

Jesus Is Coming Soon!

WILL YOU BE READY ?

Salvation of the Soul – What is it?

The objective of this book is to provide readers with a better understanding of the salvation spoken of in the book of Hebrews:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation"(Hebrews 2:3).

The purpose of this book is to expound the subject of the salvation of the soul, which has been greatly neglected by the modern church.

GENESIS OF THIS BOOK

When I visited the traditional site for the Sermon on the Mount, Pastor Henry had everyone in our group read one verse from this famous sermon. When it came to my turn, I read the following:

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Mat 5:48).

GENESIS OF THIS BOOK

Oswald Chambers explains this passage concisely:

The perfection of v. 48 refers to the disposition of God in me—'Ye shall be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect' (R.V.) not in a future state, but – You shall be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect **if you let Me work that perfection in you**. If the Holy Spirit has transformed you on the inside, you will exhibit not good human characteristics, but divine characteristics in a human being (Chambers, p. 40).

Sermon On The Mount

The standards set by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount can only be achieved by allowing Jesus to control our lives in our daily walk with Him. By doing this, we can grow into the mature and complete believers of whom Christ speaks. The Amplified version describes it as follows:

***You, therefore, must be perfect** [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], **as your heavenly Father is perfect.** (Matthew 5:48 – AMP) [Lev 19:2, 18]*

Sermon On The Mount

The faith Jesus desires His disciples to realize is mature and complete, reflecting the heavenly Father's character, which embodies holiness and love.

He wants us to rely on His presence in our lives:

*I have been **crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal 2:20)*

By allowing Christ to control our lives we can develop into mature and complete people.

Salvation Of Soul & Spirit the Same?

Most people think that the salvation of the spirit and the salvation of the soul are the same thing even though the Scriptures tell us something different.

The salvation of a person's spirit is very simple.

Acts 16:30-31 tells us: “30) ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’
31)...So they said, **‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’**”

The salvation of the spirit is based on the finished work of our Saviour Jesus Christ at Calvary – the spirit is saved simply by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation Of Soul & Spirit the Same?

While the spirit is saved by believing faith in Christ, the soul is being saved based upon the faithfulness of the believer.

The salvation of person's soul will ultimately be determined when Christ returns:

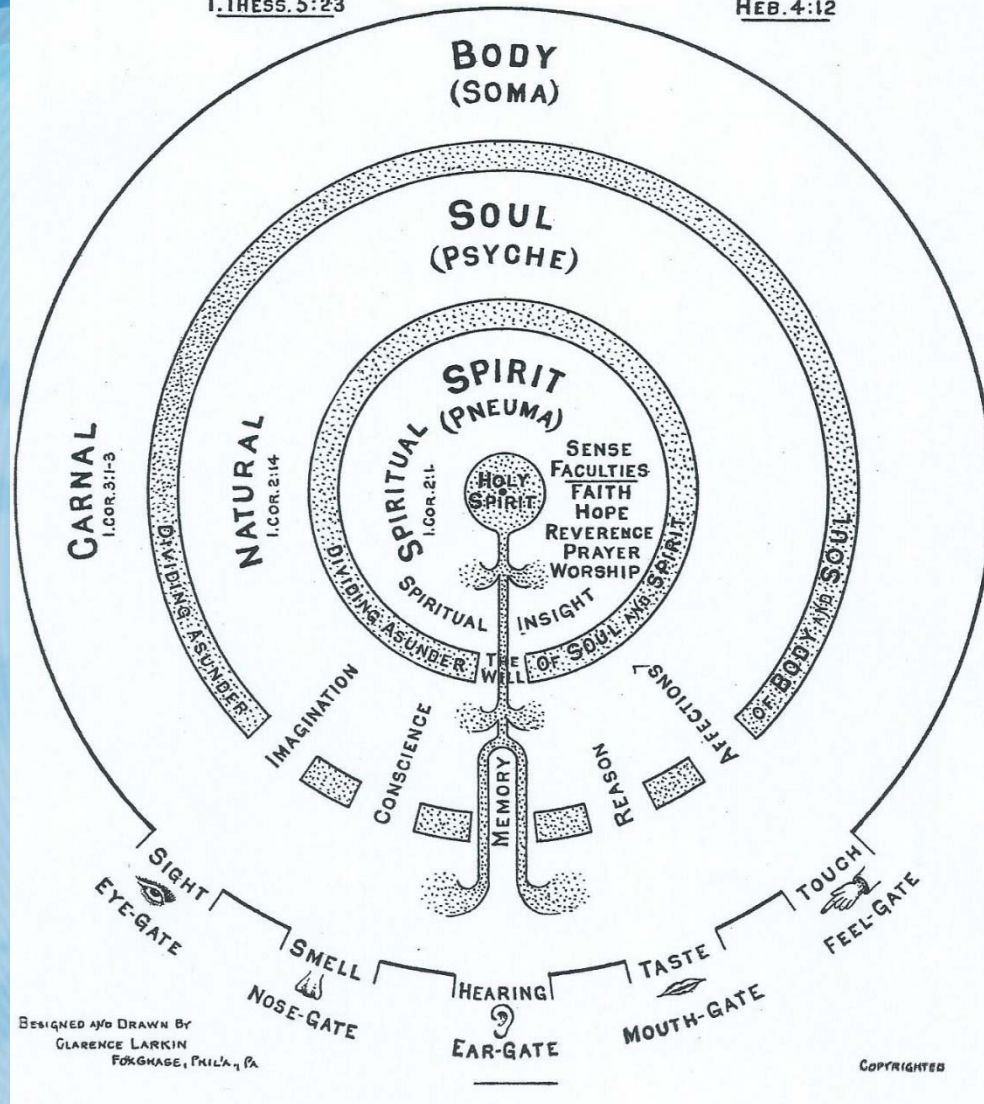
'5) This salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see...9) receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.' (1 Peter 1:5 – NLT, 9)

