

THE ROAD OF SALVATION

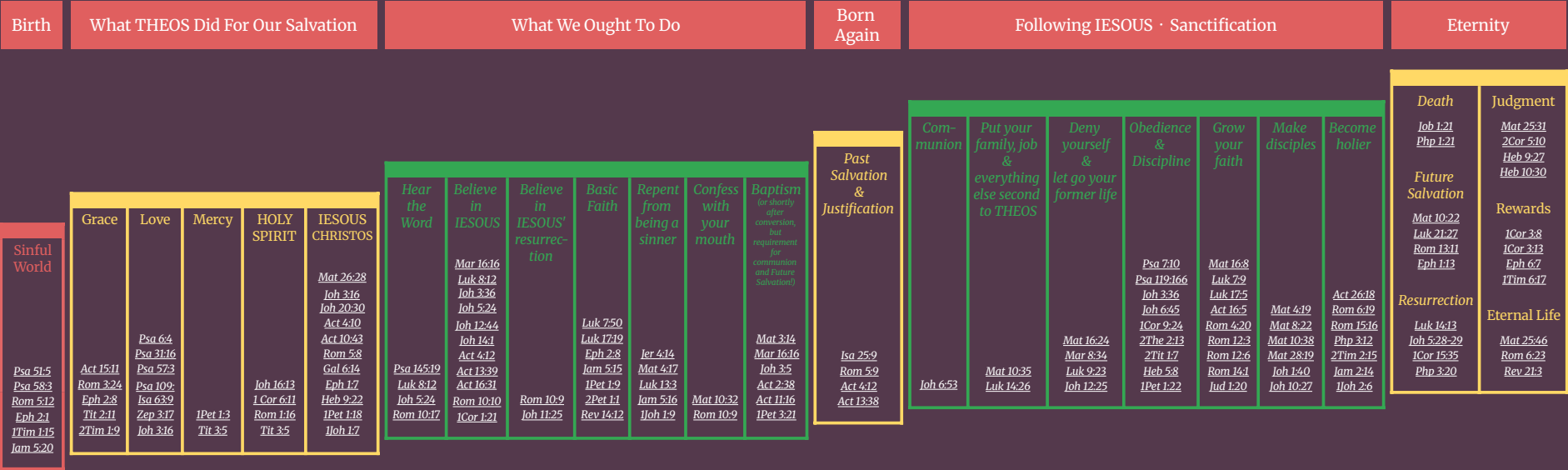
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Prologue	THEOS loves every single human. He does not love all humans with the same kind of complacent love He has reserved for true believers, but shows His benevolence even to unbelievers and rejoices if we live according to His will and follow CHRISTOS. Love implies the choice to follow Him or not. His master plan is based on free will – if to follow His original plan or not.			
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Life As A Sinner	We are born into a sinful world .	... I was sinful at birth , sinful from the time my mother conceived me.	Psa 51:5	
		Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward , spreading lies.	Psa 58:3	
		Neither have you heard, nor have you known, nor from of old has your ear been opened. For I knew you would deal treacherously, very treacherously, and you are called a rebel from the womb .	Isa 48:8	
	But although our inclinations might be evil, we have already as a child the free will to commit acts that are pure and upright, or evil .	Even by his acts, a young man will make himself known, whether his acts are pure and upright .	Pro 20:11	
		... although you were dead in your trespasses and sins , in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world [...] we all formerly lived in the desires of our flesh , doing the will of the flesh and of the mind, and we were children of wrath by nature , as also the rest of them were.	Eph 2:1-3	
... “Never again will I curse the ground for the sake of humankind, because the inclination of the heart of humankind is evil from his youth .		Gen 8:21		
Past Salvation (From The Condemnation Of Sin)	Past Salvation leads us to THEOS' forgiveness of our past sins and to a fresh new start as a child of THEOS. While Salvation is principally granted by grace, we are to honor this new life by continually following IESOUS and showing Works of Faith (not Works of the Law!). If we do this and remain in the SPIRIT, then ' Past Justification & Salvation ' anticipates the ' Final Justification & Salvation ', leading to the realization of the hope of eternal life described in Tit 3:7.			
