

# TWO DISTINCT SALVATIONS

*“...So great salvation, which...began to be spoken by our Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them who heard him.”*

— Heb. 2:3.

*“The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”*

— Isa. 52:10

In the past many of us misunderstood these words – “so great salvation” – and have thought them to apply merely to an “elect” few of the saintly followers of our great Redeemer. Surely it should not be thought strange if a closer examination of God’s Word would demonstrate to us that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways and plans higher than ours. (Isa. 55:9.) It should not surprise us to find that our forefathers were generally in considerable darkness in respect to “the length and breadth and height and depth of the love of Christ, which passeth all understanding.” (Eph. 3:18, 19.) It should not surprise us to find that our Savior will yet see the fruitage of the travail of his soul and be satisfied (Isa. 53:11), and that this satisfaction will result from the salvation of more than the “little flock,” who walk in His steps and who, like Him, “present their bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God,” in the service of Truth and Righteousness. – Rom. 12:1.

A view still held by some is that everybody but the saintly will suffer torture eternally and hopelessly. The proper view we desire to present here is the one we believe to be in accord with every text of Scripture, and in accord with Justice, Wisdom, Love and Power Divine, and in accord with sanctified common sense. We have time for only an outline of this Plan, which is most comprehensive, as follows:

## THE SAINTLY NEW CREATION

Salvation in no sense began before the Redeemer’s birth, 4128 years after the fall of our first parents. In all that long period nobody was saved. The Apostle declares in our text that salvation began to be preached by Jesus. Again we read that Jesus brought life and

immortality to light through his Gospel. (2 Tim. 1:10.) So, then, life and immortality and the Gospel Message began to be preached by our Lord and was not preached before his day. Indeed we can see that if there is “none other Name given under Heaven or amongst men whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12), than the name of Jesus, then it could not have been preached; nothing could be preached previously except the Divine declaration that God purposed in due time to redeem mankind from sin and death through a Savior and a Great One – One able to save unto the uttermost all that would come unto the Father through Him. (Heb. 7:25.)

This reasoning is surely true to the facts. Search all through the Old Testament, and you will find no promise of eternal life set forth except by the Law given to the one little nation of Israel. That Law declared that he that doeth these things shall live by his obedience thereto (Rom. 10:5); and the Apostle assures us that Jews died because none of them kept the Law – because no imperfect human being could possibly meet the requirements of God’s perfect Law. “By the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be justified in His sight.” – Rom. 3:20. The Apostle, further explaining the matter, says, “Wherefore, then, serveth the Law?” He replies to his question, “It was added because of transgression until the promised Seed should come.” – Gal. 3:19.

## **THE PROMISED SEED**

The Apostle’s words direct our thoughts back to Eden, when God declared that the Seed of the woman would at some future time bruise the Serpent’s head. But that Seed did not exist for over four thousand years after and has not yet crushed the Serpent’s head — destroyed sin and the works of Satan. The Apostle’s words again remind us of God’s promise to Abraham, “In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” (Gen. 12:3.) Abraham was not thus blessed, nor were any others thus blessed, however faithful they were. All the blessing was to come through Abraham’s Seed and could not be dispensed before his coming. Hence the Apostle, referring to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the faithful of past time, declared, “All these died in faith, not having received the promise” (Heb. 11:13) – the blessing – reconciliation to God and eternal life. And when Jesus came he did not attempt to bless the world, but on the contrary, in his prayer, declared, “I pray not for

the world, but for them which Thou hast given me” (John 17:9) – the saintly, the “Very Elect.” (Matt. 24:24.) These he called; these he taught – “Israelites indeed.” These he directed to give the same message to others, not for the conversion of the world, but for the calling, instruction and edification of “the Church, which is the Body of Christ.” The message to these from first to last was that they were called to suffer with him, that they might also reign with him.

