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**Kingdom Truths Introduced and How One’s Soul is Saved**(This is an older document and the source of commentary is unknown to author of this site.)

**Kingdom Truths Introduced**

**Time Scale**

**One Week (Seven Days)**

The Bible is God’s story of His dealings with this creation (earth) and its inhabitants from ruin ([Genesis 1:1-2a NASB](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2a&t=NASB)) to destruction by fire! The whole of Scripture is, after some fashion focused upon the millennium. Scripture, provides very little information on eternity beyond the millennium.

The time from the creation's (earth's) ruin (*tohu wavohu* "formless and void") to destruction is *one week*, and this one week (seven days) is *divided into six days of work and one day of rest!*

Christ’s *first* coming (when He was crucified and resurrected) was *between the fourth and fifth day*, *leaving three days* (*two work* days and *one rest* day) *before* destruction!

The *one day of rest* (*seventh* day) is the kingdom *time* (millennium)!

Therefore, the two days *between* Christ’s resurrection and the beginning of the kingdom (fifth and sixth days) is the time we (the saved) have to *make ourselves ready* for *acceptance* into the kingdom (on the *seventh* day)!

We (the saved, *both* dead and alive) are *called* into His presence at the judgment seat (rapture) and *either* accepted or *not* accepted into the kingdom!

The fifth and sixth days -- a two day period extending *from* Jesus Christ’s crucifixion at the end of the fourth day *to* the saved appearing at the judgment seat of Christ at the *end* of the sixth day -- we are living in *now*! Actually we’re living *near* the end of the sixth day *near* the rapture!

Now Note: God’s *one* day is equal *1,000 years*; therefore, from creation *to* destruction is *7,000 years*, *i.e.*, the kingdom (rest day) is the seventh *1,000 years* (a millennium)! Just Think! For Christ the earth has existed for *less than seven days!*

*But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.* ([2 Peter 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+3.8&t=NKJV))

**Days Five and Six**

Jesus is a *antitype* of Adam and is called the second Adam!

Adam had a wife who *was* to rule with him; therefore, Jesus Christ *must have a wife to rule with Him*!

Adam’s wife was *removed* from his body; Christ’s wife *must come from His body*!

At Christ’s crucifixion the blood and water that *flowed* from His body *represents* the church. From the church He will *choose those* who will rule and reign with Him (*e.g.*, the chosen, the wedding guest, the bride) in the kingdom. Those *not* chosen in any capacity from the church will *not* be in the kingdom!

The Holy Spirit *began* His search for a bride for Christ *after* Christ’s resurrection at the end of the fourth day and *is* looking and will *continue* looking until the rapture at the *end of the sixth day* where *all* the saved, *from* which Christ will chose a bride, will be *presented* to Him!

(Note: God also has a bride! Israel!)

**Salvations**

As a way of introducing *two* different salvations, one must have an understanding of *two* relationships. The *first* is the relationship between the “law of God” *and* the lost person. The *second* is between the “commandments of Christ” *and* the saved person. The *first* relationship *says* “do and have *eternal* life,” whereas, the *second* relationship *says* “do and have *millennial* life.” The *first* relationship *says* if you fail to keep the law of God, you will suffer *forever* in the lake of fire, whereas, the *second* relationship *says* if you fail to keep the commandments of Christ, you will suffer loss for a *millennium* in “outer darkness” and *possibly* “the blackness of darkness”.

Whereas, the *law of God* is given in the Old Testament, the *commandments of Christ* are in the New - specifically the “Sermon on the Mount” ([Matthew 5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+5&t=NKJV); [6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+6&t=NKJV); [7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+7&t=NKJV)).

Whereas, the *law of God* separates an unregenerate sinner from the presence of God *eternally*, the *commandments of Christ* will *separate* an unrepentant saint from the presence of Christ for a *millennium*.

Whereas, the *final* judgment for lost sinners is called “the second death,” which will last *forever* ([Revelation 20:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+20.14&t=NKJV); [21:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+21.8&t=NKJV)), the final judgment of *apostate* saints is also called “the second death” ([Revelation 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.11&t=NKJV); [20:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+20.6&t=NKJV)), which will *last only for a millennium*. In view of this, the scriptures teach that there is such a thing as an “eternal death,” and a “millennial death.”

**Spiritual Aspect of Salvation**

You *believe* in Jesus!

You are *saved* (spiritual aspect of salvation) because you *believe* (have one act of faith) in Jesus!

This salvation is a *gift* (you don’t have to do anything but believe) from God and *gives* you the following:

*Eternal* life in some form!

A *guaranty* that your body will be saved in time!

An *opportunity* to rule and reign with Christ in the millennial kingdom (seventh day - 1,000 year rest)!

**Second Salvation (of the soul)**

Your gift (spirit aspect of salvation) *positions* you to *allow* the Holy Spirit to work *through* you and produce righteous fruit necessary to *win the soul aspect of your salvation*:

*Continuous* acts of faith!

Not a gift, have to *work* for [allow the Holy Spirit to produce righteous fruit *through* you]!