	The 'Prayer of Salvation / Sinner's Prayer' can be a rudimentary tool to draw people closer to THEOS, but remember that the Bible does not teach us this man-made prayer, and that Salvation implies ALL of the follow steps :			
	1	Believing in IESOUS, being the SON of the FATHER.	The one who believes in the SON has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the SON will not see life – but the wrath of THEOS remains on him.	Joh 3:36
			“... whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.	Joh 5:24
			“ Believe in KYRIOS IESOUS , and you will be saved ...	Act 16:31
	2	Believing in IESOUS' resurrection.	If you confess with your mouth, “IESOUS is KYRIOS,” and believe in your heart that THEOS raised Him from the dead , you will be saved.	Rom 10:9
			“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live , and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die for-ever . Do you believe this?”	Joh 11:25-26
	3	Repenting from being a sinner.	Since then, IESOUS began to proclaim and to call: " Repent , for the Kingdom of the Heavens has drawn near."	Mat 4:17
			I tell you, no! But unless you repent , you too will all perish.	Luk 13:3
			THEOS, be merciful to me, a sinner! ' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified [...] the one who humbles himself will be exalted.	Luk 18:13-14
			If we confess our sins , He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.	1Joh 1:9
	4	Confessing with your mouth.	If you declare with your mouth , “IESOUS is KYRIOS,” [...] you will be saved. [...] it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.	Rom 10:9
	5	Being baptized in the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. Baptism is a requirement for becoming part of the ultimate Kingdom of THEOS and for receiving the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. Baptism can follow a Past Salvation , but is essential for a Future Salvation . ► see also separate topical study on 'Baptism' While baptism is necessary for Future Salvation, it is not the actual act of baptism that saves us, but principally His grace and our belief & faith.	When IESOUS was answering, He said to him [John]: "Yield now, for thus it is appropriate for us to fulfill all justification." Then he yielded to Him. And having been baptized , IESOUS ascended immediately from the water. And behold, the Heavens were opened [to Him]. And He beheld the SPIRIT of THEOS descending as a dove and coming upon Him. And behold, a voice was speaking out of the Heavens: "This is my SON, the Beloved in whom I delight."	Mat 3:15-17
			The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who refuses to believe will be condemned.	Mar 16:16
			IESOUS answered, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born of water and SPIRIT , he is not able to enter into the Kingdom of THEOS.	Joh 3:5
			... “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to THEOS, and be baptized in the name of IESOUS CHRISTOS for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT .	Act 2:38
			John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the HOLY SPIRIT .	Act 11:16
... in the days of Noah ... eight souls – were rescued through water. And also, corresponding to this, baptism now saves you , not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to THEOS for a good conscience through the resurrection of IESOUS CHRISTOS , who is at the right hand of THEOS, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to him.			1Pet 3:20-22	
6	Developing faith (belief merging in works).	For by grace you have been saved through faith . [...] it is the gift of THEOS, not a result of works [only], so that no one may boast.	Eph 2:8-9	
		... for you are receiving the end result of your faith , the Salvation of your souls.	1Pet 1:9	
		... those who have obtained a faith equal in value to ours by the Righteousness of our THEOS and SAVIOR IESOUS CHRISTOS.	2Pet 1:1	
		But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith , by praying in the HOLY SPIRIT ...	Jud 20	
		Here is the patient endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of THEOS and the faith in IESOUS .	Rev 14:12	
IESOUS replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of THEOS unless they are born again .			Joh 3:3	
Blessed be the THEOS and FATHER of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of IESOUS CHRISTOS from the dead , into an inheritance imperishable and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for you ...			1Pet 1:3-4	
Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the SPIRIT of CHRISTOS which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of CHRISTOS, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Good Message unto you with the HOLY SPIRIT sent down from Heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.			1Pet 1:10-12	



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Right- eousness	Righteousness means being in line with moral / legal standards. It means the grace of THEOS, to acquit someone from their wrongdoing and to accept him or her as righteous in His sight. Similarly to Salvation and Justification, Righteousness has also a past and future application. Christians are already declared righteous the moment they are born again (in regards of past sins), but not yet fully until they will have successfully walked the path of Righteousness / the road of Sanctification.	
	The biblical definition of Righteousness.	And if a man is righteous and does justice and Righteousness, and on the mountains he does not eat and he does not lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and the wife of his neighbor he does not defile and he does not approach a woman of menstruation, and he oppresses no one and he returns a pledge for his loan and he commits no robbery and he gives his bread to the hungry and he covers a naked person with a garment, and he does not charge interest and he takes no usury, and he holds back his hand from injustice and he executes a judgment of fairness between persons, and in my statutes he goes about and my regulations he keeps, performing faithfully – then he is righteous, and certainly he will live,” declares KYRIOS. Eze 18:5-9
	The difference between righteousness from the law , and true righteousness from THEOS on the basis of faith.	... that I may gain CHRISTOS and may be found in him, not having my righteousness which is from the law, but which is through faith in CHRISTOS, the righteousness from THEOS on the basis of faith, so that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Php 3:8-11
	IESOUS' death and resurrection principally enables us to enter into His Righteousness. Strong's G1343, ΔΙΚΑΙΟCYNH, dikaiosune, From G1342; equity (of character or act); specifically (Christian) justification: – righteousness. Strong's G1342, ΔΙΚΑΙΟC, dikaios, From G1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): – just, meet, right (-eous).	For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive THEOS's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of Righteousness reign in life through the one man, IESOUS CHRIST! Rom 5:17
		But if CHRISTOS is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the SPIRIT is life because of Righteousness. Rom 8:10
		He made the one who did not know sin to be sin on our behalf, in order that we could become the Righteousness of THEOS in Him. 2Cor 5:21
		And Joseph her husband, being just and not willing to expose her, was minded to dismiss her in private. Mat 1:19
		Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began to praise THEOS, saying, “Certainly this man [CHRIST] was righteous!” Luk 23:47
		For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous [could also refer to the Day of Judgment]. Rom 5:19
	If we are in CHRISTOS , we are declared righteous.	... the one who does not work but trusts THEOS who justifies the impious, their faith is credited as Righteousness. Rom 4:5
		Therefore, if anyone is in CHRISTOS, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from THEOS, who reconciled us to Himself through CHRISTOS [...] We are therefore CHRISTOS' ambassadors ... 2Cor 5:17-20
Past Justification	Justification (= making justice) is the outcome of a courtroom process, if the courtroom finds that such Righteousness is indeed present. We are initially justified through IESOUS' blood in the moment we are being born again, and the Final Justification will be the status conferred by IESOUS in the courtroom = on Judgment Day. While the overwhelming majority of scholars teach that Justification is a one-time action, the chapter 'Final Justification' at the end of this study clearly proves that there are two dimensions to Justification. It would actually be a surprise to find anything one-dimensional in the Bible, but our tendencies for over-simplification have sadly prevailed in today's teachings.	
