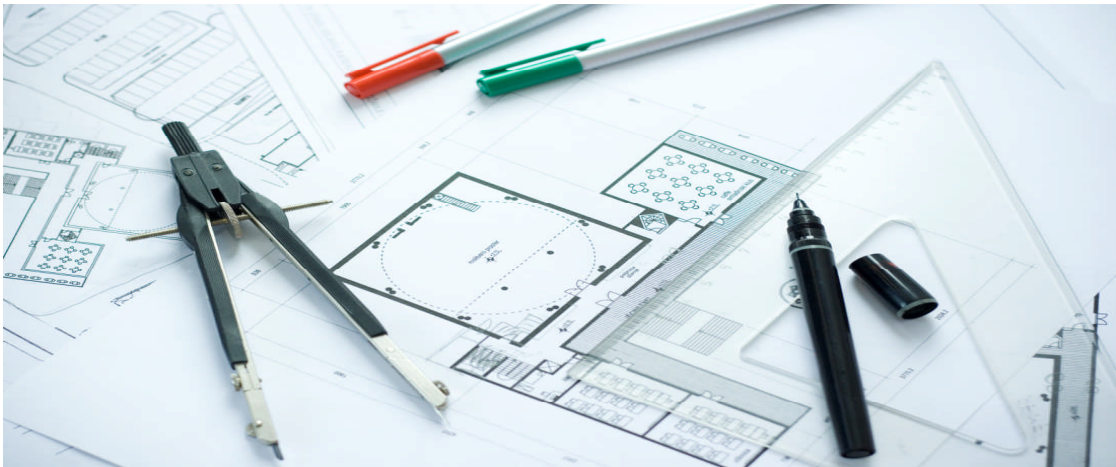


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# Salvation BY DESIGN

A SERIES FOR THE MATURE DISCIPLE AND NOT FOR  
THE WEAK OF CONSCIENCE

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## What is Salvation?

***No other name***

“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” (Acts 4:12).

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*This study will use scripture giving preference to the King James version of the Bible*

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## Foreword

Salvation is the most extraordinary gift ever offered to humanity, yet many believers never fully grasp the depth of what God has accomplished in them. *Salvation by Design* invites the disciple to slow down, reflect, and rediscover the awe of being rescued from the law of sin and death and brought into new life in Christ. This study is written for those who desire more than a surface-level understanding—those who want to appreciate the miracle of rebirth, the power of faith, and the love of a God who pursues each soul with relentless compassion.

Through Scripture, reflection, and careful explanation, this work reveals salvation as both a divine rescue and a divine purpose. It shows that believers are not only saved *from* something but also saved *for* something: a life of obedience, intimacy with God, and spiritual transformation. May this study deepen your gratitude, strengthen your faith, and renew your sense of wonder at the God who calls you His own.

## Summary

The document presents a rich, Scripture-based exploration of **salvation**, emphasizing its meaning, its impact, and the divine love behind it. It highlights that salvation is not merely a theological idea but a life-altering event that transforms a sinner into a new creation.

## Key Themes

### 1. Salvation and the Word-of-Faith

Salvation is inseparable from faith. Believers are saved by grace through faith, empowered to obey God, and called to speak, hear, and apply God's Word. Faith is the conduit through which salvation becomes active in the believer's life.

### 2. What Salvation Is

Biblically, salvation has two sides:

- Being saved *from* sin, death, and judgment
- Being saved *for* life with God, righteousness, and eternal purpose

Humanity is helpless without a Savior, and God reveals both the need for salvation and the Savior Himself.

### 3. What Happens When Someone Is Saved

Salvation is a cosmic event celebrated by heaven. The believer is transferred from death to life, made spiritually alive, forgiven, and adopted into God's family. This transformation is immediate, profound, and deeply personal.

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## 4. The Meaning of Salvation

Salvation is the beginning of a relationship with God. It reveals divine love, frees the believer from sin's bondage, and opens the door to eternal life. It is a miracle of grace, not human effort.

## 5. Jesus as the Good Shepherd

Jesus pursues the lost with personal, sacrificial love. The parable of the lost sheep illustrates God's relentless pursuit of each soul and the joy of heaven when one sinner repents.

