

# Divine Salvation

Isaiah 35

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## I. It comes from God

**Isaiah 35:1-2** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

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**Isaiah 31:1** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord!

**Psalms 20:7** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

## II. It is accomplished through Christ

**Isaiah 35:5-7** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Isaiah 11:1-4** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

**Isaiah 53:4-6** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 53:11** As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it* and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

**Matthew 20:28**... give his life as a ransom for many.

**John 6:27** Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.

- The salvation of the soul is more important than relief from pain.
  - Knowing God is more important than acquiring earthly pleasures.
  - Transformation into the image of Christ is more important than material well-being.
  - Following Christ in service is more important than escaping suffering.
  - Building up the Church of Christ is more important than achieving temporary harmony among people.
  - Advancing Christ's kingdom is more important than attempts to achieve temporary social justice.
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- In Christ is our hope.
  - In Christ is our assurance.
  - In Christ is our peace of heart.
  - In Christ is the meaning of life.
  - In Christ is our joy.
  - In Christ is our future.

### III. It is expressed in holiness

**Isaiah 35:8-9** And a highway shall be there, and **it shall be called the Way of Holiness**; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

**Revelation 21:27** But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**Ephesians 1:4** ...even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy and blameless before him** in love.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3** For **this is the will of God, your sanctification**: that you abstain from sexual immorality.

**Romans 6:22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, **the fruit you get leads to sanctification** and its end, eternal life.

- **The Word of God**

**Ephesians 5:25-27** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her **by the washing of water with the word**, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

**John 17:17** **Sanctify them in the truth**; your word is truth.

- **The Holy Spirit**

**Ephesians 2:19-22** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- **Special Circumstances**

**James 1:2-4** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, **that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**

**1 Peter 1:14-16** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct**, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

## **IV. It leads to joy**

**Isaiah 35:10** And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion **with singing**; **everlasting joy** shall be upon their heads; **they shall obtain gladness and joy**, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Revelation 21:3-4** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. **He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes**, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

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<sup>NAS</sup> **2 Chronicles 16:9** "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His

**Romans 8:28-29** And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**Romans 8:31-32** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?