

More to Our Salvation?

Commentary for November 1, 2015 — ... Than Is Mentioned in the Bible?

The article for November 2015 is "The Asteroid Destruction: Its Timing and Purpose." As always, the "[November 2015 Newsletter](#)" has useful introductory information to Dr. Martin's important material. The asteroid destruction will not be "the end of the world." In fact, the world will not end, but it will be damaged and much destruction and death will occur.

Thank God we have salvation ahead of us individually. Thank God also that Adam and Eve and every one of their children have salvation ahead of them.

A Question by William:

Anything beyond Salvation?

Did you know that that there is another stage of life beyond what the Christians and most religions call salvation of the soul? ...

One has to go outside to explore the revelations of other devotees in other scriptures to understand this, just like scientists from various countries get together to discuss their unique findings to get a more clear picture about their subject from various angles of experience. In the Vaishnava scriptures from India ... [I will stop quoting him here]

My Response:

All religions have some truth about God.¹ Only the Bible teaches that Christ is the Savior. If you want to know what we shall be like, read:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure. ...

And you KNOW that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

• *1 John 3:2–3, 5–7 KJV*

We are legally seated with Christ at the right hand of God the Father [at this moment]. A dim version of what we shall be like is to be found in the theophanies of the Old Testament (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah), in the New Testament transfiguration, and in Revelation

¹ Truth in other religions is limited to the fact that God or gods exist. They created man. Nature demonstrates that creation. Paul spoke to the educated men of Athens (Acts chapter 17) and they believed in a creator God, yet He was unknown to them. Therefore, they saw fit to worship many gods. God had not yet revealed Himself to them through His Scriptures. Even when Paul instructed them, their minds remained closed. God will open the minds of all people when all are physically resurrected.

chapter one. All this comes through ONLY in the written revelation of God. If you believe other religions have things to teach us about the “afterlife,” then PROVE that those concepts come from the God of the Bible. Consider:

“Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come in my name, saying, ‘I am Christ’; and shall deceive MANY.”

• *Matthew 24:4–5 KJV*

Jesus said not few, but many.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ [or Lord Maitreya, or Vishnu, or the writers of Vaishnava scriptures about other gods], or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs [false “anointed ones”], and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall DECEIVE THE VERY ELECT. Behold, I have told you before.”

• *Matthew 24:4, 23–25 KJV*

“Interesting times” are coming as Dr. Martin shows, but Christ remains the only way to God:

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am THE way, and THE truth, and THE life. NO ONE comes to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME.’”

• *John 14:6 ESV*

Jesus seems to be rather absolute here, doesn’t He, dogmatic, even “intolerant”? Get over it. (By the way, the definite articles **“THE”** in the above verse are in the Greek.) “Deification” of man to become like God is the purpose of God’s creation. (Read Dr. Martin’s excellent article [“Salvation and the Biblical Doctrine of Deification.”](#))

Adam was, as we are today, all of us are individuals created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). Christ, as the Son, was the glorious **“express image”** of His Father before He was born in flesh to Mary (Hebrews 1:3). He is again in glory since His resurrection.

To repeat, **“WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM,”** as 1 John 3:2 says above. We shall NOT be incorporated into some amorphous Hindu or Buddhist amoeba-like mass of thought energy. That concept is foreign to the Scriptures. We shall be individuals who are Elohim, individuals yet **“one”** with God as Christ and God the Father are **“one,”** as husband and wife are in type **“one”** (John 10:30, 17:22; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 10:17, 12:12).

Religions based on mysticism (as are most pagan religions) and those professing “New Age” beliefs say we are “gods” now. That is not true. But we who are Christians have the seed of God’s Holy Spirit within us. **“But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.”** (1 Corinthians 15:23). After Christ, we will be the next to “be like Him.” Then all humanity shall achieve God’s intended goal.

Yes, God’s judgments upon the earth with asteroids and other fires from heaven will be harsh, but they will have an educative purpose. For the God of life, death is easy to fix. Why? It is **“because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe”** (1 Timothy 4:10).

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