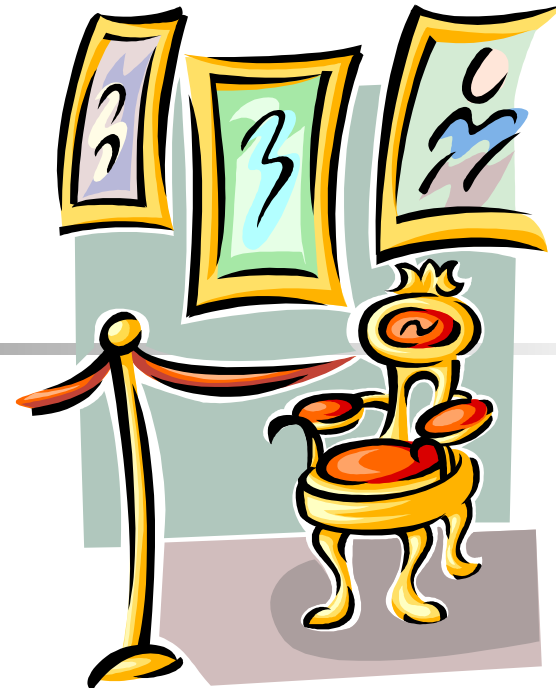


# Biblical Pictures of Salvation

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- Salvation
- Redemption
- Pardon
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- Healing
- Reconciliation
- Adoption
- Regeneration
- Resurrection
- Creation

# Salvation

Rescued  
from danger





# Salvation

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- The problem: In danger from...
  - Enemies
  - Ourselves
  - Wrath to come.
- The solution:
  - Jesus rescues us from all these.
- The Christian life:
  - We are safe!



# Salvation: the problem

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- Danger from enemies:
  - He delivered us from the domain of darkness (Col 1:13)
- Danger from ourselves:
  - Your rod & your staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23:4)
- Danger from God's wrath:
  - Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come (1 Thess 1:10)



# Salvation: the solution

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Jesus rescues us from all these:

- He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification (Rom 5:9)
- He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor 5:21)



# Salvation: the Christian life

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We are safe!

- No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand (John 10:29)
- I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:38-39)

# Redemption



Purchased  
from slavery





# Redemption

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- The problem: In slavery to...
  - Sin
  - Satan
- The solution:
  - Jesus pays the price to buy us back.
- The Christian life:
  - We are free!



# Redemption: the problem

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In slavery to sin & Satan:

- A man is a slave to whatever has mastered him (2 Pet 3:19)
- Everyone who sins is a slave to sin (John 8:34)
- The devil, who has taken them captive to do his will (2 Tim 2:26)



# Redemption: the solution

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Jesus pays the price to buy us back:

- Who gave Himself as a ransom for all (1 Tim 2:6)
- In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace (Eph 1:7)



# Redemption: the Christian life

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We are free!

- Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil (1 Pet 2:16)
- You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness (Rom 6:18)

# Pardon

Forgiven a debt





# Pardon

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- The problem:
  - We owe God a debt we cannot pay.
- The solution:
  - Jesus pays our debt.
- The Christian life:
  - We are free from debt!



# Pardon: the problem

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We owe God a debt we cannot pay:

- When they were unable to pay... (Luke 7:42)
- There was brought to him one who owed him 10,000 talents (Matt 18:24)



# Pardon: the solution

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Jesus pays our debt:

- Having cancelled out the certificate of debt, consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross (Col 2:14)