## 6. The Role of Jesus in Salvation

Jesus' sinless life as the second Adam that included his sacrificial death as the lamb of God, his victory over sin and death, his resurrection putting on incorruption and finally, his victorious return to glory are the foundation of salvation. He bore humanity's sin, satisfied divine justice, and secured eternal life for all who believe.

## 7. The Gift of Faith

Faith is God's gift to all men enabling them to believe and trust His promises and to walk in obedience to His commands. It is active, dynamic, and essential for spiritual growth.

## 8. Conclusion

Salvation transforms identity, destiny, and daily living. It empowers believers to walk in righteousness, trust God's Word, and grow into spiritual maturity.

## 9. Federal View of Adamic Nature

A short report by the author is given with respect to the nature of the two Adams as recorded in scripture by Paul the apostle. A very powerful insight is explored and the significance to the mechanism of the cosmic legal challenge where the second Adam (Jesus) became a quickening spirit, the first in resurrection. It explores the significance of the Word in John 1:1 where the Word (the divine Spirit of Christ) became flesh. There is a very popular but false doctrine that is widely accepted that claims that Jesus was "fully God and fully man in a dual nature" or as a divine and human single natured being. This doctrine was established by the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD). This study challenges this doctrine as one of the doctrines of excuses because it has been used to excuse sinful living and to elevate Mary mother of Jesus toward a false claim of Mother of God assigning deity to Mary rather than blessed among women.

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## Believe the Word

God demonstrates to us that words matter. In fact, His words created all matter. He speaks things into existence. There is a heavenly language of authority and power and majesty. The Bible describes wondrously the word was with God and was God. The Greek rendering of the word “word” is the “logos.” This one term “logos” is one of several Greek words translated as “Word.” Considering the logos there is reasoning and a choice set before us. One needs to decide if the Bible is true. One needs to decide if it is relevant. One needs to decide to connect these preserved words that are quick and powerful so that they can be activated in our lives in obedience to God’s plan for our lives.

In the New Testament book of Hebrews we learn that Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Words spoken in faith can release the power of God in our lives. They can transform our lives as it renews our mind. Call it a mystery but consider that the Book of Revelation says that there is a blessing to the reader who reads the book of that prophecy aloud, see Revelation 1:3 and additionally, the warning that one should not add or take away any of the book recorded by John, Revelation 22:18.

(Revelation 1:3)

*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

(Revelation 22:18)

*For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.*

## Word-of-Faith

The sanctification process and maturation of a disciple of Christ includes an ever-increasing understanding and application of the word-of-faith. The creative power as spoken and as used in prayer engages the creator and creature in actions of obedience to accomplish God’s will on earth. The “Lord’s prayer” contains the revelation of our responsibility and God’s readiness to have us accomplish God’s will in our lives. What is required is to be humble and submit our will to serve by faith and please Him – Consider the Lord teaching us to pray from Matthew 6:10 in part – “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” These are not wasted words empty of meaning. How are we to account of an obvious limitation of God’s will in the earth expressed in the Lord’s prayer? Why pray for God’s will to be done on earth and at the same time acknowledge that His will is done in Heaven? Why the obvious short coming about God’s will failing to be on earth and how it points to us to ask for this? When we pray, “thy will be done on Earth” it is saying, God use me as your servant to bring your will into the earth. His word includes the instructions to ask, seek and knock as described in Matthew 7:7-14.

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## What is Salvation

The Biblical understanding of Salvation in general has two parts. First, someone is being saved from something and second, someone is being saved for something. God has revealed through the scriptures that there was a plan of salvation through the prophets. What cost might be required for such a plan that could change the course of fallen man from a destination hell to a destination heaven?

God has been gracious to give us language and reason so he might reason with us that we have a need for a savior and how impoverished we are spiritually to be deceived in such a manner as to accepting the consequences of sin unto death given the fall of the First Adam. God stands ready by the victory in Christ (the second Adam) to reveal the good news that will lead to eternal life with purpose and joy evermore. All men will be given the opportunity to accept the Gospel so man will be without excuse if he rather rejects the Gospel. The consequences of our sin if unresolved and unforgiven will receive the wages of sin unto death. If you hate evil and if you are unsatisfied with a life of sin, then when challenged by the Gospel consider the love of God and accept that Gospel unto salvation. If you choose to accept salvation and enter the kingdom of God through Christ, then it will free you from bondage under the law of sin and death. One of my favorite scriptures in the New Testament is that of Simeon around the time of Christ's birth.