Work [of the Holy Spirit] is *continuous* and *never ceases*!

Power of the Holy Spirit *through* the Word of God will *cause* you to grow and, as such, *save your soul!*

As you *feed* on the Word and *allow* the Holy Spirit to work *through* you, you will be automatically and continuously *transformed* within, and as a result, *win* your inheritance, *salvation of your soul!*

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**How One’s Soul Is Saved**

*“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his own works* ([Matthew 16:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.26-27&t=NKJV)).

In the preceding verses the Lord uses the words “profit and exchange” which identifies this *present* life of the Christian as “the time of investment.” These are words that can *only* be used in connection with *soul* salvation since one *cannot* gain a profit *until* he makes an investment (is saved). *Neither* can he *exchange* his soul (life) for anything *until* he has a life that *can be* exchanged. Lost people have *nothing* that can be exchanged. Jesus is saying here to the carnal Christian that the world that is to come is *much greater* than this present world. It is so great that even *if* a believer came to personally own *everything* in this present world he would actually profit *nothing*, *if* in the process he *lost* his soul for the coming age (millennial kingdom). For it is *through* the saved soul (acquired *now* by losing it *here* for Christ) that one *inherits* the next world and coming kingdom of our Lord.

*“Wherefore, lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."* ([James 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.21&t=NKJV))

In [James 1:1-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.1-20&t=NKJV) God gives special instructions to *all* believers who are *interested* in having their souls saved. Then in [James 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.21&t=NKJV) He sums it all up by giving *two* commands which are “able to save your souls.” This portion of the book of James teaches us *how* a believer should grow *from* a spiritual milk diet *to* a meat diet and then *on to* a strong meat diet. In verse four God tells us that the salvation of the soul is *based* on the matured faith of the believer; a faith that has *matured* by *overcoming* the trials of this world and by *learning patience*. Therefore the one who *presents* a matured faith at the coming Judgment Seat of Christ will be the *same one* who, in *this* life, *grows* to be “perfect [*lit.* ’mature’] and entire, wanting *nothing*” ([James 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.4&t=NKJV)).

The process of this growth into mature faith is *through* the obedience of God’s command to “lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, *and* receive with meekness the engrafted Word, *which* is able to save your souls” ([James 1:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.21&t=NKJV)). The word “filthiness” in the Greek as used here means “moral defilement” *and* the words “superfluity of naughtiness” mean “super-abundance of wickedness” (this describes a believer under the *control* of his soul, *i.e.* the seat of his *old* nature). Therefore God is saying in this verse that we *must* divorce ourselves from these things *and* open our “spiritual ears” (given you when you were saved) and receive with meekness the engrafted Word of God. As the Christian receives “the engrafted word” into his saved human spirit, the indwelling Holy Spirit takes this Word and opens it to his spiritual understanding. This engrafted or implanted Word, *i.e.* power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, will *cause* you to grow from a milk diet *to* a meat diet and, as such, *save your souls*.

In [Romans 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+12.2&t=NKJV) God tells us more about this powerful implanted Word when He says:

*“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”* ([Romans 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+12.2&t=NKJV))

There are two Greek words that are used in this verse of scripture which tells us how God saves the soul. These words are “conformed” and “transformed,” and they come in the form of a negative and positive command.

The Greek word for conformed is *suschematizo* which means to shape or fashion one thing like another. The force of this word tells us *not* to blueprint or layout our lives in accordance to this present world. This means to *not* allow those of the world to influence you, outline your life for you or become your peers in order to mold or fashion you into what they are. It even means to *not* allow worldly (carnal) Christians or churches to compress you into their own mold of fleshly desires, programs and goals.

For the second word, which is “transformed,” the Greek is *metamorphoo*. This word is in the positive command and means to “transform or transfigure inwardly.” Here God is commanding us *to be* changed inwardly and automatically by having our minds renewed. How is this accomplished? The Apostle Paul in [Colossians 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.10&t=NKJV) tells us that our “new man” is *continually* renewed in the “knowledge” (Gr. *epignosis* or meat doctrines) after the image of the one who created us. This means that you *do not* change yourself, but instead *rely* on the meat doctrines of the Word *to do this for you*. As you *feed* on them they will automatically and continuously transform you from *within*, and as a result *save your soul.*

(Refer to [The Metamorphosis](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-three.php#The%20Metamorphosis) in this site for additional commentary.)

There is still another verse of scripture that helps us understand this automatic change.

*“But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord ."* ([2 Corinthians 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+3.18&t=NKJV))

In this verse the glass or mirror is the Word of God *reflecting* the glory of the Lord (meat doctrines). As we behold this in the reflected Word of God with an open face (continued look), we *are* automatically and continuously changed into the same image of the Lord from glory to glory (the saving of the soul).