# Pardon: the Christian life

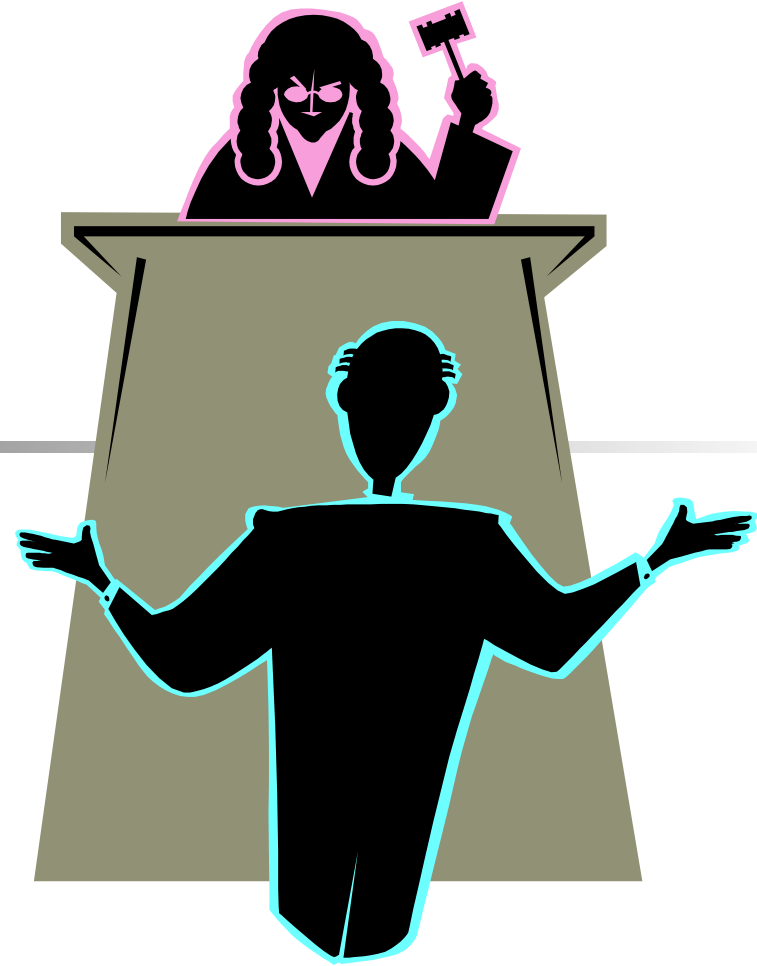
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We are free from debt:

- He cancelled the debts of them both (Luke 7:42)
- Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another (Rom 13:8)

# Justification

Acquitted in court





# Justification

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- The problem:
  - We are (justly) charged with crimes.
- The solution:
  - Jesus takes our punishment.
  - Jesus provides our righteousness.
- The Christian life:
  - We are no longer guilty!
  - We won't be punished!



# Justification: the problem

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We are justly charged with crimes:

- You have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things (Rom 2:1)
- There is no one righteous, not even one (Rom 2:10; Psalm 14:1)



# Justification: the solution

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- Jesus takes our punishment:
  - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us (2 Cor 5:21)
  - He was pierced for our transgressions (Isa 53:5)
- Jesus provides our righteousness:
  - But now a righteousness from God, apart from law ... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 3:21-22)



# Justification: the Christian life

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- We are no longer guilty:
  - Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies (Rom 8:33)
- We won't be punished:
  - Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him (Rom 5:9)

# Cleansing

Washed from dirt





# Cleansing

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- The problem:
  - We are filthy from our sins.
- The solution:
  - Jesus' blood cleanses us.
- The Christian life:
  - We are clean!





# Cleansing: the problem

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We are filthy from our sins:

- All our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Isa 64:6)
- What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean (Matt 15:11)



# Cleansing: the solution

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Jesus' blood cleanses us:

- They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:14)
- Such [sinners] were some of you, but you were washed ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 6:11)



# Cleansing: the Christian life

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We are clean!

- The bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints. (Rev 19:8)
- You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you (John 15:3)

# Healing

Cured  
from disease





# Healing

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- The problem:
  - We are diseased with sinfulness.
- The solution:
  - Jesus is our physician & remedy.
- The Christian life:
  - We are healed!



