

# GOD'S LAW OF SALVATION

## PART 1: TORAH'S DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

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— 2 Timothy 3:15-17 <sup>KJV</sup>

### I. TORAH MAKES US WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH

#### A. Deut. 4:5-8 <sup>NAS</sup>      **The Foundation of All Wisdom Is Based On Understanding And Keeping God's Torah**

<sup>5</sup> See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it. <sup>6</sup> So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” <sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him? <sup>8</sup> Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

1. Rom 7:12 <sup>NAS</sup>      Torah is also righteous in the N.T.

<sup>12</sup> So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

#### B. **Torah Teaches That Salvation Is Imputed By Grace Through Faith In Yahweh And The Shed Blood Of The Sacrifice**

1. Gen. 3:21 <sup>NAS</sup>      God established blood atonement/covenant for the redemption from sin in the beginning

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

- God sacrificed the animals for them (Grace)
- They understood the animals represented the Messiah who would come and shed His blood to forgive their sin and cover their shame

2. **Gen. 4:3-4** <sup>NAS</sup> The prophet Abel understood blood atonement  
(*Abel was first prophet – Luke 11:50-51*)

<sup>3</sup> So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

- How did Abel know to bring the firstlings and their fat portions?

**Deut. 15:19** <sup>KJV</sup> <sup>19</sup> All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God...

- Type of Yeshua (First born and the first born from the dead)

**Lev. 3:16** <sup>KJV</sup> <sup>16</sup> And the priest shall burn them [*the fat*] upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the LORD's.

- Fat is associated with blood sacrifice as the richest part

3. **Gen. 8:18-21** <sup>NAS</sup> Noah reestablished blood covenant after the flood

<sup>18</sup> So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. <sup>19</sup> Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark. <sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

- Used only clean animals (*Kosher Laws were in affect*)
- Law of burnt offerings is in affect

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

**Gen 9:11-13** <sup>NAS</sup> God gives Noah the “sign of the covenant”

<sup>11</sup> “And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; <sup>13</sup> I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

- Sign of the Noahic Covenant: Rainbow
- Sign of the Abrahamic Covenant: Circumcision
- Sign of the Mosaic Covenant: Shabbat (Sabbath)
- Sign of the New Covenant: Water Baptism

4. **Gen 15:5-11**<sup>NAS</sup> Abraham was saved and made righteous by faith in Yahweh

<sup>5</sup> And He [God] took him [Abram] outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

- Faith is followed by blood atonement that confirms the promise

<sup>7</sup> And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it." <sup>8</sup> And he said, "O Lord GOD, how may I know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

5. **Ex 12:21-24**<sup>NAS</sup> Israel was saved out of Egypt by grace through faith in the shed blood of the Passover lamb.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb." <sup>22</sup> And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. <sup>24</sup> And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

- Israel applied the blood by faith which released God's saving grace
- Israel is commanded to celebrate the Passover FOREVER.

**Ex 12:37-39**<sup>NAS</sup> A mixed multitude of Gentiles came out with Israel

<sup>37</sup> Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children. <sup>38</sup> And a mixed multitude also went up with them, along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.

- Gentile believers in Yahweh were also saved out of Egypt by grace through faith in the blood of the Passover lamb
- Gentile believers were also expected to keep the Passover

6. **Ex 24:7-8** <sup>NAS</sup> God reestablishes blood covenant in the Law of Moses

<sup>7</sup> Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" <sup>8</sup> So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

- Lev. 17:11** <sup>NAS</sup> God reaffirms blood atonement in the Law of Moses

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the alter to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement."

- Lev. 6:6-7** <sup>NAS</sup> Asham: "guilt offering" or "trespass offering" for committing sin against a fellow man <sup>1</sup>

"Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the Lord, a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation [required monetary remuneration], for a guilt offering, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord; and he shall be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

- **Is. 53:10** <sup>NAS</sup> Prophets taught that Messiah would be God's ultimate "Guilt Offering"

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD was pleased to crush Him [*Messiah*], putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days...