## **“THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST”**

In the past many of us have overlooked the fact that the Church is, figuratively, “the Body of Christ” – to be hereafter, as the Apostle declares, “The Church which is His Body.” And again, we are members in particular of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. (1 Cor. 12:27.) In a word, then, the entire Christ includes the members of the Body with the glorious Head of the Body. And this glorious Christ, which will be completed by the close of this Gospel Age, will as a whole be the promised Seed of Abraham. – Gal. 3:8, 16, 29. From this viewpoint we can see why God’s long-promised blessing has not yet reached the world, but furthermore we can also see that He is merely selecting or electing the Church, the Seed of Abraham. The promise to Abraham is, “*In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed,*” and, as we have seen, the Seed of Abraham is “Jesus the Head and the Church His Body.” In a word, our previous view of the Divine Plan was too narrow. We saw the election of the Church but did not see God’s gracious purposes for “All the families of the earth.” The Church, as the Scriptures declare, is merely a “first-fruits” unto God of His creatures and is not, by any means, the entire harvest. Let us here remember St. Paul’s explanation of this matter. He declares, “We, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of the promise” (Gal. 4:28) – the heirs of the promise – through us all the families of the earth are to be blessed. – Gen. 26:1-4.

## **NO SECOND CHANCE IN THIS**

It might indeed be said in *one sense* of the word that since Father Adam was placed on trial in Eden with a reward of everlasting life before him or a penalty of death, and that since he lost his chance of

everlasting life by disobedience, therefore any chance of everlasting life coming to him or to any member of this race would, of necessity, be a second chance. This is undoubtedly true. From *this standpoint* every member of the human family must eventually have a second chance for everlasting life, because it was for this very purpose that our Redeemer left the Heavenly glory, was made flesh, dwelt amongst us and “died, the Just for the unjust.” Whoever enjoys this second chance must expect no more, because “Christ dies no more.” But, as we have already seen, nobody had a second chance for everlasting life prior to the coming of our Redeemer into the world. “He brought life and immortality to light.” He died, the Just for the unjust, to make reconciliation for iniquity – and this message of so great salvation began to be spoken by our Lord. The comparatively few who have heard the Gospel since Jesus’ day – “Good Tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people” – these, the comparatively few who have heard of “the only name given under Heaven or amongst men whereby we must be saved” – are the only ones who in any sense of the word have had their second chance. Indeed we might, Scripturally, limit the matter much further and say that the Gospel has been hidden from the majority of those who heard it; their mental eyes and ears being deaf and blind, they did not comprehend the Message, and therefore could not reject it.

The “high calling” and “so great salvation” which so few have really heard and seen is referred to by our great Redeemer saying, “Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.” “The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them; because they are spiritually discerned. ... But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit.” (1 Cor. 2:14.) In other words, only the spirit-begotten ones are now on trial for eternal life or eternal death. And only the faithful footstep followers will gain the glory, honor, immortality and joint-heirship with him in his kingdom. These are the “Elect,” the “Very Elect.” These are such as make their calling and election sure by so running as to obtain this great prize of membership in the Body of Christ. These elect ones experience a change of nature, and in the future will not be human beings, but partakers of the Divine nature. (2 Pet. 1:4.) They will be inducted into the perfection of the Divine nature in the First Resurrection, the Chief Resurrection, in which they will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