	His resurrection brought the grace for Justification from past sins. Strong's G1344, ΔΙΚΑΙΟΩ, dikaioo, From G1342; to render (that is, show or regard as) just or innocent: – free, justify (-ier), be righteous.	I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than that one! For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luk 18:14
		For His sun rises upon evil and good ones, and it rains on just and unjust. Mat 5:45
		Therefore let it be known to you, men and brothers, that through this one forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you [forgiveness from past sins; from future sins upon respective repentance without sacrifice], and from all the things from which you were not able to be justified by the law of Moses, by this one everyone who believes is justified! Act 13:38-39
		But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of THEOS has been revealed [...] the righteousness of THEOS through faith in IESOUS CHRISTOS to all who believe. [...] all have sinned and fall short of the glory of THEOS, being justified as a gift by His grace, through the redemption which is in CHRISTOS IESOUS, whom THEOS made publicly available as the mercy seat through faith in His blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness, because of the passing over of previously committed sins [clearly Past Justification], in the forbearance of THEOS, for the demonstration of his righteousness in the present time, so that he should be just and the one who justifies the person by faith in IESOUS. [...] For we consider a person to be justified by faith apart from the works of the law. [this verse speaks against Works of the Law only and not against Works of Faith; Luther interpolated 'by faith ALONE' and caused a scandal which continues today through the heretical reductionism of salvation to 'Faith / Grace Alone' while mostly ignoring the 7 above mentioned steps contributing to Past Salvation] Rom 3:21-28
		Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with THEOS through our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRIST: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand [...] while we were still sinners, CHRISTOS died for us. Therefore, by much more, being now [clearly Past Justification] justified by His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to THEOS through the death of his SON, by much more, having been reconciled, we will be saved by His life. Rom 5:1-9



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Following IESOUS	Following IESOUS requires to believe IESOUS, and believing IESOUS and faith leads to proclaiming IESOUS. Consequently, a privatized faith in a resurrected CHRISTOS is practically inconceivable.		
	Authority to become children of THEOS.	But as many as received Him [past tense = being born again]– to those who believe [Present tense] in His name – he gave to them authority to become children of THEOS [Authority is effective, however, only insofar as it is exercised].	<u>Joh 1:12</u>
	Putting your family & everything else second to THEOS.	If anyone comes to me and does not hate [= putting them second] father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.	<u>Luk 14:26-27</u>
	Denying even yourself / losing part of your former life.	Then He said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me . For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.	<u>Luk 9:23-24</u>
	Following Him in His example to make disciples .	And He said to them: "Go follow me and I will make you fishers of men. " And having left immediately the nets, they followed Him. And having advanced from there, He noticed two other brothers: James of Zebedee and John his brother; in the boat with Zebedee their father; setting up their nets. And He called them. And having left immediately the boat and their father, they followed Him .	<u>Mat 4:19-20</u>
		But IESOUS said to him: " Follow me and leave the dead to bury their dead."	<u>Mat 8:22</u>
		And whoever is not attaining his cross and is following after me , is not worthy of me.	<u>Mat 10:38</u>
		My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me .	<u>Joh 10:27</u>
	The most visible expression of following IESOUS, is to partake in Communion and to remember His death and resurrection. More importantly and sadly often denied, Communion is actually a requirement for Eternal Life .	Then IESOUS said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the SON of man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves! The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life , and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood resides in me and I in him.	<u>Joh 6:53-66</u>

Sancti- fication (Present / Progressive Salvation; From The Power & Penalty Of Sin)	Sanctification means 'holiness'. To sanctify, therefore, means to make holy, to purify to gold, to strengthen and to perfect. Every Christian – if allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to do so- is being perfected in the image of IESOUS in a lifelong process.		