# Healing: the problem

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We are diseased with sinfulness

- There is no health in my bones because of my sin (Psalm 38:3)
- Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt ... your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head, there is no soundness (Isa 1:4-6)



# Healing: the solution

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Jesus is our physician and remedy:

- He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isa 53:5)
- But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings (Mal 4:2)



# Healing: the Christian life

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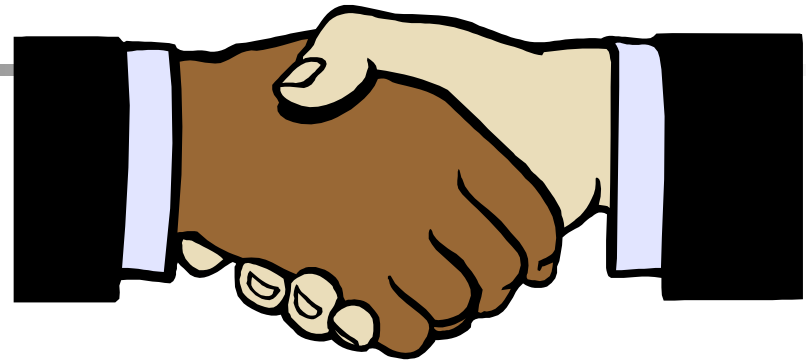
We are healed!

- By his wounds you were healed (1 Pet 2:24)
- I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well (3 John 2)



# Reconciliation

Made friends  
from enemies





# Reconciliation

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- The problem:
  - We are enemies of God.
  - And he of us!
- The solution:
  - Jesus is the mediator.
- The Christian life:
  - We are friends of God.
  - We seek to bring others to Him.



# Reconciliation: the problem

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- We hate God:
  - Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ... against the LORD and his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." (Psalm 2:1-3)
- And He hates us:
  - The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong (Psalm 5:5)



# Reconciliation: the solution

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Jesus is the mediator:

- If while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son... (Rom 5:10)
- All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ (2 Cor 5:18)



# Reconciliation: Christian life

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- We are friends of God:
  - As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you ... I no longer call you servants ... instead I have called you friends (John 15:9-15)
- We seek to bring others to Him:
  - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself ... and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18)

# Adoption

Made son  
and heir





# Adoption

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- The problem:
  - We are children of Adam.
  - We are children of Satan.
- The solution:
  - God adopts us as his own.
- The Christian life:
  - We are now in God's family!
  - We will inherit his kingdom.



# Adoption: the problem

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- We are children of Adam:
  - As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive (1 Cor 15:22)
- We are children of Satan:
  - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire (John 8:44)





# Adoption: the solution

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God adopts us as His own:

- When the time had fully come, God sent his Son ... to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons (Gal 4:4-5)
- You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship (Rom 8:15)



# Adoption: the Christian life

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- We are now in God's family:
  - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:26)
- We will inherit His kingdom:
  - You are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir (Gal 4:7)

# Regeneration

Born a  
second time





# Regeneration

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- The problem:
  - We are by nature unfit due to our sinfulness.
- The solution:
  - God causes us to be born again into a new human race, of which Jesus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam.
- The Christian life:
  - We now have a new (eternal) life.



# Regeneration: the problem

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We are by nature unfit due to our sin:

- The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God ... there is none who does good, not even one (Psalm 14:2-3)
- Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to do evil (Jer 13:23)



# Regeneration: the solution

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God causes us to be born again into a new human race (of which Jesus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam):

- I will ... put a new spirit in them ... They will be my people & I will be their God (Ezk 11:19-20)
- No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again (John 3:3)



