. These instances of salvation occur as a direct result from our works or actions. Therefore, these works do not produce eternal salvation for others because eternal salvation is obtained by grace alone and not by any works that we may perform (see point 2-D-ii).

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

F. Salvation of others (continued)

- ii. We may save others from death in fellowship by converting them from their sins
 - James 5:20 – *“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”*
 - Jude 23 – *“And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.”*
- iii. Parents may save their children from God’s chastisement by proper discipline
 - Prov. 23:13-14 – *“13) Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14) Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.”*
- iv. We may save others by applying ourselves to the word of God
 - 1 Tim. 4:16 – *“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”*
- v. We may save the sick by faithfully praying for them
 - James 5:15 – *“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”*
- vi. We may save others from persecution by faithfully praying for them
 - Phil 1:19 – *“For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,”*
- vii. We may use our past experiences to console and help others in time of need
 - 2 Cor. 1:6 – *“And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”*
- viii. The faithful spouse may save their unbelieving spouse by faithfulness to the marriage covenant
 - 1 Cor. 7:12-16 – *“... 13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy... 16) For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?”*
 - 1 Pet. 3:1-2

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

G. Providential Salvation

i. Providence

- Definition: “1) The act of providing or preparing for future use or application; 2) Foresight; timely care; particularly, active foresight, or foresight accompanied with the procurement of what is necessary for future use, or with suitable preparation; 3) In theology, the care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures.” (Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828)
- Therefore, “providence” refers to God’s preparations before and during any situation that occurs to procure all the necessary provisions in advance for the benefit and care of God’s children.
- Furthermore, “providential salvation” refers to God’s preparations before and during certain situations or actions in the lives of His people for their benefit and deliverance (or salvation) from all manner of troubles here in this time in their lives, here in this temporal setting
 - Job 5:19-20 – “19) *He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. 20) In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.*”

ii. Saved from death

- Jesus saved the disciples from the tempest on the sea
 - Matt. 8:25-26 – “25) *And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26) And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*”
- Jesus saved Peter from drowning
 - Matt. 14:30-32 – “30) *But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32) And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*”
- God saved Noah and his family from judgment and death in the flood
 - 2 Pet. 2:5 – “*And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*”
 - Heb. 11:7 – “*By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by the faith.*”

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3. Time or Temporal Salvation (continued)

G. Providential Salvation (continued)

ii. Saved from death (continued)

- God saved the Israelites from the Egyptians at the Red Sea
 - Exod. 14:13,30 – *“13) And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today... 30) Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.”*
 - Ps. 106:8-10, Exod. 15:2
- God saved Rahab and her family from death in the conquest of Jericho
 - Joshua 2:13 – *“And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”*
- God used Joseph to save the lives of his natural kindred from starvation
 - Gen. 45:7 – *“And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.”*

iii. Saved from enemies

- 2 Sam. 22:4 – *“I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”*
 - Ps. 18:3, 44:7; Num. 10:9
- God saved Israel from the Philistines by David
 - 2 Sam. 3:18 – *“Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.”*
- God saved Israel from the Philistines by Jonathan
 - 1 Sam. 14:6,23 – *“6) And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or few... 23) So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over Beth-aven.”*
- God saved Israel and Hezekiah from King Sennacherib
 - 2 Chron. 32:22 – *“Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.”*

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iii. Saved from enemies (continued)

- God saved Israel from the Midianites by Gideon
 - Judges 6:14 – *“And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?”*
- God saved Israel by the hand of Jeroboam
 - 2 Kings 14:26-27 – *“26) For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. 27) And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.”*
- God promised to save Israel from the king of Babylon
 - Jer. 42:11 – *“Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.”*

iv. Saved from unreasonable and wicked men

- 2 Thess. 3:2 – *“And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.”*
- Ps. 37:40 – *“And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.”*
- Ps. 59:2 – *“Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.”*

v. Saved from persecutions and afflictions

- Ps. 7:1 – *“O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:”*
- 2 Tim. 3:11 – *“Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”*
- 2 Tim. 4:16-18 – *“16) At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. 17) Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18) And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*
- Ps. 18:17,19 – *“17) He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. 19) He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.”*

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vi. Saved from violence

- 2 Sam. 22:3 – *“The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence.”*

vii. Saved from distresses and trouble

- Ps. 107:13,19 – *“13) Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. 19) Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.”*
- Prov. 11:8 – *“The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.”*
- Job 5:19 – *“He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.”*

H. Other salvations

i. Women are saved in childbearing

- 1 Tim. 2:14-15 – *“14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15) Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”*

ii. Salvation of the poor by God

- Job 5:15-16 – *“15) But he saveth the poor from the sword, from the mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. 16) So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.”*
- Ps. 41:1 – *“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.”*

- iii. There are many, many other instances of deliverance and salvation in scripture that are presented in time and in a temporal setting. We have only considered a few for further explanation. Time or temporal salvation is separate and distinct from eternal salvation. While time salvation often requires an action or work of man as a condition for salvation, eternal salvation is accomplished by the sovereign grace of God, apart from any work of man. We must be very precise in rightly dividing the proper context of the salvation in scripture and to correctly distinguish the setting of the deliverance, whether the salvation takes place in an eternal setting or if it takes place here in time and in a temporal setting.