(Luke 2: 25-35)

*And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for God after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*

It is unclear how ten verses bridge the Old and New Testament so completely. The plan of God so clearly is offered as a gift of grace that if accepted by faith in Christ, then we will be freed from the tyranny of sin and be free to follow the risen savior. Where that path to salvation is only through Christ. There are no other paths and no other names under heaven where death and life are at stake for mankind. That the salvation offered is through the savior Jesus Christ.

## What happens when Someone is Saved?

Salvation is offered to a sinful man through a transactional and critical event assured by the sinless life of Jesus and his death on the cross. This blood sacrifice was required to satisfy the debt due to the first Adam's disobedience. Almost all have heard that God so loved the world he gave his only son that whosoever would believe on him shall be saved. This sacrifice of Jesus qualified him as a lamb without blemish (without sin). Now by faith in God's word an individual accepts and confesses that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came into the world to save

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sinners. Alternatively man can deny the gift. It is not only a turning point in the life of the sinner but also an event of cosmic significance, celebrated with awe and rejoicing by angels in heaven when one turns to Christ. In this, life and death are in the power of the tongue.

(Luke 15:10)

*In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

This moment of salvation (from hell bound to fit for heaven) reflects the immeasurable depth of God's love, a gift of grace that promises eternal life. When the knowledge of Salvation came to me, it was sure and with it a knowledge of something far greater than my understanding would allow, entering this new life. A change of heart, a sonship with my maker that has depth and breadth that is just beyond comprehension but fully satisfying within making peace with God and having the Peace of God. At that moment, you are changed from death unto life. Your spirit being made alive by faith in the work of the cross. So now what?

## The Meaning of Salvation

For a young believer, salvation represents the beginning of a personal relationship with God. It is the discovery of divine love—a love so vast and infinite that it compels God to send His Son into the world that we might be saved after falling short from the first Adam's curse from disobedience and falling prey to Satan under the law of sin and death.

(John 3:16)

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in God shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Salvation opens the door to a life of purpose, hope, and assurance, offering freedom from the bondage of sin and the promise of eternal communion with God avoiding the wrath of a just God and eternal punishment. There is no way to sugar cote that there is a consequence for sin.

This event should be meaningful to the new believer because it signifies a complete transformation. It is not merely a change in status but a rebirth—a spiritual awakening that reveals the beauty of living in God's grace.

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Salvation is therefore a miracle of grace that underscores God's personal care for each individual soul and why He wishes for all to be saved. Saved from His wrath on account of sin but more so saved to heaven for all eternity respectfully in relationship with God.

## Jesus as Shepherd: Leaving the Ninety-Nine for the One

One of the most compelling images of God's' love is found in the parable of the lost sheep.

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(Luke 15:4-7)

*What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

In this parable, Jesus describes a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that is lost. This act illustrates the value of every single soul to God. The shepherd's relentless pursuit of the lost sheep reflects the personal and sacrificial love of Jesus, who came "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). It demonstrates that salvation is not just a general offer to man but an intimate and intentional rescue of each person, a transaction accounting for the debt of sin on all men but also a transformation from death unto life, enabled to live an abundant and eternal life with intimacy with God reminiscent to the Garden but so much more as Jesus, is the Good Shepherd and cares deeply for his flock.

(John 10:14-15)

*I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

This connection between the shepherd and the sheep mirrors the relationship believers share with Christ. For the young believer, the parable of the lost sheep reveals that they are cherished and sought after by the Savior, even when it feels as though they are insignificant or forgotten. It is a reminder that God's love is persistent and His grace is abundant.

## The Role of Jesus in Salvation

Jesus plays the central role in salvation. His life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of the believer's hope. This verse in Romans encapsulates the required sacrifice as obedient unto death:

(Romans 5:8)

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

By becoming flesh and taking on human form, the challenge required living a sinless life unlike Adam in the garden. Jesus was considered the second Adam and enduring the cross unfairly cursed and killed. Jesus took on himself the sin of us all and died, yet he had no sin. This innocent blood sacrifice satisfied the debt of the penalty of sin. Jesus bearing those sins vicariously and on behalf of the sinner. This injustice of Christ becoming sin is what made it possible for us sinners to be reconciled with their Creator.