**Being Not Conformed To This World, Or Dying To Self**

*Then Jesus said unto His disciples, ”If any man [lit. ‘If anyone of you’] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (25) “For whosoever will save his life will lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (26) “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (27) “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his own works.* ([Matthew 16:24-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.24-27&t=NKJV))

Thousands of sermons have been and are presently being preached on *how* to be saved (salvation of the spirit) using this passage as a text. Those preaching them *have never* heard of the “three tenses of salvation” and *have no idea* of anything beyond initial salvation (salvation of the spirit). This passage however does *not* speak of the salvation of the spirit, *but rather* the salvation of the soul. According to verse 27 it is in the context of “rewards” *not* salvation. Here Jesus speaks of returning in glory and rewarding those who *lost* their lives (souls) for His sake in this present world. This passage then teaches that in order for a Christian to gain rewards at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ he must *deny* himself, *take* up his cross and *follow* Jesus. Three things – deny, cause to die, and follow. This *cannot* be said to be the way of the salvation of the spirit because that salvation is *not* of works lest anyone should boast ([Ephesians 2:8-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.8-9&t=NKJV)). Therefore, it is *the way* to the “salvation of the soul” and *calls* for one *who is already saved to die*.

There are *two* different lifestyles that *can* be lived by a Christian. *One* is a *carnal* lifestyle and the *other* a *spiritual* lifestyle. The carnal life-style identifies any Christian who *rejects* the idea of having his soul saved and *lives* a worldly life while being *satisfied* with *just* being saved. His interests lie in this *worldly* experience together with the power, wealth and popularity that the world offers. In this lifestyle his *unredeemed soul*, which is “self” conscious, *dominates his saved spirit*.

On the other hand one who *accepts* the invitation to have his *soul saved* will *strive* to live a spiritual life, *not* being satisfied with *just* being saved. His interests will be in the coming kingdom and the power, wealth and glory that *can* be his. In this life-style his saved spirit, which is “God consciousness,” will *dominate* his not-as-yet saved soul. According to [Matthew 16:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.24&t=NKJV) a Christian *cannot* even follow Jesus until he *first* “denies” his soul of *enjoying* the rewards of this world and *causes* his soul to *die* by willingly taking up and carrying his *own* cross (instrument of execution of this world). [Matthew 16:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.25&t=NKJV) bears this out by telling us that *if* a believer saves his life *here*, he will lose it *there*, and vise versa.

The new believer must *consider* the costs in striving to have his soul saved since he must be *willing* to lose his life (soul) *here* for Jesus’ sake in order to gain it *there* (rewards) in the kingdom. Once he is willing to pay this price, he may *experientially enter* the second gate (standing grace gate) by faith *gained* from the Word of God. This faith will give him the victory *necessary* to lay aside all prevailing wickedness and to *cleanse* his spiritual ears to hear God’s Word (meat doctrines) that have *already* been engrafted in him at the *new* birth. Likewise, this strong faith that he will *daily* receive, live in, have joy and rejoice in, will *cause* him to become an overcomer in all tribulation and temptation that may enter his life. This in turn will give him patience, experience and *then* hope that can *provide* a life that is mature, entire, and wanting in *nothing*; a life that *experiences* the love of God shed abroad in his heart; a life (soul) that is *being saved* with the *opportunity* to receive his *set aside* inheritance at the Judgment Seat of Christ, a *life that is qualified to rule and reign with Jesus Christ over the millennial kingdom on earth!*

**The Spiritual Pathway Summarized**

*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”* [The first gate – of Positional Grace] (2) *By whom we also have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* [The second gate – the strait gate of Standing Grace] (3) *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;* (4) *And patience experience; and experience hope:* (5) *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us* [the Pathway]. ([Romans 5:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+5.1-5&t=NKJV))

The “way of life” is to *enter* the first gate of salvation (positional grace gate) through faith (*you in* Christ) Then, through surrender of self and by a continuous faith, *enter* the second gate of “standing grace” (Christ *in you*). This *reciprocal* indwelling produces spiritual fruit in the believer’s life and *qualifies* him to run the race of the *narrow* pathway that leads to *life* (millennial life). This race can *only* be finished by the one who has a Christ-controlled life and whose eye is *on* the “mark of the prize of the high calling” ([Philippians 3:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+3.13-14&t=NKJV)). This high calling prize *demands* a striving on the part of the runner to “get out of the way of himself” and let Christ *win the race through him*. This is made possible by *continuously* feeding on the meat of the Word, which *automatically changes the runner inwardly*.

The *obstacles* of this race are tribulation, and temptation. They are *allowed* by God in order to *strengthen* the faith of the runner, which in turn *gives* patience, experience and hope. Through this striving, *it is* Christ that *crosses* this finish line *through* us, and *enters* into the third and *last* gate – the *Strait Gate* of the “bridal chamber and wedding feast.”

**Summary**

One must *make* an investment (initial salvation of the spirit – believe and be justified) *before* one can *make* a profit (salvation of the soul warrants an inheritance)!

One must be *obedient* to God’s commands and *receive* His Word!

One must *continually* feed on the Word which *automatically* changes our minds and transforms us *within*!

One must *deny* enjoying the rewards of this world (causing his soul to die here) and *follow* Christ so his *soul will then come alive there* (salvation of the soul)!

*One must enter the race and strive to cross the finish line and win the salvation of one's soul!*