## **HUMAN SALVATION IS RESTITUTION**

**Well, we ASK, What is the Purpose of the SEED of Promise? We all gagged at the thought that the heathen and everybody except saints would be consigned to an eternity of torture, yet we all recognized that Heaven is not a place of development, but a condition of perfection. We were perplexed, mystified. We did not follow our Bibles with sufficient care. Many of us twisted the Scriptures, wrested them from their plainly obvious import, and always to our own injury. Some went in the direction of Universalism; others halfway, and still others abandoned the Holy Book. Now we see where we erred. God has TWO Salvations; one for the Church and a totally different one for the world. The Salvation for the Church is to the Heavenly nature, spirit bodies, and joint-heirship with the Master in his Kingdom, which flesh and blood cannot inherit, as we have already seen. The other Salvation, for mankind, is an earthly one, called in the Scriptures "Restitution." Man was not an angel originally, not a spirit being, but, as the Scriptures declare, "The first man was of the earth earthy." It was that earthy man, perfect, in the image of his Creator, for whose happiness Eden was specially prepared. By obedience to God he might have continued to enjoy his Eden home everlastingly. By disobedience he first lost his fellowship with God, then his Eden home, and after nine hundred and thirty years of toiling with thorns and thistles in sweat of face, the death penalty upon him reached completion – he died. Adam's race, sharing his weaknesses by laws of heredity, have also shared death with him. We read that ALL God's prophets have spoken regarding the salvation of all Mankind during the Reign of Christ during his second advent – Acts 3:19-22; Rev. 20:6; 5:9-10; Zech. 9:9-10; Psalm 2:1-8.**

### **"WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED"**

**The Scriptures tell us that God's real purpose in sending Jesus into the world was that "the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17) – not the Salvation of the Church; that was an incidental feature. The Church is selected that as the Bride or Queen during the Messianic Kingdom she may be associated with her Lord, the King, as the Seed of Abraham in the blessing, the saving, of Adam and his family, or so many of them as shall be willing, from sin and death conditions. We**

remember the Master's words to the effect that he "came to seek and to save [recover] that which was lost." – Luke 19:10.

We have just seen that it was a human life, human perfection and an earthly home that were lost. It is these, then, that Jesus proposes in due time to recover for Adam and his family. *The Messianic reign of Jesus and His Body – The Anointed, The Christ, The Messiah – will be for the purpose of blessing Adam and all of his race with glorious opportunities of an earthly salvation.* The uplifting, restoring influences of Messiah's Kingdom will affect not only Adam and his race, but also the earth itself. Gradually *Paradise Lost*, as a little Garden of Eden, will become *Paradise Regained*, as the world beautiful. Then the wilderness shall blossom as a rose and the solitary place shall be glad. (Isaiah 35:1.)

## **“TIMES OF RESTITUTION”**

At our Lord's First Advent the "acceptable time" began – the time when God, having accepted the sacrifice of Christ Jesus, became willing through him to accept the sacrifices of all who desire to become his disciples – to take up their cross and follow him through evil report and good report even unto death. The entire Gospel Age anti-types Israel's Day of Atonement, and the sacrifices of our Lord and the Church, his Body, are the "better sacrifices," foreshadowed by the bullock and the goat offered typically by the Jews. This is the acceptable year of the Lord which Jesus declared. (Isa. 61:2; Luke 4:19.) God's faithful people of this acceptable day are glad to be invited to "present their bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God." (Rom. 12:1.)

In the end of this acceptable day will come the end of all opportunity to thus sacrifice the human nature and become joint-heirs with Christ and partakers of the Heavenly nature. Then will be introduced a new period styled, in the Scriptures, "Times [or years] of Restitution." The acceptable day for the Church's sacrifice has lasted for nearly twenty centuries. And we know how long the "Times of Restitution" will last – nearly a thousand years. St. Peter tells us just when these "Restitution Times" will begin. They did not begin in his day. They will begin as a result of the Second Advent of Jesus, the Messiah, and the establishment of his Kingdom and righteousness, "Times of refreshing

shall come from the presence of the Lord and He shall send Jesus Christ, as before was preached unto you, whom the heavens must retain until the Times of Restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy Prophets since the world began. For Moses verily said unto the fathers, A Prophet like unto me [of whom I am but a type or figure] shall the Lord your God raise up unto you from amongst your brethren. Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall speak unto you. And it shall come to pass that the soul that will not obey that Prophet shall be destroyed from amongst the people” (Acts 3:19-23) – in the Second Death, from which there is no recovery.

This great Prophet has been in process of raising up for now nearly nineteen centuries. And when the last member of his Body shall have passed beyond the veil, he will stand forth in the glories of his Kingdom to rule, judge, instruct, restore and bless all the families of the earth with opportunity for restoration of all that was lost in Eden and redeemed at Calvary.