Moreover, Jesus' resurrection is the evidence of eternal life for those who become believers. This event assures believers that their faith in Christ leads to total victory over sin and death and Christ having secured the gift of everlasting life to all who would believe. This is the question – do you believe?

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(John 11:25-26)

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

## Why Salvation Is Cause for Awe

Salvation is a cause for awe because it is a testament to God's boundless love and mercy. It is an event celebrated not only on earth but also in heaven, where angels rejoice at the repentance of a single sinner. This heavenly celebration reflects the magnitude of salvation's impact, both spiritually and heavenly. For God the Father, He risked His only son just as Abraham risked Isaac's life. If Jesus had at any moment fell to temptation as in the wilderness or otherwise gave up on being crucified, all would be lost for God the Father as to His son and for man. It came down to one man, the man Christ Jesus who was obedient unto death – a death due to the penalty of my sin. In essence, I killed Jesus.

For the young believer, salvation is a moment of realization—understanding that they are loved, valued, and redeemed by a God who spared nothing to bring them into his fold. It is the beginning of a journey of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the promises in Scripture.

## The Gift of Faith: A Foundation for Believers

Faith is the cornerstone of a believer's relationship with Christ. It is not merely intellectual assent but a divine gift that enables believers to trust in God's promises and submit their lives to His will. Consider what was stated in Ephesians 2:8-9 making faith the conduit through which salvation flows, allowing believers to embrace the redemptive work of Christ and begin a journey of obedience and spiritual growth. Faith empowers believers to live victoriously. Hebrews 11, often referred to as the Hall of Faith, provides a vivid account of men and women who, by faith, overcame obstacles, fulfilled God's purposes, and witnessed his power in their lives. This chapter underscores that faith is not passive but active—a dynamic force that compels action, trust, and surrender to God's will just as Jesus submitted his will and pleased God.

## Conclusion

Salvation is a defining moment that transforms an individual's life and eternal destiny. It reveals the depths of God's love and the lengths to which Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will go to rescue the lost. For a young believer, salvation is not just a theological concept but a personal encounter with the Savior who cares for them. It is an event that replaces their sinful identity to one of righteous standing in Christ. This new life fills them with hope and the life that God intended and sets them on a path of spiritual growth through obedience to God. Salvation's affect enables new life that trusts in God's word and gives the believer access to the Father and the power to change their lives and the lives around them. The impossible becomes possible with respect to God's character and Holy Spirit guidance. The sacrifice of Christ that followed the rejoicing of angels at Christ's birth has now come near towards the final salvation as corruptible putting on incorruptible in resurrection celebrating as joint heirs of the victory, a promise worth embracing

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when you invite Christ into your life and he goes about letting you know the blessing he has and continues to reveal.

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(Romans 10:10-17)

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on God 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 God. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on God in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in God of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

(Galatians 5:5-6)

*For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.*

(Philippians 2:12-13)

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

(Matthew 17:20)

*He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

As one studying scripture it is quite easy to look at the original Greek texts that help guide meanings of words in an English version of the Bible. There are many translations that in this case will say "small" in reference to the mustard seed but there is no word in the original Greek text. We see sureness instead of faith. And then as a verb, it is an action word (I will show you my faith by my works). Have you been persuaded that Christ in you is the Hope of Glory? The sense of work is often associated with the word faith – there is a kinetic attribute within faith exercised, through love, to the impossible becoming possible.

## Study Aide in Greek

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MATTHEW 17:20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

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## Appendix A

### The Federal View of the First and Second Adam

While schooled for the first time on Christological desperate views, the religious factions on either side of the disputed doctrinal beliefs across history and most of Christendom cause a certain set of problems that create long held divisions. Even to the present-day disputes are ongoing with respect to the various positions. None with such vitriol as those that claim and deny that Jesus was “fully God and fully man” or something else altogether. I find that these positions are a construction that is outside of scripture. And many of the proponents are genuine on either side. If you are fortunate, you have never even heard of “Christology.” However, who Jesus was and more importantly who he is needs some attention. The attention needed is explored in this study. For me, and during this noise, there is a personal realization.

