

The Israel of God Bible Study Class

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ARE YOU REALLY SAVED?

If you feel that you are saved, I'm sure that you know the few verses that seem to imply this. Such as (1 Corinthians 1:18) "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God and (2 Corinthians 2:15) "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ in them that are saved, and in them that perish." both of these scriptures are true, but when, how, and what will be saved?

Remember these verses mentioned those that perish as well as those that are saved, and if you are saved then at the same time someone is to perish. If this is the case, we have been judged, and I'm sure we all would remember standing in front of a white throne looking at Jesus and the saints.

Seeing that Jesus is your Lord, then you must confess and confirm (Saint John 5:22) "For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son." This leaves judgment in Jesus hands only. Now we understand (2 Timothy 4:1) "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom."

I'm sure some will say, "What does this have to do with me? I'm saved now. Well consider this (James 4:12) "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who are thou that judgest another." Now if Jesus is your Lord, he is the only one who can judge whether you will be saved or destroyed and this happens at his appearing and his kingdom. Then, after 1,000 years of peace, the Judgment day (where all that have ever lived will be judged, by Jesus and his saints) (1 Corinthians 6:1-3); (Revelations 20:4); (Genesis 22:18) says, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou has obeyed my voice." We know that this particular seed is Christ, so if we believe God, as Abraham did in (Genesis 26:5), and obey his voice, then are we Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise (to possess the land forever). In order for us to receive this promise, we must be able to live forever, but this aging body does not allow us to live that long. But Jesus does, (Philippians 3:20-21), "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (verse

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2), "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body according to the working where by he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." This is the perfect heavenly body we shall bear in (1 Corinthians 15:49) "and as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." At this time you can say, "I am saved."

If you are going to inherit the land forever, then you must have a body that is able to live forever. This is simple. This is the word of God. How else are salvaged from this death that Adam put us in?

Now, we see when we will be saved, how we will be saved, and what will be saved. I know some will still persist in calling themselves saved. Consider (St. Matthew 24:13), out of Jesus own mouth "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." The end is when the Lawgiver appears, who is able to save, or destroy you at his coming. If Jesus is your Lord, who are you to take judgment from him and say you are saved, or destroyed?

Being saved or destroyed is at God's discretion. If you think you are saved now, then you have taken the time of judgment away from Jesus Christ, and given it to the other Christ that Paul warned us of, saying "for if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus" (2 Corinthians 11:4). In (Ezekiel 28:14-16), he calls him "the anointed cherub that coverth." (This is Satan).

We have shown you when you will be saved, which won't be until the appearing of Jesus. This is shown throughout the Bible. We will end this article with (Psalm 98:9) "Before the Lord: for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity." This is prophecy and it cannot be broken!

Now how will you be saved, and what is saved? We know that we must have faith in God, and believe him, as Abraham did. As a matter of fact, "they which are of faith, the same are the

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children of Abraham." (Galatians 3:7). Also, "if you be Christ's then, are ye Abraham's seed, and heir according to the promise."

What a promise? In (Genesis 17), the Lord told Abraham that he would be a father of many nations, and that he would establish an everlasting covenant between him (The Lord), and his seed after Abraham to be a God to them. But read (verse 8) "and I will give unto thee (Abraham) and to thy seed after thee, the land where in thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Now in order for Abraham to possess this land forever, he must be alive forever to receive it. The Lord did not say through your seed, he said, "to thee and thy seed after thee." There is joint ownership of this land forever.