


SO GREAT A SALVATION

The Grandest Theme In The Scriptures

“The doctrine of salvation... embraces all of the time as well as eternity past and future. It relates in one way or another to all of mankind, without exception. It even has ramifications in the sphere of the angels. It is the theme of both the Old and the New Testaments. It is personal, national, and cosmic. And it centers on the greatest Person, our Lord Jesus Christ.”

—Dr. Charles C. Ryrie

A wooden door frame is shown in the foreground, with a sunset sky and a crowd silhouette in the background. The text is overlaid on the dark red background of the door.

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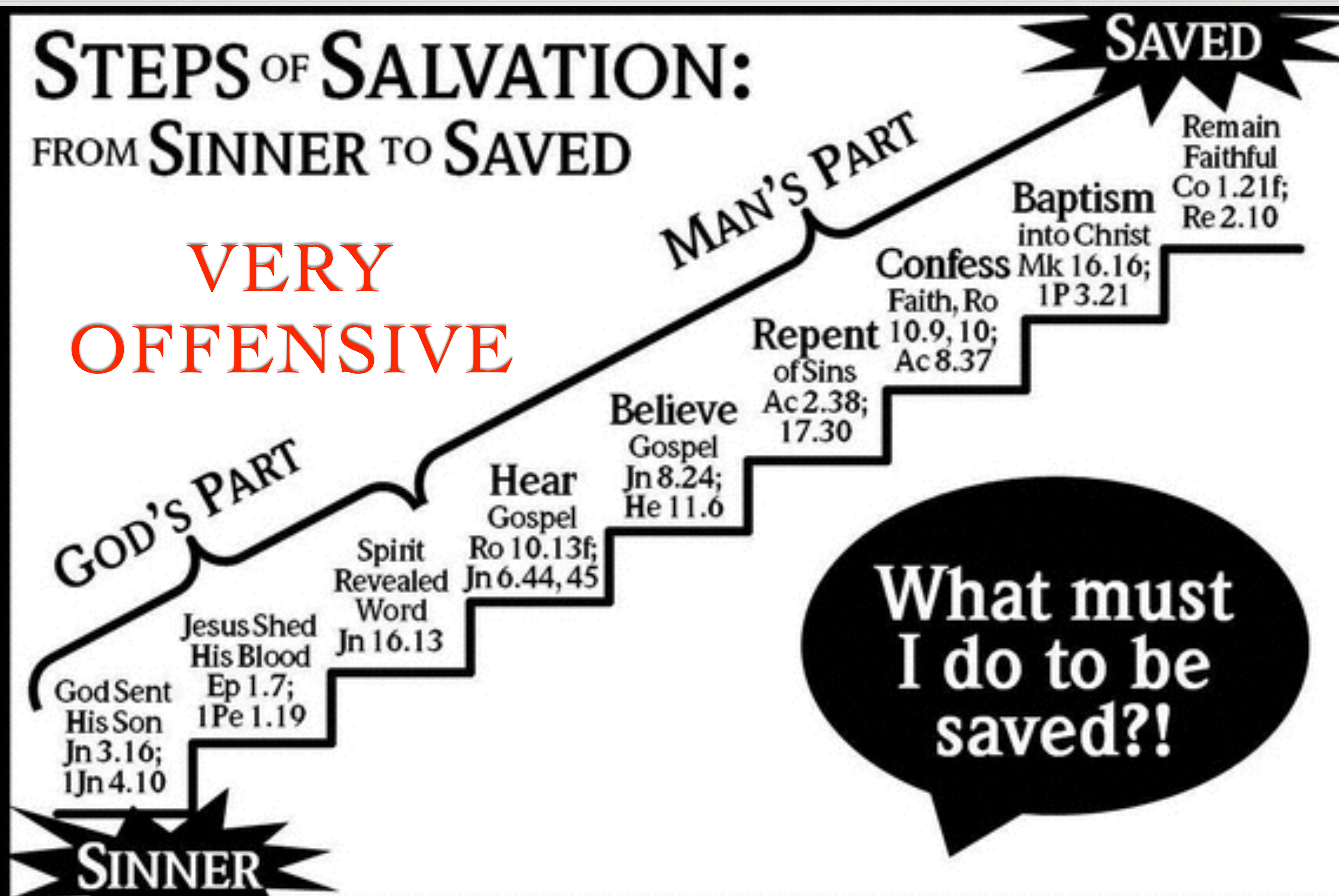
SALVATION

Heb. 2:1-4

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

VERY OFFENSIVE



What must I do to be saved?!