My epiphany resides not in any of these arguments, but in who were these two “Adams” reported in scripture? Considering a new legal framework one may bring additional meaning into the debate on just who Jesus is. It may help clarify why this framework on the life of Jesus should reopen the issues debated more than 1500 years ago. If there is additional meaning to be derived and an improved clarity of purpose to be understood concerning the work of Christ, then looking deeper into the nature of each of the two Adams could change more hearts to be free rather than bound under the law of sin and death. We commonly know more about the first Adam as the disobedient one. However, the second Adam was found obedient unto death, even the death of the cross wherein this is seldom discussed. This topic is presented here in brief and has its own chapter in this series entitled By Design – The Two Laws, the Two Adams, and the Two Choices - vol. 9 in the series.

Maybe it has been dancing around like sugar plums in our head? It takes me to one of my favorite scriptures when thinking about disputes. Take the story when the disciples asked Jesus if the man was born blind because of his sin or his parents? Well, I am unsure if these two struggling students (disciples of Jesus given their philosophy and messianic enrichment) understood the importance of this lesson. Jesus told them they were both wrong! This should tell us an important aspect of learning truth and leaning based on one’s own understanding. The result of this lesson should be used in marriage counseling as almost everyone is vying to be right and find the other wrong instead of listening to Christ to have our being.

One side of the banter resides on pre-incarnate Spirit of Christ as YHWH and this deity passed on through Mary’s conception of Jesus in the virgin birth or was Jesus made flesh as recorded in scripture. Consider what was going on at Jesus death and where did the God part flitter too? If the God part was separated here, it could have been set aside at the birth of Jesus. Finally, after resurrection was Jesus restored to heavenly glory like it says or did, he never leave it. Was the Father greater than Jesus, was this the God part or the man part saying the Father was greater? And do not miss out on if every member of the Godhead was of “equal essence” or “coequal” and the consequence of these being established as doctrines if not true. If the coequality of the

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second Adam was with the first Adam, Adamic flesh then we have obedience to the Father as a man and Jesus in his life as the second Adam was never equality with God.

I found my attention turn unexpectedly to this idea that popped out to get my thinking off the God - man Jesus debate. Instead of looking into the schizophrenia view of Jesus nature to the simplicity of the word saying Jesus "became flesh." What was novel to me was the relation to this study and how the second Adam secured the victory against the legal claim that Satan had over fallen man. I hope it will be clear. In my journey, looking at the scripture alone, I found those scriptures speaking to me concerning both the first and second Adam - was adding rich meaning. The importance of the legal framework view of the heavenly realm and the spiritual battleground earth is clearly revealed through Paul's writings on the two Adams. Jesus had equality with the first Adam yet through obedience lived sinless and when one can see that there was a legal battle as much as a sin issue to be resolved. The Court of Heaven has been in session at least since Job. God declares before the angels, have you seen my servant, Job. Now, as to God's son He again is saying have you seen my servant Jesus. If we are to have a relationship with Jesus, then it would have us understand his suffering at the cross together with the Love of the Father who sent him giving understanding what redemption cost.

## The Adamic Nature

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, the first Adam was of divine origin a natural "living being" created from the dust of the earth and without sin. However, the garden story reveals that Adam acted in disobedience and consequently we find his actions affected us all now subject to Satan in the fallen class of humanity. The second Adam (Jesus) was of the similitude of the first Adam with divine origin, no earthly father and sinless. The outcome of the second Adam was to live sinless. The second Adam's sinless obedience to the Father resulted in victory over sin as a "life-giving spirit" from heaven. The resurrection followed and the victory brought redemption for the fallen class of man who was bound under the Law of sin and death and now through Christ one can pass from death to life. The first Adam was earthly and under the law of sin and death, whereas the second Adam living sinless unto death brought the new law of liberty that defeated the law of sin and death. Of interest is the common "genetic ancestry" of the two Adams. It is worth additional study on the scriptural basis that defines the class of Adamic nature common to each of the Adams. We already know that there are classes of beings either earthly or heavenly, where on the earth we have one flesh of birds and another of animals, but we do not think much about the significance of these versus. One reason is likely due to the steady diet we have all been given with evolution trying to confuse God's purpose and design. Evolution to many today find it is even harder to believe nothing created everything and it has been a Satanic and deceptive tool to separate our knowledge of who God is as creator.