- Lev 4:27-31** <sup>NAS</sup> Blood and Fat of the Burnt Offering atone for sin

<sup>27</sup> Now if anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty, <sup>28</sup> if his sin, which he has committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without defect, for his sin which he has committed. <sup>29</sup> And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering. <sup>30</sup> And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. <sup>31</sup> Then he shall remove all its fat, just as the fat was removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar for a soothing aroma to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

The saved are called to return and walk in His ways

**Is. 44:22** <sup>NAS</sup>

<sup>22</sup> "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud, and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

<sup>1</sup> International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Electronic Database by BibleSoft)

- **Ps. 32:1** <sup>NAS</sup> David Acknowledges That God's Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith

<sup>1</sup> How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

**B. The New Testament Apostolic Writings Affirm That We Are Saved And Made Righteous by Grace Through Faith In Yahweh And The Shed Blood Of His Ultimate Sacrifice – Yeshua (Jesus) The Messiah**

1. **Heb. 9:19-22** <sup>NAS</sup> Hebrews reaffirms Torah's doctrine of blood covenant for the forgiveness/atonement of sin

<sup>18</sup> Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, **(Ex: 24:8) "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU"**.

<sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. <sup>22</sup> And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

- The N.T. Apostolic Writings help us clarify the Torah
- Must have and use both

2. **Heb. 9:11-14** <sup>NAS</sup> All O.T. sacrifices pointed to Messiah's sacrifice who would die once for all

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; <sup>12</sup> and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

3. **John 1:29-30** <sup>NAS</sup> Jesus came as God's ultimate Passover Lamb

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- **1 Cor 5:7-8** <sup>NAS</sup> The Commandment to celebrate the Passover FOREVER still includes Gentile believers

<sup>7</sup> Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Let us therefore celebrate the feast [Passover], not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

4. **Eph. 1:7** <sup>NAS</sup> New Covenant redemption is by grace through our faith in the blood of Messiah Jesus (Yeshua)

"In Him [Yeshua] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses [sin], according to the riches of His grace."

5. **Phil 3:8-9** <sup>NAS</sup> We are made righteous (i.e. justified) through faith in Yeshua

<sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, <sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

**Acts 13:38-41** <sup>NKJ</sup> Forgiven and justified by faith

38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; <sup>39</sup> and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup> Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: <sup>41</sup> **(Hab. 1:5)** "BEHOLD, YOU DESPISERS, MARVEL AND PERISH! FOR I WORK A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL BY NO MEANS BELIEVE, THOUGH ONE WERE TO DECLARE IT TO YOU."

**Eph. 2:8-10** <sup>NAS</sup> Saved by grace and called to walk in Good Works

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, that no one should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- **2 Timothy 3:16** <sup>KJV</sup> Torah equips us for good works

<sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## Part 2: HALACHA: THE RIGHTEOUS WALK

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### I. **ONCE TORAH LEADS US TO SALVATION BY FAITH IN MESSIAH, IT INSTRUCTS US HOW TO GROW IN THAT SALVATION BY WALKING RIGHTEOUSLY (A.K.A. “HALACHA” OR THE RIGHTEOUS WALK)**

#### A. **1 Pet. 1:22-25 <sup>NAS</sup> Born Again Through The “Imperishable Seed” Of God’s Word**

<sup>22</sup> Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, <sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word [Torah] of God.

<sup>24</sup> For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, <sup>25</sup> BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER.” And this is the word [Torah] which was preached to you.

