

Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Peace to you and grace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, thank you for your peace, grace and love that you continually show us through your only begotten son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, thank you for opening our understanding so we can see how you saved us through your only begotten son and gave us eternal life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the [December 2021](#) teaching, we learned what we must first do to work together with the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We performed a Biblical word study on the Greek word *sunergeo* used for our English phrase "workers together." We learned that we, the born-again believers, as sons and daughters of God, help with and work together in conjunction with God our Father to get people saved or born-again of His spirit and come to the knowledge of the truth of His Word.

Over the next several months, we will be performing a word-based study on the following four bolded English words in 1 Timothy 2:4:

Who will have all men to be **saved**, and to come unto the **knowledge** of the **truth**?

I exhort you to read the context of these usages to increase your believing and understanding. 1 Timothy 2:3-4, we will start with verse 3:

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

According to 1 Timothy 2:3 "*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.*" "**Who**" in verse four (4) is referring to God which is the Greek word *Theos*. In the [May 2021](#) teaching, we defined, traced, and tracked in God's Word some of the usages of the Greek word *Theos*. Please re-read the May 2021 teaching.

The Will of God is that no one perishes; this is a choice for people to make. When people by their free will "*received not the love of the truth that they might be saved,*" they will perish (see 2 Thessalonians 2:10).

Now we will search and track the word "**saved**" in this teaching from 1 Timothy 2:4.

*Who will have all men to be **saved** and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

The Greek word *sozo* is translated to our English word "saved." We will read some examples of the Greek word *sozo* used for our English word saved. In this way, we can have an exact knowledge of the truth of the meaning and usages of our English word "saved" in God's Word.

Our English word "saved" is the Greek word *sozo* which means "to make sound, to save; to preserve safe from danger, loss or destruction." The source for all Greek-English words is the Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (1975).

When we study God's Word, we see the word "savior" is used for both God and His son Jesus. God is our savior (1 Timothy 2:3)! 1 Timothy 4:10 tells us:

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

God saves us by way of His only begotten son Jesus (John 3:16). God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing our sins to us (2 Corinthians 5:19). God our Father made salvation available to everyone by way of His son Jesus Christ!

Remember the Greek word *sozo* means "to make sound, to save; to preserve safe from danger, loss or destruction." In Matthew 1, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "*fear not to take unto him Mary his wife.*" I exhort you to read the context of these usages to increase your believing and understanding. Matthew 1:21:

And she [Mary] shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save [sozo] his people from their sins.

The name "Jesus" means "the Lord our savior" or "the Lord is salvation." Jesus Christ is our savior; he is our salvation from sins! Jesus Christ has made us sound; he has saved us! He has preserved us safe from danger, loss, and destruction! He is a complete savior (Colossians 2:10)!

At the beginning of Acts 2, the twelve Apostles were all filled with the holy spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit of God gave them utterance. (See [May 2016](#) teaching on receiving the holy spirit.) I exhort you to read the context of these usages to increase your believing and understanding. Acts 2: 21:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved [sozo].

In this verse, whosoever means whosoever! Anyone can call on the name of the Lord to be saved.

Turning to Acts 4:1-2 and 12 we will start with verses 1-2:

And as they [Peter and John] spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Peter and John taught the people and preached what? They taught through Jesus, the resurrection from the dead! They did not preach Jesus's death! They preached his resurrection, not his death, which is at the center of the Church of the Body! I want to know Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection (Philippians 3:10)! I want to learn from his death, but it is the resurrection that is the key!

Acts 4:12:

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved [sozo].

Who is the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved? Jesus Christ! In Acts 10, Peter, by revelation, went to the Gentiles and taught them God's Word regarding God's son Jesus Christ whom God raised from the dead. While Peter spoke God's Word, the holy spirit fell on all who heard God's Word and they spoke with tongues and magnified God!