	The effective work of the HOLY SPIRIT in and through us is a fundamental part of Sanctification.	... open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to THEOS, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’	<u>Act 26:18</u>
		... now present your members as slaves to Righteousness leading to Sanctification .	<u>Rom 6:19</u>
		... so that the nations might become an offering acceptable to THEOS, sanctified by the HOLY SPIRIT.	<u>Rom 15:16</u>
		But we ought to give thanks to THEOS always concerning you, brothers dearly loved by KYRIOS, because THEOS has chosen you as first fruits for Salvation by the Sanctification of the SPIRIT and faith in the truth , for which purpose he called you through our Good Message for the obtaining [= the process] of the glory of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions which you were taught, whether by spoken word or by letter from us. Now may our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS Himself and THEOS our FATHER, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word .	<u>2The 2:13-17</u>
		... He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for Himself a people for his own possession , zealous for good works.	<u>Tit 2:14-15</u>
		Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not : whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.	<u>1Joh 3:4-6</u>
	Obedience is key to Sanctification.	Although He was a SON, He learned obedience from what He suffered, and being perfected [so we ought to be perfected] , He became the source of Eternal Salvation to all those who obey Him ...	<u>Heb 5:8-9</u>
		... but as the one who called you is holy, you yourselves be holy in all your conduct , for it is written, “ You will be holy, because I am holy. ” And if you call on Him as FATHER who judges impartially according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves with fear during the time of your temporary residence , because you know that you were redeemed from your futile way of life inherited from your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of CHRISTOS ...	<u>1Pet 1:15-19</u>
		Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from the heart, because you have been born again , not from perishable seed but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of THEOS.	<u>1Pet 1:22-23</u>
	Persistence is key to Sanctification.	I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which CHRISTOS IESOUS first possessed me.	<u>Php 3:12</u>
	Sanctification does not only include, but actually requires Works of Faith .	What is the benefit, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but does not have works ? That faith is not able to save him , is it?	<u>Jam 2:14</u>
		You see that faith was working together with his works, and by the works the faith was perfected [= Sanctification].	<u>Jam 2:22</u>
	Although believers have been thoroughly cleansed, they can still be defiled through sin on their pathway. Their earthly life is affected by their sinful flesh.	IESOUS said to him, “The one who has bathed only needs to wash his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you. ”	<u>Joh 13:10</u>
		Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin ; how can we live in it any longer?	<u>Rom 6:1-2</u>
		If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.	<u>1Joh 1:8</u>
	Although we entered into the promise upon Past Salvation, we ought to fully claim the promise by undergoing a successful Sanctification – in a similar way the Israelites had to claim the Promised Land by experientially occupying it, while overcoming battles and war-fares.	My servant Moses is dead. Get up and cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them [Promise] , to the Israelites.	<u>Jos 1:2</u>
		Every place that the soles of your feet will tread [action], I have given it to you [= legal ownership after action], as I promised to Moses.	<u>Jos 1:3</u>
		... Joshua was old [...] and KYRIOS said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed [more action required].	<u>Jos 13:1</u>
		The one who overcomes will [fully] inherit these things [no inheritance for those who do not overcome], and I will be his THEOS and he will be my son.	<u>Rev 21:7</u>
	We know that we are heading for Eternity if we go through the kind of Sanctification where THEOS disciplines us from time to time.	... we are being disciplined ... that we might not be condemned with the world.	<u>1Cor 11:32</u>
		But if you are without discipline, in which all legitimate sons have become participants, then you are illegitimate and not sons . [...] later it yields the peaceful fruit of Righteousness for those who are trained by it.	<u>Heb 12:8-11</u>



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Our Physical Death	We don’t know the day of our death.	Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart.	Job 1:21
		If I want Him to remain [alive] until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!	Joh 21:22
	We should not fear death at all.	For to me to live is CHRISTOS and to die is gain . But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for CHRISTOS. So I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with CHRISTOS , which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.	Php 1:21-24
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IESOUS' Second Coming	If our physical death should not precede the Second Coming of IESOUS, then this will be the precise moment when our Present Salvation will end, and when anyone who did not follow IESOUS until the end, will not experience Future Salvation.		
