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NLT 20 Minutes

**The Inheritance of the Believer: Part 1**

Title

***1 Corinthians 10:1-5***

**Topic:** Salvation

**Subject:** How can we balance the Bible’s teaching on salvation and rewards?

**Complement:** Salvation is by faith but rewards are by works.

**Purpose:** The listeners will press on in obedience to obtain their full reward.

**Attribute:** God as Rewarder

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

# Introduction

Israel Saved?

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#### Were these Israelites saved? Our answer to this question will impact how we look at many OT and NT texts.

#### Was Canaan for them representative of entering heaven? There are huge theological implications for this question, so we will take four weeks to explore such issues.

### Preview: Let’s balance the Bible’s teaching on salvation and rewards today with three observations.

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# I. God saved Israel from Egypt and from sin by simple faith.

[The Exodus generation was saved by faith shown in killing a Passover lamb.]

## Background: Israel’s situation in Egypt looked dire.

Oppression

### Egyptians ruthlessly oppressed Israel to motivate them to leave Egypt.

Ultimate Power

### But Pharaoh claimed to have ultimate power.

Who Greater?

### The question was whether Pharaoh or Yahweh was more powerful.

The Point

### Exodus 1–11 teaches God’s faithful care and sovereignty.

(But how did God defeat the superpower of the day?)

John 1:29

Map

Heb 11:28

Ex 12:13

## Israelites were saved from sin also by doing what seemed silly.

### God commanded blood on the doorposts (Exodus 12:13).

### They did this seemingly silly act by faith (Heb 11:28).

### The lamb depicted the real Passover Lamb (John 1:29).

(So what is the typology here?)

# II. Jesus is our New Exodus who delivers us from sin as our Passover Lamb.

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[Christ saves from sin’s slavery like the Passover lamb saved Israel from Egypt’s slavery.]

## Jesus takes away our sins like Israel placed their faith in a lamb.

John 1:29

### John told his disciples that Jesus would atone for sin as the Passover lamb atoned for Israel’s sin (John 1:29).

1 Cor 5:7

### Jesus is our Passover Lamb like the bloody cross on the door (1 Cor 5:7).

Angel of Death

Faith in a Lamb

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### Israel’s faith in their lamb ultimately pointed to their faith in the Lamb.

### “This is my body” meant that Jesus’s death paid for our sins.

### The Passover Angel of Death depicts God seeing us through the blood of Christ.

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OT Inherit

Sal/Conf

(3 slides)

Centrality of Cross

Most Accurate?

Deliverance

(2 slides)

1 Cor 10

(6 slides)

### The Exodus pictures redemption in that all in the Exodus were saved.

### All delivered from Egypt were believers but most were judged (1 Cor 10:1-5).

## Salvation in all ages is the death of Jesus.

### Salvation has always been by faith alone.

### The cross is central to history in that forgiveness is only found there.

### But believers—then and now—still need confession.

(But if the Israelites of the Exodus were saved, why didn’t they enter Canaan?)

# III. Inheritance in the OT included both salvation and reward.

[The OT teaches two inheritances—one by faith and one by works.]

## The Partakers View explains inheritance in the OT.

Final Destiny

## Inheritance in the OT was of two types:

### All Israelites who believed in the LORD would have God as their inheritance—or be saved.

### But only those Israelites that obeyed the LORD wholeheartedly would inherit Canaan—or be rewarded.

## Dillow sums up the OT inheritance in six truths (Joseph Dillow, *Final Destiny*, 56):

### A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.

1-2

### While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.

### The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.

3-4

### Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.

### Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint heirs with Christ unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.

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### A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.

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(How should we balance the Bible’s teaching on salvation and rewards?)

# Conclusion

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### Salvation is by faith but rewards are by works (Main Idea).

### We come into a right relationship with God by placing our trust in Christ—but that is just the beginning as we need to obey him to be fully blessed (MI restated).

### Main Points

MP1

#### God saved Israel from Egypt and from sin by simple faith.

MP2

#### Jesus is our New Exodus who delivers us from sin as our Passover Lamb.

MP3

#### Inheritance in the OT included both salvation and reward.

### Exhortation: Are you also “in the wilderness”? How can you better press on in your own journey of faith?

Press On!

#### If you feel like your fellowship with God is hindered now, do you need to “clean the pipe”? What must you confess?

#### Do things seem dark now? Do not fail to trust God in the darkness for what he has revealed in the light.

### Prayer

Prayer

# Preliminary Questions

**Verses Questions**

# Context: What did the author record just prior to this passage?

### The Corinthian church were clearly believers.

### But they were not living up to Christian standards.

### The closest example of this prior to chapter 10 was that they insisted on their right to eat meat even if it offended other believers (1 Cor 8–9).

# Purpose: Why is this passage in the Bible?

### This text in 1 Cor 10:1-4 warns that true believers can reject God in idolatry so he takes their physical lives.

### Paul was warning the Corinthians—and us—that we can have eternal life but without rewards beyond that—so we must be faithful.

# Background: What historical context helps us understand this passage?

### Corinth was a wicked city of idolatry.

### The believers there had not fully left their idolatrous lifestyle.

# Questions

### Do all Christians have eternal life?

### Can believers commit apostasy (turn away from the faith)?

### Can believers have assurance of salvation now before seeing whether they will persevere until death?

### If a person has eternal life but then loses his salvation through apostasy, did he ever have eternal life in the first place?

# Tentative Subject/Complement Statements

Text

# Possible Illustrations

### The JETS Statement of Faith on Salvation underscores assurance of salvation.

# Possible Applications

### Text

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**Exegetical Outline (Steps 2-3)**

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**Purpose or Desired Listener Response (Step 4)**

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**Homiletical Outline** (Cyclical inductive form)

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### Application question

**Thought Questions**

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1. Text-based question

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1. Application to your own Christian experience

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