

Language of the Apostles

Lesson 4 – Salvation

Aim of our study: to help us see how _____ our salvation is

The meaning of the word

The main Greek word for “save” is the verb **σῴζω (sozo)**

which means to bring someone out of _____ and into _____

Other words in the same family:

σωτηρία (soteria) – salvation

σωτήρ (soter) – savior

σῶς (sos) – safe / whole

*This is why the study of salvation is called soteriology

The background of the word

In the Greco-Roman world, _____ were called “_____ of the world”

so the insistence that Jesus was the _____ savior

was a direct _____ to the culture of the day – **Acts 4:12-13; Titus 2:13**

**Question: when we call Jesus savior, why is that offensive in our current culture?*

In the Septuagint, the most common Hebrew word translated *sozo* was **יָשָׁא (yasha)**

This is where we get the names Yeshua, Joshua, and later, Jesus

which means to _____, _____, bring _____

In the Bible, the Greek word *sozo* has a _____ of meaning

partly because the Hebrew concept of salvation has a wide range of meaning

The Old Testament concept of salvation includes:

- Physical rescue from _____ – **Psalm 69:1**
- Physical rescue from _____ – **Psalm 6:2-4**
- _____ rescue – **Ezekiel 36:29**
- _____ rescue – **1 Samuel 14:23**
- _____ rescue – **Isaiah 45:22**

The usage of the word

Sozo is salvation from...

- Physical rescue from danger/death – **Matthew 8:25**
- Physical rescue from sickness – **Mark 5:34**
- Military rescue – **Luke 1:69-71**
- Spiritual danger – **Matthew 1:21**
- Eternal danger – **Romans 5:9**

Many times, the word is used with _____ meanings in mind – **Luke 19:9; James 5:15**

When is my salvation?

Scripture speaks of salvation as something that has _____ happened – **Titus 3:5**

as well as something that is _____ happening – **1 Corinthians 1:18; 15:2**

and something that is _____ – **Romans 5:9; 13:11**

Often used in the _____ tense – “has/have saved”

The perfect tense indicates a _____ action with _____ results

Eph. 2:8; Phil. 2:12

The implications of the word

Having a _____ understanding of our salvation

helps us better understand Jesus’ _____ ministry

Questions:

Why did Jesus perform miracles?

Why did he not just come, die on the cross, and then rise again?

When God saves someone, he is not doing just _____ thing.

He is undoing _____ sin has broken

That’s one of the reasons **Hebrews 2:3** calls it such a _____ salvation

Questions:

Which aspect of salvation is Hebrews addressing?

What does it look like practically to not neglect it?