## **OBULOKOZI BWA MIRUNDI EBIRI**

*“Mukama afungizizza omukono gwe omutukuvu mu maaso g'amawanga gonna; n'enkomerero zonna ez'ensi ziriraba Obulokozi bwa Katonda waffe” — Isaaya 52:10.*

Tulaba nti Obulokozi tebwatandiika nga Yesu tanajja, emebega gy'emyaka 4128 okuva omuntu bwe yayonoona! Mu 2 Tim. 1:10, “naye kirabisibwa kaakano olw'okwolesebwa kw'omulokozi waffe Kristo Yesu, eyaggyawo okufa n'amulisa obulamu obutazikirira olw'enjiri”, kiraga burungi nnyo entandiikwa y'obulokozi nga bwe bwaletabwa Yesu era na'gulawo ekubo erigya! Kale bw'ekiba nga tewali linya lyonna eryawebwa wansi wenjuba okujako erya Yesu, omuntu yena okulokolebwa; kino kiraga lwatu nti obulokozi bwali tebusoboka okutusa nga Yesu azze. Tulaba nti tekyasoboka bantu kufunna bulamu nga Yesu tanajja kuba omukisa Katonda gwe yawa Abaisirayiri mu mateeka gali nti omuntu anakwata mateeka gonna, nagatukiriza, anaba mulamu mu go. Kino tekyasoboka kuba teli muntu ayinza okugatukiriza

olw'obunafu bw'obuziriranwa – Abagalatiya 3: 10-13. Kale, Iwaki Katonda yawa amateeka? Omutume ateegeza nti Ga baweebwa olw'obugyemu okutuusa ekisubizo ky'ensigo – ezzadde Iya Ibulayimu – Abagalatiya 3:19, 29.

## **ENSIGO/ EZZADDE LYA IBULAYIMU ERYE'KISUUBIZO**

Kino kitugyukiza ekigambo kya Mukama mu Lusuku Adeni nti Ezzadde Iyo'omukazi liribetenta omutwe gw'Omusota oluvanyuma lw'enaku. Kino era ne kitujjukiza ekisuubizo kya Mukama eri Ibulayimu nti “Muzzadde Iyo Ensi yonna mwe lifunira omukisa” – Olub. 3:15; 22:15-18. Kale ensigo eno teyabaawo okutuusa oluvanyuma lw'emyaka 4000 era nakati omulimo omukulu, tenaba kugukola – okusanyawo ekibi n'emirimo gya Sitani. Kale nga ekisuubizo bwe kyaali eri Ibulayimu, nakati Omukisa tebagufunanga kuba nabo baafa nga tebagulabye – kuba gulina kuyita mu Nsigo ya Ibulayimu. Kino kikakkasibwa mu Abeb. 11:13. Tulaba nti ne Yesu esira yalisa ku bagoberezibe, era banno be yayigirizanga, be yasabira era n'abayita okuba abagoberezibe – nga bayita mu kubonabona nga ye, basobole okufugira awamu naye. (Yokkana 17:9, Abaruumi 8:17, 1 Tim. 2:12.)

## **EKKANISA ERA OMUBIRI GWA KRISTO.**

Omutume ateegeza nti “Naye mmwe muli mubiri gwa Kristo, n'ebitundu byagwo, buli muntu.” – 1 Abakk. 12:27. Kino kiraga nti Krusito gwe Omubiri n'Omutwe era Ekkansa ne Mukama wayo Yesu! Kale nga Ekkansa ewedde okulondebwa oba okutegekebwa, olwo neeba Ensingo/ ezzadde erya subizibwa Ibulayimu – Abagalatiya 3:8,16,29. Wano tulaba lwatu nti Omukisa tegunaba eri ensi yonna wabula Mukama kati yeelondera Ensigo/ ezzadde Iya Ibulayimu. Ekisubizo eri Ibulayimu kiri niti “Muzzadde Iyo ensi/ amawanga gonna ag'omunsi mwe galiweebwa omukisa”. Tukilabye nti Ezzadde Iya Ibulayimu gwe Omutwe n'Omubiri gwa Kuristo. Kale tukikakase burungi nti okuyita mu Zzadde lino, ensi yonna (abantu) mwe balifunira omukisa (obulokozi eri abantu bonna – Yoweeri 2:28). Kale kino omutume kyategeza mu Abagalatiya 4:28 nti nga abaanna abobusika bw'ekisubizo kya

Ibulayimu, mufte abantu bonna mwe balifunira omukisa/ obulamu – Olubereberye 26:1-4.