**legal-moral framework** for redemption. This is describing a "divine countermove" in a cosmic legal battle between the fallen Angels and Satan and Satan's claim on fallen man.

In this view, the "Adamic class" isn't just about biological equivalence, but about **legal standing**. The view refined in this study and the mystery of the two Adams into a specific sequence of rights, violations, and victories:

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## 1. The "Steal" and the Legal Claim

When the first Adam chose disobedience, he didn't just fail a test; he effectively **transferred his allegiance from God to Satan**. By choosing the path of the fallen angels where one third of the angelic class of being were found to fall from grace with Satan and the remaining two thirds continued loyal and in submission to God. Likewise, the fallen "man-class" under the First Adam became legally entangled in the judgment prepared for those fallen angels. Satan gained a "right" over man because man had voluntarily entered the category of lawbreaker. The death penalty became a legitimate legal claim against humanity.

## 2. The Trap of the Unjust Judgment

This is where the "Second Adam" symmetry becomes vital. For the "Right of Death" and being able to break the subjugation that Satan had then to be caught in a **legal overreach that allowed for the debt to be paid**.

- The first Adam was **guilty** and died justly under the law of sin and death causing all humanity to be under this fallen state by disobedience of the first Adam.
- The second Adam was sinless at conception with no Earthly father. He was obedient unto death. He was sinless unto death and was never under the law of sin and death. As such he was **righteous** (innocent), Yet he was subjected to the ultimate curse of the law: hanging on the tree, a curse with a terrible death. Therefore when he died on the cross, he was illegally subjected to death. There was a cosmic legal battle that gave Jesus Christ victory over the law of sin and death.

By Satan orchestrating the death of the second Adam the second chance for the Adamic class, the "system of death" imposed on the obedient Jesus Christ violated the death grips mandate in the law of sin and death caused by the first Adam. As noted, putting **innocent blood** under the curse of the tree was a "violation of judgment." In legal terms, the adversary "overplayed his hand" and forfeited his right to hold the race (of fallen man) when Satan attempted to claim one who was not legally his. Jesus Christ obtained as a class action victory in the court of heaven. As in any class action lawsuit new members of the class must join the new class. New member redemption requires the prior fallen man under sin to join in the action of Christ's victory and "opt in" to the new law of the Spirit of life in Christ.

## 3. Redemption as "Stripping" of Rights

The victory of the second Adam isn't just a moral example; it is a **forensic triumph**.

- **The Violation:** Death "swallowed" someone it had no legal right to hold.
- **The Result:** Because the Grave/Satan took innocent blood, the legal contract of death over the Adamic class was "interrupted" or broken.
- **The Outcome:** This created the "Gospel" — a legal loophole of grace where God's goodness can now lead to repentance without violating God's own justice. To enter this class, the sinner of the old nature is required to accept the terms of the New Testament,

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effectively a surrender to confess that Jesus Christ was the lamb of God by which they may enter salvation.

## 4. The Persistence of Choice

Even with this victory, the "Adamic" nature of choice remains the constant variable. The work of the second Adam (the Lamb) provides the **opportunity** for forgiveness and resurrection life, but it does not bypass the human will.

- The first Adam chose the **curse through disobedience**.
- The individual (lost man under the first Adam's sin) must now choose grace offered by the finished work of the second Adam.

The "mystery of redemption" is that God used the very mechanism of man's downfall (the choice and the penalty of the tree) to dismantle the power of the one who stole the race.

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**Summary Table: The Forensic Contrast Adamic Race as a Federated Man**

Feature	First Adam (fallen)	Second Adam (The Lamb)
Legal Status	Guilty by choice.	Innocent by choice.
The Tree	Took the fruit; brought the curse.	Became the fruit; bore the curse.
Satan's Rights	Legally established through sin.	Legally forfeited through "unjust" death.
The Result	Debt incurred for the race.	Debt paid and redemption a choice for the race

This perspective moves the conversation from "why did they choose differently" to "**how did God use the better choice to reclaim the race.**"

