**How are we saved and who is saved?**

**Matt 25.31-36**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32**All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33**and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. **34**Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35**for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36**I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

[and the story continues…]

*Who is judged in this story – individuals or nations?*

*Who will enter the kingdom?*

**Luke 16.19-23**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20**And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21**who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. **22**The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-25635g" \o "See footnote g)] The rich man also died and was buried. **23**In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-25636h" \o "See footnote h)]

[Hades is the Greek God of the underworld and the place of the dead. It parallels the Hebrew word Sheol]

*In this parable why is one man carried to Abraham and the other to Hades?*

**Luke 23.39-43**

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-25965i" \o "See footnote i)] him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah?[[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-25965j" \o "See footnote j)] Save yourself and us!” **40**But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? **41**And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” **42**Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into[[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25968k)] your kingdom.” **43**He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*What does the criminal do to be promised paradise?*

**Romans 5.18**

Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

*Who does this text say is justified?*

**Romans 10.9**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

*What do we need to do to be saved?*

**1 Corinthians 15.21**

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; **22**for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

*Who does this text say will be made alive?*

**Galatians 2.16**

yet we know that a person is justified[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+2&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-29081d)] not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+2&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-29081e)] And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ,[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+2&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-29081f)] and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

*How are we saved (or justified) according to this text?*

**1 Timothy 2.13-15**

For Adam was formed first, then Eve; **14**and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. **15**Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

[The Greek of this text is very messy and makes little grammatical sense. What ‘she’ and ‘they’ refer to in v15 is not clear]

*What does this text say about salvation?*

**James 2.14-17**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+2&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-30290e" \o "See footnote e)] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? **15**If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, **16**and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17**So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*According to this text are we saved by faith?*

**2 Peter 3.8-10**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. **9**The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Peter+3&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-30514b)] not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. **10**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

*What does God desire according to this text?*