## **OBULOKOZI BW'EKKANISA**

Obulokozi obw'omuwendo omungi, Omutume bweyategeeza, Mukama waffe bwe yayogeerako nti “Mulina omukisa kuba amaaso gammwe galaba n'amatu gammwe gawulira” – Matayo 13:16-17. “Naye omuntu ow'omukka obukka takkiriza bya Mwoyo gwa Katonda: kubanga bya busirusiru gy'ali; era tayinza kubitegeera, kubanga bikeberwa na mwoyo” – 1 Abakkolinso 2:14. Bano abolondebe batono era bategekerwa Obulamu obutafa nekitiibwa n'esanyu, bano be bawangudde ensi n'okugezesebwa okw'amanyi. Bano mukufa bafulibwa ne bafuna omubiri omugya mu kuzukkira kwabwe, ne baba nga bamalayika, mu maanyi gw'obwakatonda – 2 Petero 1:4.

## **OBULOKOZI BWA BONNA – KUZIBWA BUGGYA!**

Tulaba nga Baibuli eyigiriza nti waliwo “Omulimo omukulu” ogw'Ensigo/ Ezzadde Iya Ibulayimu! Kino kituleteera okwetegereza ennyo ebyawandiikibwa. Tukilaba nti Ekkansa (Ezzadde Iy'ekisuubizo) okuyitiibwa kwaayo kwanjaulo, kwe kufuga ne Mukama waayo, okusikira wamu ne Yesu Obwakabaka bwa Katonda ng'Omugole wa Krusto; okuweebwa ekitiibwa n'obutafa nga abaana ba Katonda era n'okukyusibwa kwabwe okuba nga ba Malayika, kuba omubiri n'omusaayi tebisikira bwaKabaka obw'omu ggulu! Naye tulaba nga ebyawandiikibwa biyigiriza nti n'Abantu bonna bakuweebwa omukisa okuyitta mu Kuristo era ba kulongoonsebwa, okuzibwa obugya mu kiseera ky'okufuga kwa Kuristo wano ku nsi okumala emyaka lukumi (1000) – Ebikk. 3:19-21; Okubikk. 20:6; 5:9-10; Mat. 6:9-10; Zabbuli 72:8; Mu Mikka 4:1-3; tulaba nti amawanga gonna ga kufugibwa wano ku nsi era ba kuwulira ebigambo n'amateeka ga Mukama amaggya! Olwo ensi yonna negyula okumanya Mukama nga amaazzi bwe gasanikira enyanja – Isaaya 11:6-9.

Tulaba burungi nti ekiseera kino, abantu bonna (abalungi n'ababi) bakuzukkira era basonyibwe obutali butukkirivu bwabwe kakano, bayigirizibwe Amazima (amateeka ga Mukama), bayambibwe nga Baibuli bwetegeeza – Jeremiya 31:29-34; Zabbuli 96:9-13; Okubbik. 22:17 – Omwoyo n'Omugole bayita nti Jangu ....., ayagala atwale amazzi ag'obulamu buwa! Kale wano Ekkanisa ne Mukama wayo bayita Nte, Mbuzi, Misota, binyonyi oba Bantu okuweebwa obulamu? Kino si kyekitujjukiza ekisubizo kya Katonda eri Ibulayimu nti okuyita mu zzadde lyo, abantu bonna abe'nsi mwe baliweebwa omukisa !!! (Olub. 22:15-18).

Amiina.