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Soteriology I

Salvation in the Old and New Testaments

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Soteriology

soteria (σωτηρια) + *logos* (λογος)
salvation + word (or study) =
“study of salvation” or
“doctrine of salvation”

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Classic Christian myths about Old & New Testament

- ✓ We're a New Testament (NT) church—we don't use the Old Testament (OT).
- ✓ In the OT, you had to keep the law; in the NT you don't have to keep any law.
- ✓ In the OT, faith was external; in the NT faith is internal.
- ✓ The Old Testament is all about LAW and the NT is all about GRACE
- ✓ As Christians we are supposed to obey the NT and the Ten Commandments
- ✓ I can pick and choose which OT laws I still hold to—like tithing and Sabbath
- ✓ The OT Law was basically bad, and the NT has fixed that
- ✓ In the OT the blood of animals paid for all your sin, and in the NT the blood of Christ pays for your sin

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Salvation in the Old Testament

- ✓ Expectation of a Savior (Gen 3:15; 4:1; 5:28–29; Ps 110:1; Is 9:6)
- ✓ Salvation by Grace not Works (Gen 6:8; 18:3; Exod 33:12, 19; 34:9; Ps 51:1)
- ✓ Salvation is Through Faith (Gen 15:6; Rom 4:1–5)
 - ❖ Object of Faith is the God of the Bible (Gen 15:6)
 - ❖ Faith is not just mental assent; Biblical faith acts!
- ✓ Basis of Salvation is the work of Christ (Is 53:4–10; 52:15; Heb 10:4)

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Salvation in the Old Testament

- ✓ Means of Sanctification
 - ❖ Living a life set apart and pleasing to the Lord demonstrating a changed heart
 - ❖ MOSAIC LAW
- ✓ Instrument for Proclaiming God Among the Nations
 - ❖ ISRAEL

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Salvation in the Old Testament

- ✓ Destiny of the saved is a bodily resurrection and new heavens and a new earth (Job 19:25–26; Is 65:17; Dan 12:2–3)
- ✓ Salvation for Individuals and Nations Made up of Those Individuals
 - ❖ Individuals—Abraham (Gen 15:6)
 - ❖ Israel (Jer 31:31–37; Ezek 36:22–36 [see also Romans 11]; Zech 12)
 - ❖ Gentile Nations (Is 19:24–25)

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Salvation in the Old Testament and New Testament

- ✓ Continuities
 - ❖ By grace alone, through faith alone
 - ❖ Object of faith is the one true God
 - ❖ Basis of salvation is the death of Christ
 - ❖ Destiny of the saved is resurrection and new earth
 - ❖ Salvation involves individuals and nations

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Salvation in the Old Testament and New Testament

- ✓ Discontinuities
 - ❖ Content of faith
 - ❖ Rule of Life
 - ❖ Means of Sanctification
 - ❖ Role of the Holy Spirit
 - ❖ New Testament ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - Regeneration
 - Indwelling
 - Baptizing
 - Sealing
 - Filling

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Three Expressions of God's Law in History

- ✓ The law of the conscience and heart upon all people of all ages (always in operation)
 - ❖ The Creator/creature distinction demands loyalty from the creatures to the Creator (Gen 1 and 2)
 - ❖ Isaiah 24:5
 - ❖ Romans 2:14–15
- ✓ The Mosaic Law Given to Israel (Ex 19 through the death of Christ)
 - ❖ Exodus 19:5–6
 - ❖ Exodus 34:27

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Three Expressions of God's Law in History

- ✓ The Law of Christ of the New Covenant—mediated through and for Israel but extending to the Church and the Nations (from the death of Christ onward)
 - ❖ ISRAEL (Jer 31:31–34)
 - ❖ ISRAEL (Ezek 36:24–27)
 - ❖ ISRAEL (Rom 11:26–27)
 - ❖ CHURCH (Gal 6:2)
 - ❖ CHURCH (Isa 52:15)
 - ❖ ISRAEL (Heb 8:8–13)
 - ❖ NATIONS (Rev 21:24, 26)

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The Three Laws are Distinct from Each Other in Scripture

- ✓ **Continuity**—because they all come from the Lawgiver there is similarity
- ✓ **Discontinuity**—similarity does not mean exactly the same

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