	There is no doubt that He will come again in our future.	Then will appear the sign of the SON of man in Heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the SON of man coming on the clouds of heaven , with power and great glory.	Mat 24:30
		... do not lack in any Spiritual gift as you eagerly await the revelation of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS , who will also confirm you until the end, blameless in the day of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS.	1Cor 1:7-8
		... and to wait for His SON from heaven , whom He raised from the dead, IESOUS who delivers us from the wrath to come.	1The 1:10
		... and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when KYRIOS IESOUS is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels ...	2The 1:7
		... He will appear a second time ...	Heb 9:28
		Therefore, when you have prepared your minds for action by being self-controlled, put your hope completely in the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of IESOUS CHRISTOS .	1Pet 1:13
		But to the degree that you share in the sufferings of CHRISTOS, rejoice, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice and be glad.	1Pet 4:13
	We do not know the day of His return. ► see also detailed study 'End Times'	So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.	Mat 25:13
	Have patience.	As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.	Mat 25:5
Final Salvation (From The Presence Of Sin)	We have the foretaste, the HOLY SPIRIT, as a guarantee of our resurrection life.	And you will be hated by all on account of my name. But the one enduring until the end, he will be saved .	Mat 10:22
		Then everyone will see the SON of man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your Salvation is near [clear differentiation to Past Salvation = it is near right before IESOUS' second coming]!”	Luk 21:27-28
		IESOUS ... said to him, “If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my FATHER will love him, and we will come to him and will take up residence with Him .	Joh 14:23
		... we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the SPIRIT [=clearly a believer who is born again], groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship [Future Salvation], the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved [Past Salvation].	Rom 8:23-24
		For our [Future] Salvation is nearer now [= it is not yet here!] than when we believed [=had been born again].	Rom 13:11
		And you also were included in CHRISTOS when you heard the message of truth, the Good Message of your Salvation . When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal , the promised HOLY SPIRIT, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption ...	Eph 1:13-14
		THEOS, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that He should make IESOUS , through His suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them [through Sanctification] into their [Future] Salvation .	Heb 2:10
		CHRISTOS was sacrificed [...] to bring [Future] Salvation [= it is not yet granted] to those who are [currently] waiting for Him [only those having experienced present Salvation are waiting for him; unbelievers are not waiting for him].	Heb 9:27
		You see that faith was working together with his works, and by the works the faith was accomplished [not Future Salvation without Faith resulting in Works].	Jam 2:22
		Prepare the way of KYRIOS, make His paths straight! Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled, and the crooked will become straight, and the rough road will become smooth, and all flesh will see the Salvation of THEOS .	Isa 40:3-5 Luk 3:4-6
	Not every 'believer' will be saved. The parable of the 10 virgins shows us clearly, that a believer (a virgin to be married to the bridegroom CHRISTOS) can have indeed experienced Past Salvation, but in fact will not inherit Future nor Eternal Salvation, if he or she does not have enough faith (oil) in their lamp, meaning that this person did not undergo a successful Sanctification. ► see also detailed study 'Eternal Security vs. Conditional Security'	Not everyone saying to me 'KYRIOS, KYRIOS', will enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens, but the one doing the will of my FATHER , the One in the Heavens.	Mat 7:21
		But the one who endures to the end – this person will be saved .	Mat 24:13
		... the Kingdom of Heavens will be like ten virgins [...] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [...] The virgins who were ready went in with Him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘KYRIOS, KYRIOS,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don't know you.’	Mat 25:1-13
		Therefore, brothers , be zealous even more to make your calling and election secure , because if you do these things , you will never ever stumble. For in this way entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our KYRIOS and SAVIOR IESOUS CHRISTOS will be richly supplied for you.	2Pet 1:10-11
		Blessed are those who are invited to the banquet of the wedding celebration of the Lamb!” And He said to me, “These are the true words of THEOS.”	Rev 19:9
Our Resurrection	We will be resurrected with glorified bodies . Our bodies will be perfect and without any infirmities. We will still have our own personality and individuality, but these will be perfected to have a perfect unity and harmony in the ultimate body of CHRISTOS. We can also assume to have one common language – the tragic confusion of tongues being history.	Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace .	Dan 12:2
		But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous .”	Luk 14:13-14
		... an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice and they will come out – those who have done good things to a resurrection of life , but those who have practiced evil things to a resurrection of judgment.	Joh 5:28-29
		... everyone whom He has given me, I would not lose any of them, but raise them up on the last day .	Joh 6:39
		... Martha said to Him, “I know that he [Lazarus] will rise again in the resurrection at the last day .” IESOUS said to her, “ I am the resurrection and the life . The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die forever . Do you believe this?”	Joh 11:23-26
		... having a hope in THEOS ... : that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous .	Act 24:15
		... For if the dead are not raised, CHRISTOS has not been raised either [...] For just as in Adam all die, so also in CHRISTOS all will be made alive .	1Cor 15:16-22
		... the one who raised IESOUS will also raise us together with IESOUS and present us together with you.	2Cor 4:14
		But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a SAVIOR from there, KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body .	Php 3:20-21
		And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death [the grave] and Hades [hell] gave up the dead who were in them, and each one was judged according to their deeds.	Rev 20:13



	Comment	Scripture
Final Judgment	While all believers will be judged after death, true believers will not be condemned and consigned to hell, but rewarded according to their deeds.	