In Acts 16, it came to pass, as Paul and Silas went to prayer, a certain woman met them. Acts 16:16-18:

A certain woman possessed with a spirit of divination met them, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying these men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned, and said to the

spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Paul and Silas were beaten and put into prison for delivering this woman from a spirit of divination. I exhort you to read the context of these usages to increase your believing and understanding. Acts 16:29-30:

Then he [the keeper of the prison] called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved [sozo]?

That's a great question. What must we do to be saved? The answer is documented in Romans 10. Romans 10:9-10 and 13:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved [sozo].

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved [sozo].

There are two actions we must take in order to be saved. First, we must confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus. And second, we must believe in our heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead. The second part of this verse does not say believe in your heart that Jesus died. It says to believe in your heart that God resurrected Jesus from the dead! It's not the death of Jesus on the cross that's at the center of the Church of the Body but the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

When an individual confesses Jesus as lord, it means Jesus is the master. Coupled with believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you are saved or sozo! You are born-again of God's spirit and receive His gift of holy spirit. Jesus Christ is your personal savior! How do I know I am saved once I have confessed Romans 10:9? Let's search the scriptures for the answer.

1 Corinthians 12:3:

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord [master], but by the Holy Ghost [speaking in tongues].

Speaking in tongues is the proof in the senses' world that we are saved and have made Jesus our Lord! There is no other way that we can know! You can't see the holy spirit in an individual, but you can see and hear the manifestation of the holy spirit in an individual when he or she speaks in tongues. Speaking in tongues is our infallible proof in the senses' world that we are saved and have received eternal life! See [June 2016](#) teaching.

Let's look at 1 Corinthians 3:13-15:

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved [sozo]; yet so as by fire.

Rewards are earned by our walk on God's Word. We are saved by God's grace, not by works! See [August 2019](#) teaching on rewards earned.

Ephesians 2:5:

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened [made alive] us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;).

Ephesians 2:8:

For by grace are ye saved [sozo] through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

We don't work to get saved or to stay saved. We are saved by God's grace; God's unmerited divine favor through the faith of Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 2: 8-9)!

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 tells us:

For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved [sozo], to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

See the [October 2019](#) teaching for instruction on 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-10 provides another example of the word sozo or saved:

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved [sozo].

See the [April 2020](#) teaching on 2 Thessalonians 2.

The Will of God is for no one to perish. However, when people, by their free will, "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," they will perish (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Jesus Christ is our savior; he is our salvation from sins! Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins that he might deliver us from this present evil world (Galatians 1:4). God declares that this is good and acceptable in His sight. God's desire is that all men are saved and will choose to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

We defined the word "saved" which is the Greek word sozo; it means "to make sound, to save; to preserve safe from danger, loss or destruction." Jesus Christ made us sound and saved us. He preserved us safe from danger, loss, or destruction physical and spiritually! We examined several examples of the Greek word sozo and increased our knowledge of the truth of our savior the Lord Jesus Christ!

We answered the question what must we do to be saved (sozo)? Confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9). We also learned that speaking in tongues is the proof in the senses' world that we are saved and have made Jesus our Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3). Finally, we learned we do not work to get saved or to stay saved; we are saved by God's grace unmerited divine favor through the believing of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2: 8-9)!

Father, your Will is for all people to be saved and grow in the knowledge of the truth of your Word. Thank you for saving us through your son the Lord Jesus and opening our understanding on how to be saved and what it means to be saved. Father, we are so thankful for our brothers and sisters and their belief in the truth of your Word! We are thankful that they are saved and have received eternal life! We are thankful for those who have received the Word of God with all readiness of mind, searched the scriptures daily to understand your Word is your Will. We love and pray for those who love the truth of your Word, who grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Father, we pray in this New Year 2022 for the Body of Christ. We pray that the prevailing word of our Lord Jesus Christ may have free run and be glorified, revered, honored, and praised in each of us. We pray that Christ in us, the hope of glory, is manifested and brought to light. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In next month's teaching, we will continue our search of the scriptures for the Greek word *epignosis* used for our English word "knowledge" from 1 Timothy 2:4.

In the Lord,

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