



PARADIGMS OF SALVATION

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JESUS SAVES!

- From what?
- From whom?
- Why?

PARADIGMS

- Guilt/Innocence
 - Honor/Shame
 - Power/Fear
 - Clean/Defiled
 - Found/Lost (rescued)
 - Healt/Sickness
 - Hope/Despair
 - Captive/Redeemed
 - Shalom/Chaos
 - Alive/Dead
 - Enemy/Friend
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GUILT/INNOCENCE (LEGALISTIC VIEW)

- Isaiah 53:5–6
 - "But he was pierced for our transgressions... upon him was the **punishment** that brought us peace... and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
 - Matt 7:1-2
 - "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce **you will be judged**, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."
 - John 3:17
 - For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 - 2 Cor 5:10
 - For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
 - Romans 5:18–19
 - "Therefore, as one trespass led to **condemnation** for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to **justification** and life for all men."
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CLEAN/DEFILED (HOLINESS VIEW)

- **1 John 1:7–9**

- “...the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin... If we confess our sins, he is faithful... to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

- **Titus 3:5**

- He saved us... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”

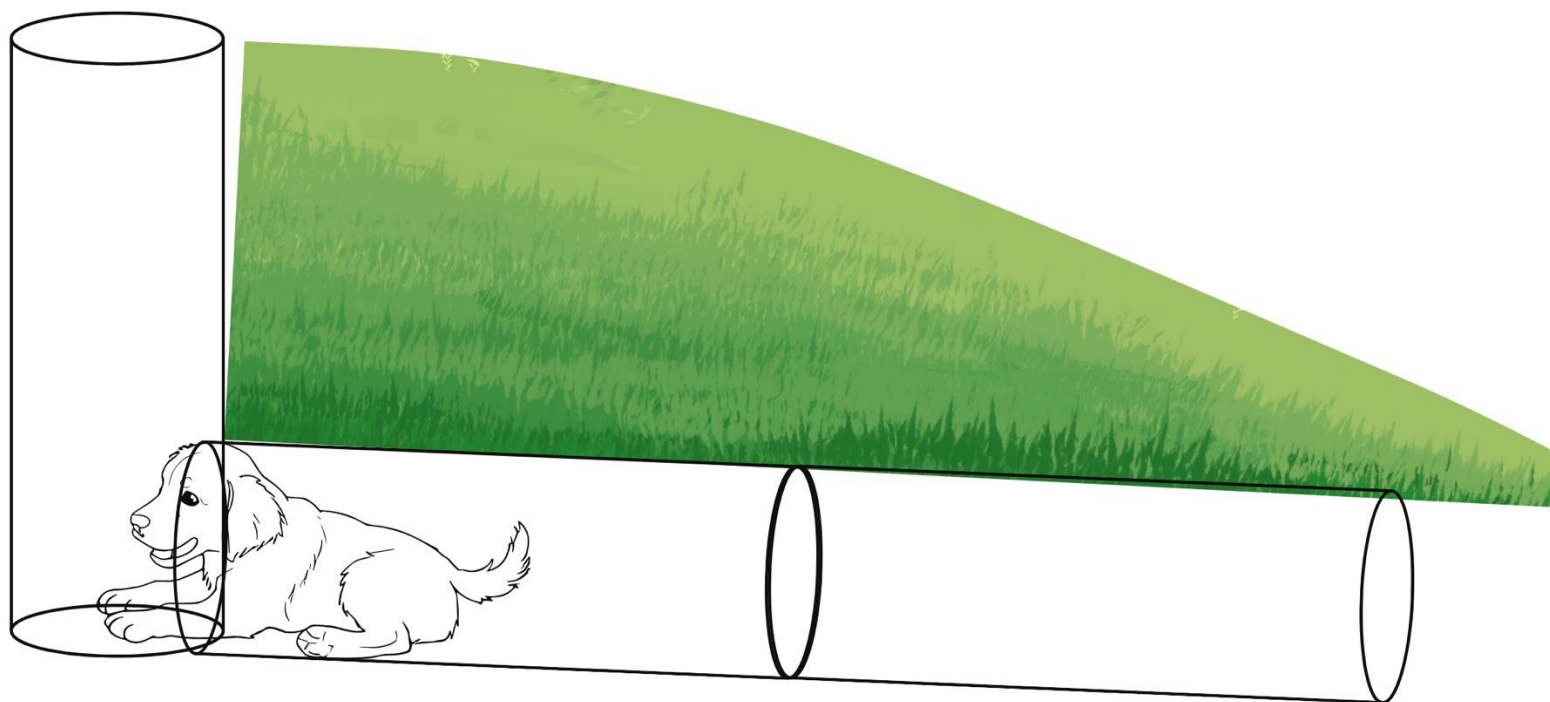
- **1 Cor 6:11 (NIV)**

- And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
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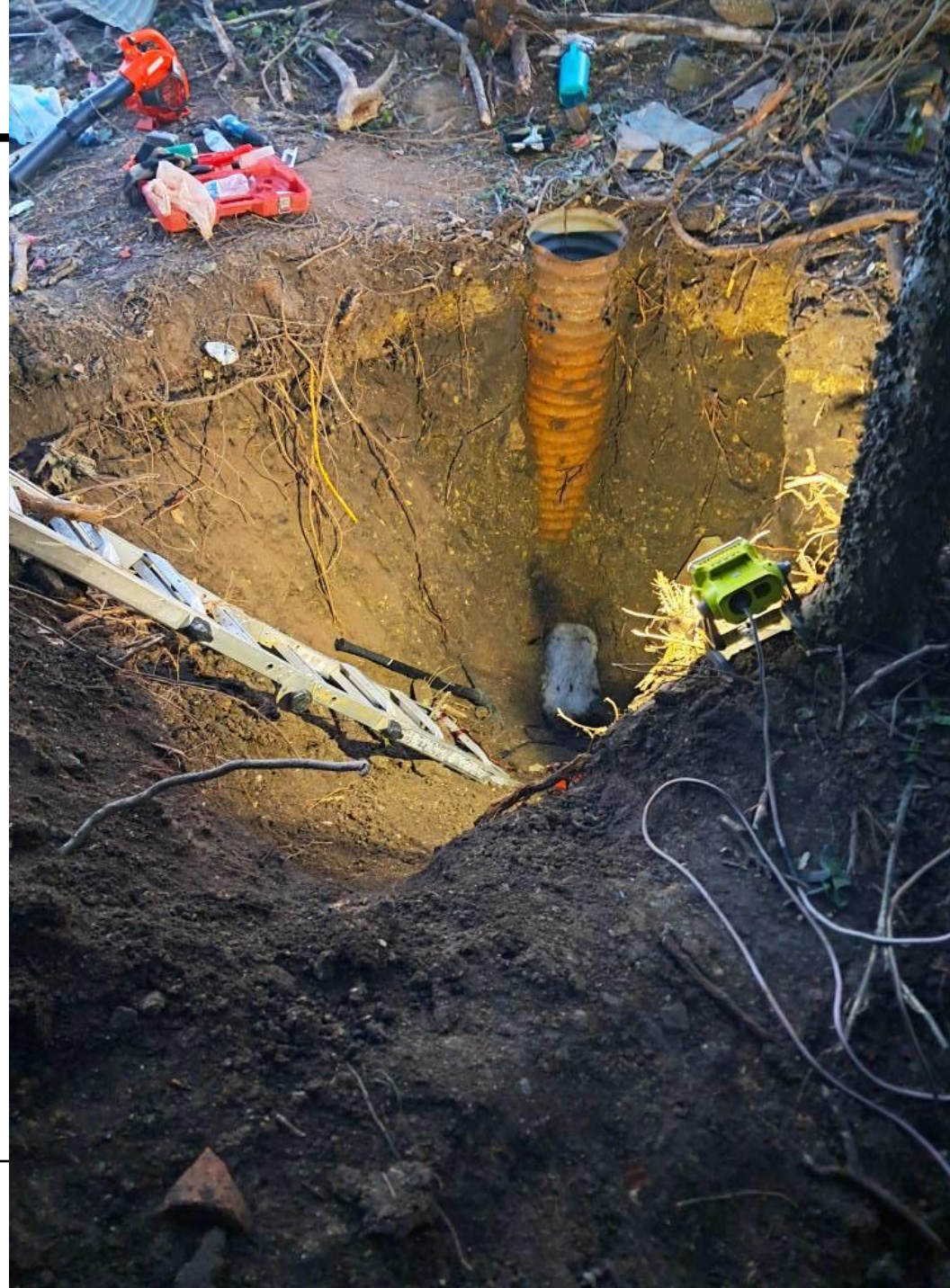
LOST/FOUND (LUKE 15)