	Judgment of every believer and unbeliever.	<i>I will indeed set an appointed time; I will judge fairly. [...] one He brings low, and another He lifts up.</i>
		<i>... for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in Righteousness and the peoples with equity.</i>
		<i>... Look! I am judging between one sheep and another, [and also] between the rams (male sheep = believers), and between the he-goats [unbelievers]. [...] Look! I, even I will judge between fat sheep [oppressor] and between lean sheep [the oppressed] ...</i>
		<i>And I say to you, that every idle word men will speak, they will give an account concerning it on a day of judgment. For by your words you will be vindicated, and by your words you will be condemned [unbelievers]."</i>
		<i>... the SON of man ... will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on the left. Then the KING will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed' by my FATHER. Inherit the Kingdom ... [...] on His left, 'Depart from me ...'</i>
		<i>And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before people, the Son of man also will acknowledge him before the Angels of THEOS, but the one who denies me before people will be denied before the Angels of THEOS.</i>
		<i>But why do you judge your brother? Or also, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of THEOS.</i>
		<i>For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of CHRISTOS, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.</i>
		<i>... CHRISTOS IESOUS, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His Kingdom ...</i>
		<i>Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment ...</i>
		<i>KYRIOS will judge His people.</i>
		<i>And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life, and the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to their works.</i>
	Unbelievers and false believers will be condemned to eternal death.	<i>Many will say to me in that day: "KYRIOS KYRIOS, did we not prophesy in your name? And in your name we have cast out demons, and in your name we did many deeds of power!" But then I will avow to them that I never knew you. Depart from me, those committing lawlessness.</i>
	The Greek word behind 'judge' is dikastes, which is the same root word as Justification and Righteousness. It therefore builds the bridge between Judgment and Future Justification. Strong's G1348, ΔΙΚΑΣΤΗC, dikastees, From a derivative of G1349; a judge: - judge .	<i>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"</i>
		<i>But the one who was doing wrong to his neighbor pushed him aside, saying, 'Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us?'</i>
		<i>This Moses whom they had repudiated, saying, 'Who appointed you a ruler and a judge?' - this man THEOS sent as both ruler and redeemer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.</i>
Final (Future) Justification	We are pre-justified through IESOUS' blood in the moment we had been born again (see stage 2) and the Final Justification will be the status conferred by IESOUS on the Judgment Day, if our saving faith has not suffered on the road of Sanctification.	
	The term ' Righteous Judgment' (dikaiokrisia) occurs only once in the entire New Testament, in Romans 2:5. The term itself makes it clear that there will be a judgment directly related to Righteousness and Justification, and that both terms do not only have a past application. Strong's G1341, ΔΙΚΑΙΟΚΡΙCΙΑ, dikaiokrisia, From G1342 and G2920; a just sentence: - righteous judgment .	<i>But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and of the Revelation of the Righteous Judgement of THEOS, who will reward each one according to his works: to those who, by perseverance in good work, seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life, but to those who act from selfish ambition and who disobey the truth, but who obey unrighteousness, wrath and anger. There will be affliction and distress for every human being who does evil, of the Jew first and of the Greek; but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and to the Greek.</i>
	Differentiation between Past and Future Justification. Strong's G1344, ΔΙΚΑΙΟCΙC, dikaios, From G1342; to render (that is, show or regard as) just or innocent: - free, justify (-ier), be righteous .	<i>And I say to you, that every idle word men will speak, they will give an account concerning it on a day of judgment. For by your words you will [not Past, but Future Justification] be vindicated, and by your words you will be condemned."</i>
	James 2:22 shows us that works (and faith) -logically following the moment of being born again- lead us to the future aspect of Justification, namely Final Justification.	<i>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before THEOS, but the doers of the law who will be [not Past, but Future Justification; we are only doers of the law after Past Salvation] justified.</i>
		<i>May it never be! But let THEOS be true but every human being a liar, just as it is written, "In order that you may be [excludes a concluded action; not Past, but Future Justification] justified in your words, and may prevail when you are judged."</i>
		<i>... we have believed in CHRISTOS IESOUS so that we may be justified by faith in CHRISTOS and not by the Works of the Law, because by the Works of the Law no human being will be justified. But if while seeking to be justified by CHRISTOS [Sanctification], we ourselves also have been found to be sinners, then is CHRISTOS an agent of sin? May it never be! For if I build up again [= proof that this passage speaks to a born-again believer] these things which I destroyed, I show myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, in order that I might live to THEOS. I have been crucified [born again] with CHRISTOS, and I no longer live, but CHRISTOS lives in me ...</i>
		<i>... a person is justified by works [of faith/love; not works of the law; see the word study 'Works'] and not by faith alone. And likewise was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by a different route? For just as the body without the SPIRIT is dead, so also faith without works is dead.</i>
	No condemnation for true believers.	<i>... as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in Justification and life for all people.</i>
		<i>Consequently, there is now no condemnation for those who are in CHRISTOS IESOUS. For the law of the SPIRIT of life in CHRISTOS IESOUS has set you free from the law of sin and death.</i>
	Justification through the grace of IESOUS CHRISTOS and also by our works of faith.	<i>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith [=belief merging in works] apart from the Works of the Law ["law" = reference to sacrifices, ceremonies, et al ...] ► see also the word studies on 'Faith' and 'Works'</i>
Crown of Righteousness	Having successfully walked the road of Sanctification and therefore achieved Final Justification, we will receive now the Crown of Righteousness .	
