

THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY

THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY DOCTRINE OF SOTERIOLOGY (THE STUDY OF SALVATION)



KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FAST



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Be real careful how you debate or discuss this subject. You and I don't get to decide who goes to Heaven or Hell. Do you know why? You and I didn't die on that cross. That's why. DH

I came across my view on this subject completely on my own. I have never heard anyone teach this, so if incorrect, I have only myself to blame. Having said that, since figuring this out through Bible Study authorship, I have found many who agree both historically and present day.

This is so obvious to me after having learned this, I am confounded that it is not common knowledge. Just maybe, this paper will bless someone.

It is my strong suspicion that anti-o.s.a.s. people going to love all the ammo here. DH

First let's look at the current versions of Soteriology, or as defined by Websters dictionary, the study of salvation, specifically as dealing with Jesus Christ. Those that incorporate pieces of my view I have noted with a blue Asterix. *

Classical Soteriology:	Focuses on Salvation by grace through faith in Christ. *
Pelagianism:	Argues that human can achieve salvation through works without grace.
Augustinianism:	Asserts that original sin affects all humans, necessitating divine grace for salvation. *
Calvinism:	Emphasizes predestination, where God has already chosen who will be saved, and we are irrelevant in our salvation. *
Arminianism:	Proposes that although God is sovereign, we have free will, and may choose to accept God's free gift of salvation or not. *
Universalism:	This view purports that everyone will ultimately be saved, regardless of our earthly choices in this life.
Liberation Theology:	Connects salvation with social justice, advocating for the oppressed and marginalized.
Process Theology:	Views salvation as a process of becoming saved rather than a one-time experience.
Mystical Soteriology:	This position focuses on an experience with "the divine" rather than a list of dos and don'ts.
Comparative Soteriology:	Seeks to combine seeming truths across all religions to find common ground.
Ransom Theory:	An early church father soteriological theory that Jesus' death was a ransom paid to Satan by Jesus for our souls.
Moral Influence Theory:	That Jesus sacrifice would inspire us to lives of sacrifice and service to the poor and needy. This theory has morphed into Liberation Theology.
Penal Substitution Theory:	That Jesus sacrifice paid the price for our sin, allowing God to be just and merciful. *
Scapegoat Theory:	Jesus is the scapegoat in a dualist messianic theory, or a single scapegoat, from the Old Testament scapegoat offering.

My View on the subject:

1. I believe it is God's *will* that everybody be saved. We are saved when our name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
2. I believe not everyone will be saved despite God's desire. In fact, the majority of humanity will not be saved. This truth is made possible due to free-will.
3. I believe every person ever conceived, was written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the foundation of the world.
4. As we grow and mature, the sin nature in all of us, causes us to wax cold to God, and ultimately for most, God removes our names from the Lamb's Book of Life.
5. God can put us back in the Lamb's Book, and remove us from the same, and put us right back in again. We also may walk away. He is sovereign, and we have free will.

God's Word on these five points: *It's OK to disagree, but even if you do, you probably will pick up a few references you may have been looking for, or may become reacquainted with some verses you haven't read in awhile that will encourage your heart. Enjoy.*

1. I believe it is God's will that everybody be saved.

⁴ God wants everyone to be saved and to fully understand the truth. ⁵ There is only one God, and there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus, who as a man ⁶ gave himself to pay for everyone to be free. This is the message that was given to us at just the right time. **1 Timothy 2:4-6**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." – **John 3:16**

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." – **2 Peter 3:9**

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." – **John 12:32**

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people." – **Titus 2:11**

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"
– **Psalms 96:3**

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'" – **John 11:25**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." – **Romans 10:13**

*"Come to me, **all** who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28*

*"**Let anyone who is thirsty come.** Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life." –
Revelation 22:17*

*"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let **the one who hears** say, 'Come.'"
– Revelation 22:17*

*"I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but **that the wicked turn from his way and live.**" –
Ezekiel 33:11*

*"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that **the world
might be saved through him.**" – John 3:17*

*"**Everyone** who looks on the Son and believes in him **should have eternal life,** and I will raise him
up on the last day." – John 6:40*

*"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of **God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**" – 1 Timothy 2:3-4*

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. **For as many of you as were baptized
into Christ have put on Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you
are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. -Galatians 3:26-29

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does
sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for
our sins, and not for ours only **but also for the sins of the whole world.** And by this we know that
we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but
does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his
word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ...
-1 John 2:1-29*

*If we confess our sins, **he is faithful and just** to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. -1 John 1:9*



That first point was pretty good, huh? Only the Calvinists are mad so far.



2. I believe not everyone will be saved. In fact, the majority of humanity will not be saved.

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life,
and few there be that find it. -**Matthew 7:13-14**

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life,
he was thrown into the lake of fire. -**Revelation 20:15**

Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved;
but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. - **Matthew 24:22**

Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. -**Mark 13:20**

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

For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; -**2 Corinthians 2:15**

hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost.
-**1 Thessalonians 2:16**

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. -**2 Thessalonians 2:10**

²³ Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
²⁴ Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. -**Luke 13:23-24**

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. -**Matthew 7:21**

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." -**Luke 18:15-17**

Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that **your names are written in heaven.**" -Luke 10:20



**Well class, we just lost the Unitarian Universalists,
but the Baptists and the Quakers like us a little bit more.**



3. I believe every person ever conceived, was written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the foundation of the world.

⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. **And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world** will marvel to see the beast, because it was and ...

Revelation 17:8

"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, **but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life**".

-Revelation 21:27

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; **And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.** -Psalm 139:16

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, **everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb** who has been slain. -Revelation 13:8

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, **everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.** -Daniel 12:1

Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names are in the book of life.** -Philippians 4:3

and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but **only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.** -Revelation 21:27

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. **But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.** -Daniel 12:1



Not sure where we stand now.



4. As we grow and mature, the sin nature in all of us, causes us to wax cold to God, and ultimately for most, God removes our names from the Lamb's Book of Life.

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

-Revelation 3:5

Add iniquity to their iniquity, And may they not come into Your righteousness.

May they be blotted out of the book of life

And may they not be recorded with the righteous. -Psalm 69:27-28

Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, "Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves. But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!" The Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. -Exodus 32:31-33



Well, there goes the Calvinists, Reformed Baptists and the Presbyterians.



5. God can put us back in the Lamb's Book, and remove us from the same, and put us right back in again. He is sovereign, and we have free will.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Romans 11:17-24

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

-John 15:1-10

"Yet now, if You would only forgive their sin. But if not, please blot me out of the book that You have written." The LORD replied to Moses: "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot out of My book." **-Exodus 32:32-33:**

"Like them, he who overcomes will be dressed in white. And I will never blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and His angels." **-Revelation 3:5**

"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. And there were open books, and one of them was the Book of Life. So the dead were judged according to their deeds, as recorded in the books." **-Revelation 20:12**

"But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." **-Revelation 21:27**

"May they be wiped from the Book of Life and not listed with the righteous." **-Psalm 69:28**

"At that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book-will be delivered." **-Daniel 12:1**

"And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." **-Revelation 20:15**

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. -

Revelation 20:11-15



Don't punch anyone in the nose over this. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, and help the weaker brothers and sisters along the way. DH