The purpose of this book is to help believers prepare for the moment when we stand before Christ on that last day.

THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN

I. THESS. 5:23

HEB. 4:12



Three Aspects of Our Salvation

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Justification	Sanctification	Redemption

Our **Spirit** was saved by **GRACE** by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ

- 8) For by **grace** *you have been saved* through **faith**,
and that not of yourselves; it is the *gift of God*,
- 9) *not of works*, lest anyone should boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

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Our **Soul** is being saved by the Life that we Live:

*10) For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus **for good works**,
and which God prepared beforehand
That we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10)*

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We should live according to the Spirit and not the Flesh

*For those who are living according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the **flesh** [which gratify the body], but those who are living according to the **Spirit**, [set their minds on] the things of the Spirit [His will and purpose].*

(Romans 8:5 – AMP)

The salvation of the soul represents an ongoing present struggle that will continue for as long as we live:

*Receiving the **end of your faith**—
the **salvation of your souls**. (1Peter 1:9)*

The **salvation of the soul** will not be achieved until we stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat.

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The salvation of the Soul occurs by **allowing God** to work in us.

The **salvation of the soul** will not be achieved until we stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat. It represents a continuing work of God in our life that requires our cooperation:

*"...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
for it is **God who works in you**
both to will and to do for His good pleasure"*
(Philippians 2:12-13).

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The salvation of the Body occurs after we die in the future.

But when Jesus died for our sins, He paid for the redemption of our entire being, which included our mortal bodies:

*Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption of our body**.* (Rom 8:23)

The redemption of our bodies is a **future** event in which all believers are able to say: **"I will be saved."**

Crucified Life

*I have been **crucified** with Christ;
it is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.
(Gal 2:20)*

Our **old man** was crucified with Christ so we aren't any longer slaves to sin.

*Knowing this, that our old man was **crucified** with Him,
that the body of sin might be done away with, that we
should no longer be slaves to sin. (Rom 6:6)*

While the "**old man**" is dead (it has been crucified), our **soul** still has the same propensities to sin because of our flesh nature (the body of sin). The power of sin keeps **tugging at us** to sin.

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Living the crucified life requires **dying to self** on a daily basis and allowing the Holy Spirit to live His life in us.

By yielding our lives to Christ, we are able to appropriate **His mighty power** and thereby overcome the power of sin in our lives.