	Continuous discipline (Sanctification) strengthens the Righteousness we received when we had been born again.	<i>Fortunate are those hungering and thirsting righteousness. For they will be filled.</i>
		<i>... all discipline seems for the moment not to be joyful but painful, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of Righteousness for those who are trained by it.</i>
	The Crown of Glory / The Crown of Life / The Crown of Righteousness.	<i>For through the SPIRIT by faith we eagerly await the hope of Righteousness. Finally, the crown of Righteousness is reserved for me, that KYRIOS, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day [on Judgment day only; not upon being born again], and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.</i>
		<i>Blessed is the person who endures testing, because when he is approved he will receive the crown of life that He has promised to those who love Him.</i>
		<i>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.</i>
		<i>Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.</i>
		<i>... they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.</i>
Eternal Rewards	Eternal Rewards for our works. The principle reward is eternal life and once we will have passed Judgment, there will be individual rewards depending on our earthly works in the Body of CHRISTOS. We don't know how those rewards will look like, but we can assume that those include various responsibilities in the Heavenly Kingdom.	<i>The small one shall become a tribe, and the smallest one a mighty nation. I am KYRIOS; I will hasten it in its time."</i>
		<i>... lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.</i>
		<i>The one receiving a prophet in authority of a prophet, will receive a reward of a prophet. And the one receiving a just one in name of a just, will receive a reward of a just.</i>
		<i>For the SON of man is going to come in the glory of His FATHER - with His angels. And then He will reward each one according to his practice.</i>
		<i>... everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or FATHER or mother or wife or children or fields on account of my name will receive a hundred times as much [principally related to earthly life, but similarly to heavenly life], and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.</i>
		<i>... invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they are not able to repay you. For it will be paid back to you at the resurrection of the righteous."</i>
		<i>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.</i>
		<i>"Truly I say to you that there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children on account of the Kingdom of THEOS, who will not receive many times more in this time and in the age to come, eternal life."</i>
		<i>... A certain nobleman [IESOUS] traveled to a distant country to receive for himself a Kingdom [of THEOS] and to return [Second Coming]. And summoning ten of his own slaves [His followers], he gave them ten minas ... 'Do business until I come back.' [...] 'Sir, your mina has made ten minas more!' [...] have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, ... 'And you be over five cities.' [...] And another came ... wicked slave! 'Take away from him the mina and give it to the one who has the ten minas!' ...</i>
		<i>... the righteous judgment of THEOS, who will reward each one according to his works: to those who, by perseverance in good work, seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life ...</i>
		<i>... each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.</i>
		<i>... the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved - even though only as one escaping through the flames.</i>
		<i>... KYRIOS should come, who will both enlighten the hidden things of darkness and will reveal the counsels of hearts, and then praise will come to each one from THEOS.</i>
		<i>Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving KYRIOS, not people, because you know that KYRIOS will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.</i>
		<i>Command those [...] not to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but in THEOS [...] to be rich in good works, to be generous, sharing freely, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future ...</i>
	Our ultimate gift is eternal life on the renewed earth - together with THEOS. ► see study 'End Times' for more details	<i>For KYRIOS is righteous; He loves righteous deeds. The upright shall see His face.</i>
		<i>He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what THEOS has done from beginning to end.</i>
		<i>... they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.</i>
		<i>For THEOS so loved the world that He gave His one and only SON, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.</i>
		<i>For the wages of SIN is death, but the gift of THEOS is eternal life in CHRISTOS IESOUS our KYRIOS.</i>
		<i>Look! THEOS' dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and THEOS Himself will be with them and be their THEOS. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."</i>
Eternal Life		<i>see addendum</i>



-20-
Spiritual
Self-
Sufficiency

Comment	Scripture		
The most important age in the life of a human is the Age of Accountability of 20 years , when a person is not saved anymore by default, but is responsible for his or her own salvation. What seems to be a new concept, is easily derived from the following Bible passages and from the importance of the number 20, which is a number that stands for a complete or perfect waiting period. The term ‘twenty years old’ is found 32 times in the Bible (highly overproportional compared to other ages; only the numbers of 1/2/3/7 years appear more often; see also the addendum with a detailed analysis), clearly underlining the importance of this age. (► see also study ‘Biblical Age Groups’ with a detailed understanding of specific ages)			
Age of manhood / womanhood / maturity . Children, who will have died before the age of 20 will experience salvation, because they could not yet know ‘good or bad’.	... When a man makes a vow according to your proper value of persons [...] [20–59] for a male from twenty years of age up to sixty years of age [...] [5–19] And if from five years of age up to twenty years of age [...] [0–5] And if from a month of age up to five years of age [...] [60+] And if from sixty years of age and above [...]	Lev 27:1-7	
