

Overview.

In modern Christian discourse, the names “Salvation and Redemption” appear to be used interchangeably. Even the definitions in the Greek and in Webster’s dictionary appear to support this interchangeability. However there are significant differences, which should cause us to change our behavior in this life (and church age) to produce everlasting consequences with immeasurable rewards. The differences revolve around the concept of “being ransomed”, the value ascribed to the ransomee by the price of the ransom and the corresponding rewards which are commensurate with the value of the ransomee.

Greek Meanings:

Salvation: G4991 Soteria 43 occurrences.

Meanings: rescue, safety – deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

Redemption : G629 Apolutrosis 10 occurrences.

Meanings: ransom – riddance, deliverance, salvation, redemption.

Webster’s Definitions:

Salvation: 1) deliverance from the power and effects of sin
2) preservation from destruction or failure.
3) deliverance from danger or difficulty.

Redemption: 1) freedom from the consequences of sin.
2) freedom from what distresses or harms.
3) freedom by payment of a ransom.

Foundational Scriptures.

Salvation is focused on the beginning, the process and the end.

Redemption is focused on the price, the value, the purpose and the reward.

Salvation

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish (*the beginning*), but have everlasting life (*the end*).

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (*the process*).

Redemption

Mar 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (*the price and value*).

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself (*the purpose*) a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son (the reward).

1John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.