Overcomer

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the **world**:
and this is the victory that overcometh the **world**,
even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the **world**,
but **he that believeth** that Jesus is the Son of God
1 John 5:4-5*

All that is required to overcome the **world** is the believer's faith in Jesus Christ.

But to be considered a successful overcomer at the Judgment Seat of Christ, The Christian must also be able to overcome the **flesh** and overcome the **devil**.

Overcomer

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the **flesh**, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (1 John 2:16)*

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [**Devil**] (Ephesians 6:12)*

While we overcome the **world** by our faith in Jesus Christ, the Christian must also be able to overcome the **flesh** and overcome the **devil**.

Only after all three are defeated can we be considered a true overcomer.

Overcomer

The **world**, our **flesh** and **the devil** will attempt to defeat us every single day.

In order to be successful overcomers we must continually die to self and allow the Holy Spirit to direct and empower our lives.

In order to be an overcomer, we must continually seek the Lord's help, realizing that relying on our own strength will not work.

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Overcomer

The overcomer learns to place his life in Christ's hands, and only by abiding in Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit can we exhibit the fruit of His life to this fallen world.

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

28) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30) For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

(Mat 11:28-30)

Goal of Our Faith

CITY OF REWARD

Many in the Church today may not be aware of the possible danger that exists regarding our future inheritance:

*23) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. 24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive **the reward of the inheritance**: for you serve the Lord Christ. 25) But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, **and there is no partiality.***
(Colossians 3:23-25)

The reward of the inheritance the Apostle Paul is describing is dependent on faithfulness. This principle had its roots in the Old Testament (Esau and Reuben – Two Firstborn sons who lost their inheritance)

Millennial Kingdom Prize

24) *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one **gets the prize**? Run in such a way as to **get the prize**.* 25) *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever (a).*

26) *Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27) No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, **I myself will not be disqualified for the prize** (b).*

(1st Corinthians 9:24-27)

King James:

(a) *Incorruptible Crown*

(b) *be a Castaway*

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*"RUN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET THE PRIZE."
I Corinthians 9:24*

Millennial Kingdom Prize

City of Reward

The goal of our faith is to realize the salvation of our soul when we stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat. If we are found faithful, we will receive the **reward of our inheritance** granting us the privilege of ruling and reigning with Jesus in the Holy City.

*22) But you have come to, **Mount Zion** and the city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem** ...23) to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men **made perfect**.*

(Hebrews 12:22-23)

Millennial Kingdom Prize

G.H. Lang saw the magnificent city as a reward for the faithful:

“The heavenly portion is for that limited portion of the saved known in Scripture as “*the church of the firstborn ones who are enrolled in heaven*” (Hebrews 12:23)

- 1) Their calling to this superior dignity is of grace.
- 2) Their pathway to it is marked by sharing the sufferings of Christ.
- 3) Their attaining thereto is the reward that grace will give for the sufferings which grace enabled them to bear unto the end. They might have avoided the sufferings, as in fact many, alas do; in which case they would have fallen short of the grace and have forfeited the reward.” (Lang, p 40, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, Schoettle Publishing © 2006)

CITY OF REWARD

All believers will be part of the coming millennial Kingdom; however, not all will participate in ruling and reigning with Christ. Dr. M.R. DeHan once described this in a tongue-in-cheek manner:

It is analogous to a person going to the White House with the idea of being the Director of the FBI, but finding out when he arrives that he will be mowing the lawn. There is going to be weeping by many Christians when they arrive in heaven and discover they are going to be sweeping up gold dust in the streets.

Pastor Hollandsworth said: I liken it to being a subject in a medieval kingdom, for example. The king would own and rule a vast territory. His subjects would benefit from living in the village...but only those heirs living in the castle would be able to fully participate in reigning and enjoying the beauties and luxuries and opportunities of the king Himself.

CITY OF REWARD

When we stand before Jesus, it can be one of the most glorious moments of our lives and to hear Him say:

Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Lord (Matthew 25:21)

His smiling face will mean that He is pleased with how you allowed Him to rule and reign in your heart. Because of this, He will grant you with the incomparable pleasure of ruling and reigning with Him in the Heavenly Jerusalem.