# Regeneration: Christian life

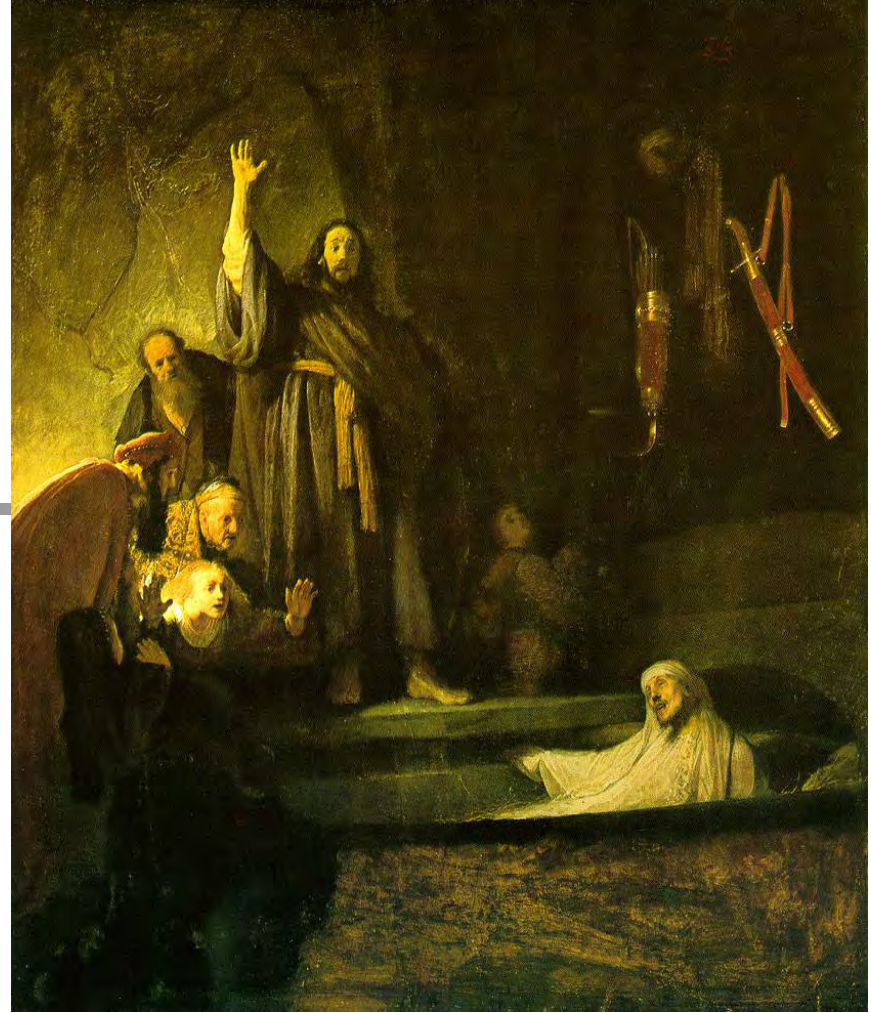
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We now have a new (eternal) life:

- Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life (John 5:24)
- He saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit (Tit 3:5)

# Resurrection

Brought  
back to life







# Resurrection

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- The problem:
  - We are dead in our sins.
- The solution:
  - God makes us alive with Christ.
- The Christian life:
  - We are alive to God.



# Resurrection: the problem

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We are dead in our sins:

- Little do they know that the dead are there, that [Folly's] guests are in the depths of the grave (Prov 9:18)
- You were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world (Eph 2:1-2)



# Resurrection: the solution

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God makes us alive with Christ:

- But God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions (Eph 2:4-5)
- In [Christ] you have been made complete ... having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God (Col 2:11-12)



# Resurrection: Christian life

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We are alive to God:

- This son of mine was dead, and is alive again (Luke 15:24)
- Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:11)
- God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins (Col 2:13)

# Creation



Given a  
new existence



# Creation

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- The problem:
  - We are by nature unfit due to our sins.
- The solution:
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- The Christian life:
  - We have a new existence.



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# Creation: the solution

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God makes us new creations as children of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Jesus:

- If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)
- For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph 2:10)





# Creation: the Christian life

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We have a new existence:

- I will be their God ... They will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest (Jer 31:33-34)
- The old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)
- I am making everything new (Rev 21:5)

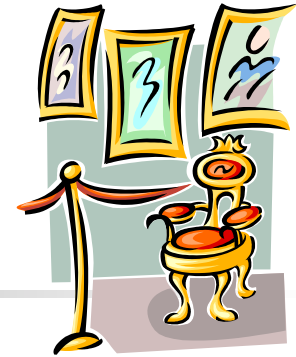


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# Our Salvation



- Praise God for what He has done through Jesus!
- May these pictures help us understand and appreciate who God is and what He has done.
- Do you know Jesus as your savior?



The End

... is just the beginning if you know the true & living God!