#### 1. **1 Pet. 2:1 <sup>NAS</sup> Now That We Are Saved, We Are Supposed To Grow In Our Salvation**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, <sup>2</sup> like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word [Torah], that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, <sup>3</sup> if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

#### 2. **Phil 2:12-13 <sup>NAS</sup> We Work Out Our Salvation Through Obedience**

<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

## II. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IMPUTED BY FAITH AND WORKED OUT THROUGH OBEDIENCE

### A. Righteousness Is Imputed By Grace Through Faith

1. **Rom. 4:1-8**<sup>NAS</sup> Abraham sets the standard for God's righteousness that is imputed by grace through faith

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? (**Gen. 15:6**) "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due. <sup>5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup> (**Ps. 32:1**) "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. <sup>8</sup> BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

2. **2 Cor. 5:21**<sup>NAS</sup> We are made righteous by faith in Messiah  
"He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

### B. Righteousness Is Worked Out Through Righteous Behavior (Good Works)

1. **Ps. 106:28-31**<sup>NAS</sup> Phinehas' act of intervention was reckoned to him as righteousness for all generations

<sup>28</sup> They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead. <sup>29</sup> Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds; and the plague broke out among them. <sup>30</sup> Then Phinehas stood up and interposed; and so the plague was stayed. <sup>31</sup> And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, to all generations forever.

2. **1 John 3:7**<sup>NAS</sup> A truly righteous man practices God's righteousness through his actions (works)

<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

3. **2 Tim. 3:16-17**<sup>NAS</sup> Torah Instructs Us On How To Walk Righteously  
 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”
  
4. **Ps. 119:172**<sup>NAS</sup> God’s “Manifest Righteousness” is defined as His Commandments  
<sup>172</sup> Let my tongue sing of Thy word, for all Thy commandments are righteousness.
  
5. **Deut. 6:24-25**<sup>NAS</sup> When we practice God’s Commandments His righteousness manifests in our lives and His righteousness becomes ours  
<sup>24</sup> So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today. <sup>25</sup> And it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.
  
6. **Gal. 5:5**<sup>NAS</sup> The Church is waiting for the full manifestation of God’s righteousness  
 “For we [*believers*] through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.”
  - The fullness of God’s righteousness is yet to come

### III. JUSTIFICATION IS IMPUTED BY FAITH AND WORKED OUT THROUGH OBEDIENCE

#### A. Justification Is Imputed By Grace Through Faith

2. **Rom. 3:28-31** A man is justified by faith and not the works of the law  
<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. <sup>31</sup> Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.
  - The Torah is established when it is obeyed by faith

## B. Justification Is Worked Out Through Obedient Behavior

### 1. Rom. 1:17 <sup>KJV</sup>

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith."

- Hab. 2:4 <sup>KJV</sup>

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."

### 2. Roms 2:11-13 <sup>NAS</sup> Doers of the Law are justified

<sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God. <sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; <sup>13</sup> for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

- Justified by faith that results in obedience to God's Torah

### 3. James 2:20-25 <sup>NAS</sup> Abraham was justified by works

<sup>20</sup> But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

- Works perfected his faith
- Both imputed righteousness (justification) and behavioral righteousness
- He became a friend of God because of his obedience (*i.e. behavioral righteousness*)

### 4. John 15:13-14 <sup>NAS</sup> Friends of God obey His commandments

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends, if you do what I command you.

- Jesus is our friend because He obeyed God to the point of death
- We become God's friend by obeying His commandments

#### IV. ADOPTION & INHERITANCE ARE BOTH IMPUTED AND WORKED OUT

##### A. Rom. 8:15<sup>NAS</sup> We Have Received Our Adoption As Sons By Faith

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father"

1. Our inheritance is imputed in or adoption at salvation

##### B. Rom. 8:23<sup>NAS</sup> We Are Waiting For Our Adoption As Sons

"And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even *we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons*, the redemption of our body."

#### V. GOD'S FULL REDEMPTION IS YET TO COME

##### A. 1 Peter 1:3-7, 13<sup>NAS</sup>

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God *through faith* for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ..."

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1. Inheritance is reserved in heaven for us
2. God's full salvation is yet to come
3. We are to be holy as God is holy