

Revelation:

Christ in His Purpose:

The Rapture:

Part II

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” I Thessalonians 4:13-18

How do men get saved?

“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” John 3:1-8

By being ‘born again’

This is achieved by accepting Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.

But what is the actual MECHANISM of salvation?

HOW is it accomplished?

1. By grace (not giving us what we deserve) and by faith.

*“Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast”.***

Ephesians 2:5-8

*“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” **II Timothy 1:9***

2. By being drawn.

*“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” **John 6:44***

3. By being regenerated.

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flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-6

The Holy Ghost gives us a re-birth, or, a regeneration.

Born again means being born a second time, not by water, but by the Spirit.

Born simply means 'born'

Again – *Gr* – another *phonetic*: an'-o'then

1. From above, from a higher place.

A) of things which come from heaven, or God.

2. From the first, from the beginning, from the VERY first.

3. Anew, over again.

All THROUGH Jesis Christ!

HE is the pivotal person of scripture.

-The first prophecies of Him were in Genesis.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy

head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” **Genesis 3:15**

“Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” **Genesis 24:3-5**

-All the OT saints looked forward to his coming.

Not through the law...but through faith.

“For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by

grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:” **Romans 4:13-19**

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”

Galatians 3:6-9

“Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.”

Romans 4:9-12

“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in

tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” Hebrews 11:8-10

“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.” Hebrews 11:17-19

“Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” Romans 3:27-31

Faith in one and one only-Christ!

“This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:11, 12

But what about confession and profession?

*“But what saith it?
The word is nigh thee,
even in thy mouth,
and in thy heart: that
is, the word of faith,
which we preach;
That if thou shalt
confess with thy
mouth the Lord Jesus,
and shalt believe in
thine heart that God
hath raised him from
the dead, thou shalt
be saved. For with the
heart man believeth
unto righteousness;
and with the mouth
confession is made
unto salvation. For
the scripture saith,
Whosoever believeth
on him shall not be
ashamed. For there is
no difference between
the Jew and the
Greek: for the same*

*Lord over all is rich
unto all that call upon
him.” Romans 10:8-
12*

The OT saints were subject to
the same requirement!

*“But unto every one
of us is given grace
according to the
measure of the gift of
Christ. Wherefore he
saith, When he
ascended up on high,
he led captivity
captive, and gave gifts
unto men.”
Ephesians 4:7,8*

*“For Christ also hath
once suffered for sins,
the just for the unjust,
that he might bring us
to God, being put to
death in the flesh, but
quickenened by the
Spirit: By which also
he went and preached
unto the spirits in
prison;” I Peter 3-18,
19*

Even though the Spirit (in the
fulness of the Baptism) had
not yet been given.

*“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”** John 7:37-39*