- “Lost” ἀπολλύω (*apolluō*) to destroy (associated with violence/strife)
 - Lost Sheep
 - ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has **lost** one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
 - Lost Coin
 - ⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she **loses** one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?
 - Lost Son
 - ^{15b} Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was **lost**, and is found.’...
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SICK/WHOLE (HEALTHY)

- Luke 5:29-32
 - ²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a **physician**, but those who are **sick**. ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”
 - σωζω (*sōzō*) to save
 - **To save from danger or destruction** (physical or spiritual)
 - **To heal** (restore to health)
 - **To preserve or keep safe**
 - **To deliver from judgment or harm**
 - **To make whole**
 - In secular Greek: it could refer to saving a ship from sinking, sparing someone in war, or recovering from illness.
 - In the Septuagint (Greek OT): *sōzō* often translates the Hebrew) יָשָׁא (*yasha*), the root of “Joshua” and “Jesus” — both meaning “Yahweh saves.”
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SAVED/LOST

1. Spiritual Salvation (Rescue from sin, death, or judgment (a transformation of status before God.))

- Matthew 1:21 – “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will **save** his people from their sins.”
- Ephesians 2:8 – “By grace you have been **saved** through faith...”

2. Physical Healing (Rescue from disease, affliction)

- Mark 5:34 – “Daughter, your faith has **healed** (sōzō) you...”
- Luke 17:19 – Jesus to the healed leper: “Your faith has **made you well** (sōzō).”

3. Deliverance from Danger (Protection from physical harm or peril)

- Matthew 8:25 – Disciples in the storm: “Lord, **save** us! We are perishing!”
- Acts 27:31 – Paul says: “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be **saved**.”

4. Rescue from Judgment (End-time or future salvation)

- Romans 5:9–10 – “...having been justified... we shall be **saved** from the wrath of God.”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9 – “...God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain **salvation**...”

5. Wholeness / Restoration (Reinstating someone to full function (spiritually or socially))

- James 5:15 – “The prayer of faith will **save** the sick...”
 - Luke 19:10 – “The Son of Man came to **seek and save** the lost.”
 - 2 Timothy 4:18 – “The Lord will **rescue** me from every evil deed and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom...”
 - 🌀 In many of these uses, sōzō carries a total, integrated sense of **restoration**, whether physical, moral, or eternal.
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HOPELESS/HOPEFUL

- **Eph 2:12-13**

- ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope** and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

CAPTIVE/REDEEMED

- Redeem/ransom: λυτρόω (*lutroō*) to ransom(G3084); to redeem, free a slave by paying a ransom
 - Mark 10:45
 - For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
 - Romans 6:18 (TLB)
 - ¹⁸ And now you are free from your old master, sin; and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness.
 - Titus 2:11-14
 - ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
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WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- How you see your relationship with God
- Evangelism



THREE-FOLD NATURE OF SIN

- Sins We Do
- Sins Others Do to Us
 - “Hurt people hurt people.”
- Sin All Around Us
 - Second-hand smoke/trauma
 - Ps 51
 - For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 - Local morals/values (east coast, urban areas, universities, age cohorts)



Guilt/Innocence

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- No need to run or hide
 - Guilt focuses on escape from punishment (like a kitten who won't take its medicine)
 - Try focusing on sickness and effects (Romans 6:20-23 (CEV))
 - When you were slaves of sin, you didn't have to please God. ²¹But what good did you receive from the things you did? All you have to show for them is your shame, and they lead to death. ²²Now you have been set free from sin, and you are God's slaves. This will make you holy and will lead you to eternal life. ²³Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.
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CLEAN/DEFILED (DIRTY)

- 2 Peter 2:22 (CEV)
- ²⁰When they learned about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they escaped from the filthy things of this world. But they are again **caught up and controlled by these filthy things**, and now they are in worse shape than they were at first. ²¹They would have been better off if they had never known about the right way. Even after they knew what was right, they turned their backs on the holy commandments they were given. ²² What happened to them is just like the true saying,

“A dog will come back to lick up its own vomit.

A pig that has been washed will roll in the mud.”








LOST/FOUND

Acts 17:26-28

- And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’...
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WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?

- Guilty 
 - Dirty 
 - Hopeless 
 - Lost and wandering 
 - Sick or perishing/in danger 
 - (Declared) Innocent
 - Clean and Holy
 - Hopeful (excited)
 - Found and Saved
 - Healed and Whole and Safe
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