Scope Of

- What do you see here?
 - Eph 2:8 – For by grace you **have been saved**....
 - 1Cor 1:18 – For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.
 - Rom 5:9,10 – Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we **shall be saved** from the wrath *of God* through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we **shall be saved** by His life.

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- The Three Tenses
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Motives Regarding

- Jn 3:16 – For God so loved the world that . Rom 5:8 – But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Eph 2:7 – so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- Eph 2:10 – For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we would walk in them.

Terminology

- OT – yasha – deliverance, liberation
- NT – soter / soteria – cure, recovery, remedy, rescue, redemption, welfare
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Basis

- Rom 3:24-26 – being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Affects

- Rom 8:18-23 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Salvation Is

- A necessary work of God
- An exclusive work of God
- A complete work of God

A Necessary Work of God

- Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through ^aone man sin entered into the world, and ^bdeath through sin, and ^cso death spread to all men, because all sinned

An Exclusive Work of God

- Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the LORD.
- Isa 53:4-6 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

A Complete Work of God

- Rom 8:29-30 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
- Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Jn 3:16; 10:10
- Eph 1 & 2

Salvation's Work on the Cross

- Substitution for sinners
- Redemption from sin
- Reconciliation toward the world
- Propitiation toward God

Substitution for Sinners

- “anti” – in the place of –
 - Mt 17:27 Take that and give it to them for you and Me.
 - 1Pet 3:9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult
 - Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- “hyper” – for the benefit of / in the place of
 - Phile 13 whom I wished to keep with me, so that on your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel;
 - Rom 5:6-8; 2Cor 5:21

Redemption From Sin

- Agorazo
- Exagorazo
- Lutroo

Agorazo

- Rev 5:9,10 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”
- 1Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Exagorazo

- Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”
- Gal 4:4,5 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Lutroo

- set free based on payment
- 1Pet 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.
- Titus 2:13-14 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Reconciliation Toward The World

- katallasso – to exchange enmity for friendship, hostility for peace
- Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- 2Cor 5:18-21

Propitiation Toward God

- hilasterion – Heb 9:5 and above it *were* the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.
- hilasmo –
 - 1Jn 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.
 - 1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

What does Salvation do for me as a Saint

- it assures me of a right standing before God – today
- it assures me of being free from sin's captivity – today
- it assures me of my rights in God's family – today
- it assures me of the rule of grace for my life – today
- it assures me that fellowship with God is the design of my life – today

Right Standing before God – today

- Rom 3:21-26 But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Free from Sin's captivity – today

- Rom 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more
- Rom 6
- without effect (3:3); make void (3:31); made of no effect (4:14); done away with (6:6); released (7:2); and delivered from (7:6)
- Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

My Rights in God's family – today

- Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,
- Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will
- Gal 4:5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
- Rom 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”
- Rom 8:23 even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *OUR* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

The Rule of Grace – today

- Rom 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
- Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- Gal 3:23-25 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.
Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Fellowship with God – today

- 1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous
- Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- 1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

GOD'S INVITATION TO SALVATION

Common Grace – Need For

- Jer 17:9 The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?
- Eph 2:1-3 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- 2Cor 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Channels Of – Natural Revelation

- Jn 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
- Rom 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- Ps 19:1-4 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world.

Channels Of – Natural Revelation

- Acts 14:17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.
- Mt 5:45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.
- Lk 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

Channels Of – Human Government

- Rom 13:1-4 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
- 1Tim 2:1-2 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

Channels Of – Testimony

- Mt 5:13,14,16 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- Col 4:5-6 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Channels Of – The Arts

- Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Decline Of

- 2Thess 2:6-10 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

SALVATION'S OFFER

Salvation's Offer – Universal

- Isa 45:22 Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.
- Isa 55:1 Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- Rev 22:16-17 I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- Jn 7:37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.**”
- Mt 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Salvation's Offer – Genuine

- Jn 1:11,12 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,
- Jn 5:40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.
- 1Jn 5:10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

Salvation's Offer – Supernaturally Promoted

- Jn 16:7-11 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Origin

- Jn 14:17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
- Jn 15:26 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me

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Agency

- Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
- Jn 14:16,17 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

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Nature

- Jn 8:46 Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?
- Rom 3:23-25 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed
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Method

- Phil 2:14-16 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.