*Author's note: There is a controversy for some that hold to a false notion that they cannot stop sinning. This notion of impossibility to live sinless is examined finding that this hinderance is unraveled so that a believer through the process of sanctification there is another conclusion – that they can also like Christ live sinless. However, if they sin, they choose to. But if they do, they can also find forgiveness. The scriptures speak to the new life in this very same revelation, that the believer can be sinless if he lives by faith, a faith that can be victorious until the end. This is addressed more completely in the chapter on Sin and Chapter 9 on the two Adams, two laws and two choices. If possible (as all things are) stay engaged in this study.*

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## *Prayer: Salvation and Life*

***Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
For there is none holy as the LORD, and there is no other  
name under heaven given among men, whereby I must be saved.  
Thou alone art righteous, and Thy mercy endureth forever.***

***Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Let the work accomplished by the Second Adam be revealed  
in us who believe. You have translated us from death unto life, from  
the law of sin and death into the law liberty in Christ unto righteousness  
and obedience. Your love causes our hearts to be obedient to thy Word,  
where faith works through love and for thy good pleasure be fulfilled in us.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.  
Feed us with the living Word, for faith cometh by hearing,  
and hearing by the Word of God. Let us not be silent,  
but speak what I have heard, confessing with my mouth the  
salvation which Thou hast wrought in Christ Jesus. Sustain me as  
a sheep of Thy pasture, for Thou art the Good Shepherd  
who knowest Thine own and layest down Thy life for the sheep.***

***And forgive me my debts, as I forgive my debtors.  
I confess that I was a sinner, helpless and bound,  
yet while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me.  
By grace I am saved through faith, not of works, lest  
any man should boast. Cleansed by your innocent blood,  
canceling the debt of death in my members, giving me right standing before  
Thee, as I have received mercy, teach me to walk in mercy toward others.***

***And lead us not into temptation but deliver me from evil.  
Keep me from the deception of sin, and from returning to the bondage  
from which Thou hast delivered me. Work in me both to will and to do  
of Thy good pleasure. Teach me to live by faith, wherein I choose  
Righteousness and not the curse, life and not death.***

***For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
For Thou hast prepared salvation before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people.  
Heaven rejoices over one sinner that repenteth, and I join that  
rejoicing with awe and gratitude. I believe, Lord.  
Christ in me is the hope of glory. Receive my life as a living testimony  
to so great a salvation, until corruption puts on incorruption  
and I stand as joint heirs of the victory won by the Lamb of God, Christ the Lord.***

***Amen.***

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## A. Multiple-Choice Questions

1. According to the study, salvation involves being saved:
    - A. Only from earthly suffering
    - B. From something and for something
    - C. By personal effort
    - D. Through religious tradition
  2. Faith is described as:
    - A. A human achievement
    - B. A passive belief
    - C. A divine gift enabling obedience
    - D. A symbolic idea
  3. The parable of the lost sheep illustrates:
    - A. God's frustration with sinners
    - B. The insignificance of individuals
    - C. Jesus' personal pursuit of each soul
    - D. The value of religious rituals
  4. Salvation is celebrated in heaven because:
    - A. It increases church membership
    - B. It reflects God's love and redemption
    - C. It fulfills Old Testament rituals
    - D. It proves human righteousness
  5. Jesus' role in salvation is based on:
    - A. His moral teachings alone
    - B. His sinless life, sacrificial death, and resurrection
    - C. His political influence
    - D. His miracles only
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## B. Fill-in-the-Blank Questions

1. Salvation is by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith.
  2. The believer is transferred from \_\_\_\_\_ unto life.
  3. Jesus is described as the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd.
  4. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  5. Salvation is a gift of \_\_\_\_\_, not of works.
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## C. Open-Ended Questions

1. Explain the two-part biblical definition of salvation and why both aspects matter.
  2. How does the study describe the transformation that occurs when someone is saved?
  3. What does the parable of the lost sheep reveal about God's character and His pursuit of individuals?
  4. Why is Jesus' sinless life essential to the doctrine of salvation?
  5. How does understanding salvation deepen a believer's gratitude and spiritual maturity?
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## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. B
5. B

### Fill in the Blank

1. **grace**
2. **death**
3. **Good**
4. **Word**
5. **grace**

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## Group Discussion Question

**How has your understanding of salvation changed as you've grown in faith, and in what ways does recognizing the depth of God's rescue shape how you live, speak, and trust Him today?**

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Notes: