



# THE BIBLE AS: A SALVATION OMNIBUS

*Theme: Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness... (2 Peter 1:3)*



## Introduction:

1. As a forward to this lesson, perhaps a definition of omnibus is in order, to show its relevance to the subject at hand. Omnibus: a printed anthology of the writings on related subjects, including many things or classes; covering many things or situations at once: from the French "(vehicle) for all."
2. In this sense the Bible is the work that covers all aspects of the subject of salvation far and above any other volume. Also as a work of divine inspiration it deals with the subject from a perspective that man could never in all his contemplation ever fathom.
3. The simplest and truest way to deal with the subject is to consult an exhaustive concordance and look up the words "save", "saved", "salvation" and any other related words to get a full idea of what God is trying to save us from and what the process is He chose to use as embodied in the gospel. As Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation." (Romans 1:16)
4. Of course, admittedly, this lesson could not fully expend the research in the allotted time. But having recommended the appropriate tool for your own use, we will demonstrate in what time we have, that there is a lot more to the problem of man's salvation than most religious faiths are willing to admit to.

## A. What We Are Saved From

1. Most of the world does not seek out salvation because they are totally ignorant that they need to be saved from something. Every other non-Christian religion fails in this aspect. Not knowing about the true living God, He has revealed nothing to them through their priests or prophets.
2. It is only through the legitimate prophets, apostles, and especially the Son of God Himself, that it is revealed what the grace of God can protect and deliver us from.
3. Following is an example and is not meant to be comprehensive.

*Luke 1:70-71 -- As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old – Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.*

*Matthew 6:9-13 -- Pray, then in this way: ...and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil [Literally - the evil one] (Compare 1 Peter 5:8 – Satan).*

*Romans 5:9 -- Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

*Matthew 1:21 -- And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.*

*Luke 19:10 -- For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

*Acts 2:40 -- And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."*

*Hebrews 5:7 -- In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.*

*James 1:21 -- Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.*

*1 Peter 1:9 -- Obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

*James 5:20 -- Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.*

4. There are also related topics that demonstrate clearly that there are things to be warned about and which man needs to be concerned with concerning salvation:

**Matthew 25:46** -- And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

**Romans 2:5-10** -- But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, but glory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**2 Peter 3:10-11** -- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.

## B. Things Bringing About Salvation

1. Not only does no other religion tell us of the danger we are all in from God Himself, they offer nothing in the way of help or means to reconcile us to Him.
2. The new covenant, the only one that has been instituted by an acceptable sacrifice and blood offering, is the only instruction that we have concerning what God has done for us and what we must do on our part to meet His expectations of us.
3. Also, as we look at the list, it is very easy to stress or pick one item over others. Many teach that all you have to do is believe. Those verses are listed. But why pick just that one. Why not just pick baptism? Or fear? Or confession? Because salvation requires all (See Matthew 28:20) the Bible lists all.

**Titus 2:11-12** -- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.

**Luke 8:12** -- And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.

**Acts 8:12** -- But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

**Marks 16:16** -- He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

**John 5:24** -- Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

**John 10:9** -- I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**Acts 2:21** -- And it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Acts 4:10 - 12** -- Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health... And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.

**Romans 5:10** -- For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Romans 8:24** -- For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?

**Romans 10:9-10** -- That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

**Romans 10:13** -- For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. (See context verse 14-15)

**1 Corinthians 15:1-2** -- Now I make known to you brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. (See also Ephesians 1:13)

**Ephesians 2:8-10** -- For by grace you have been saved (See verse 5) through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Philippians 2:12** -- So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10** -- And with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

**Titus 3:5** -- He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

**1 Peter 3:21** -- And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Jude 23** -- Save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

**2 Corinthians 7:10** -- For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (See also Acts 2:38)

**2 Thessalonians 2:13** -- But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

**2 Peter 3:15** -- And regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation...

### C. The Place of the Church

1. There are too many who think that all you have to do is believe. Interestingly enough, these are usually churches that have tremendous out-reach programs, and busying themselves building “Christian” schools and hospitals, even in foreign lands.
2. On the other side, there are those who believe, as James put it (James 2:14-26), that faith without works is dead, but the last work they do is being baptized.
3. In both cases, and many others, people fail to see the value of the church in God’s process of salvation. But observe that Jesus came to build His church for a purpose. It was the church that He died for. It is the church (His body) that He is going to save at the end. If one has done all else, but neglects his worship and service to God through the church, he has still lost out on salvation.

**Matthew 16:18** -- ...and upon this rock I will build My church....

**Acts 2:47** -- And the Lord was adding to their number [the church, chapter 5] day by day those who were being saved.

**Acts 20:28** -- Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Ephesians 5:25,23** -- ...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. ...As Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.