	... in this desert your corpses will fall, and all your counted ones, according to all your number, from twenty years old and above who grumbled against me.	Num 14:29	
	[parallel passage to Num 14:29] And your little children, who you thought shall become plunder, and your sons, who do not today know good or bad , shall themselves go there [to the Promised Land; allusion to our Promised Land = Eternity], and I will give it to them, and they shall take possession of it.	Deu 1:39	
	Affirmation & Application Outside the Mosaic Laws		
	... Look! the virgin is with child and she is about to give birth to a son, and she shall call his name ‘THEOS with us.’ He shall eat curds and honey until he knows to reject the evil and to choose the good . For before the boy knows to reject the evil and to choose the good , the land whose two kings you dread will be abandoned.	Isa 7:14–16	
It would be abstruse to assume the contrary – to assume that innocent children would go into condemnation.	And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred and twenty thousand people [=children, one translation even translates it with ‘children’; the estimated total population of Niniveh was 600.000 people] who do not know right from left [=innocent children], plus many animals?” [see also Ecc 10:2 The heart of the wise inclines to his right , but the heart of the fool inclines to his left ; see also Mat 25:31–34 “... the SON of man ... will place the sheep on His right and the goats on the left . Then the KING will say to those on His right , ‘Come, you who are blessed by my FATHER. Inherit the Kingdom ... on His left , ‘Depart from me ...”].	Jon 4:11 <i>see also commentaries affirming those people to be children</i>	
	Army		
The mandatory enlistment in the ancient Israelite army started only with the age 20, in order to protect from possible death those who would only in a few years multiply their families and provide the next generation(s).	Take a census of the entire community of the Israelites [...] every male individually from twenty years old and above , everyone in Israel who is able to go to war .	Num 1:3 Num 1:20 Num 26:2	
	And David did not take a census of those twenty years old or under because KYRIOS promised to make Israel more numerous than the stars of Heaven .	1Chr 27:23	
	And Amasias assembled the house of Juda, and appointed them according to the houses of their families for captains of thousands and captains of hundreds in all Juda and Jerusalem: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upwards , and found them three hundred thousand able to go out to war, holding spear and shield.	2Chr 25:5	
Census			
The minimum age for inclusion in a census .	... and they summoned the entire community on the first day of the second month. And they registered themselves among their clans according to their families, according to the number of names from those twenty years old and above individually ...	Num 1:18	
Contributions			
Minimum age for special contribution .	Everyone who is counted from twenty years old and above will give the contribution of KYRIOS.	Exo 30:14	
Kings			
Age of King Josiah to have full (spiritual) power as king . 1. Age 8 – Start of his reign 2. Age 16 – Conversion, he is described as youth 3. Age 20 – Full (spiritual) power to remove high places	Josias was eight years old when he began to reign , and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2. And he did that which was right in the sight of KYRIOS, and walked in the ways of his father David, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3. And in the eighth year of his reign, and he being yet a youth , he began to seek the KYRIOS the THEOS of his father David: and in the twelfth year of his reign he began to purge Juda and Jerusalem from the high places , and the groves, and the ornaments for the altars, and the molten images.		2Chr 34:1-3
Kings most often started their reign at the age of 20–25 years (where recorded).	– Kings of the United Kingdom	Saul (30 years) · Ish-bosheth · (40 years) · David (30 years) · Solomon (20 years)	
	– Kings of Israel (Northern Part)	Jeroboam I · Nadab · Baasha · Elah · Zimri · Omri · Ahab · Ahaziah (20 or 22 years) · Jehoram (32 years) · Jehu · Jehoahaz · Joash (7 years) · Jeroboam II · Zechariah · Shallum · Menahem · Pekahiah · Pekah · Hoshea	
	– Kings of Judah (Southern Part)	Rehoboam (41 years) · Abijam · Asa · Jehoshaphat (35 years) · Jehoram (32 years) · Ahaziah (22 years) · Athaliah · Joash · Amaziah (25 years) · Uzziah (16 years) · Jotham (25 years) · Ahaz (20 years) · Hezekiah (25 years) · Manasseh (12 years) · Amon (22 years) · Josiah (8 years) · Jehoahaz (23 years) · Jehoiakim (25 years) · Jehoiachin (18 years) · Zedekia (21 years)	
Temple			
Age for Levites to fully serve in the house of KYRIOS.	These were the sons of Levi [...] who were to do the work of the service of the house of KYRIOS, from twenty years old and above .	1Chr 23:24	
	... the Levites, from twenty years old and upward , according to their posts by their working groups. And they were enrolled with all their little ones, their wives, their sons, and their daughters ...	2Chr 31:17–18	
The Little Children			
David’s actions clearly prove that children are saved.	... and David said to his servants, Is the child dead ? and they said, He is dead. Then David rose up from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his raiment, and went into the house of THEOS, and worshipped him; and went into his own house, and called for bread to eat, and they set bread before him and he ate. And his servants said to him, What is this thing that thou hast done concerning the child? while it was yet living thou didst fast, and weep, and watch: and when the child was dead thou didst rise up, and didst eat bread, and drink. And David said, While the child yet lived, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who knows if KYRIOS will pity me, and the child live? But now it is dead, why should I fast thus? will I be able to bring him back again? I will go to him , but he will not return to me.	2Sam 12:19–23	
IESOUS proved what the Old Testament taught. He taught that all children belong to the Kingdom of the Heavens, without providing any further qualification. But this automatism is only effective until before the children achieve the Age of Accountability.	Now IESOUS said: "Let the children go, and do not restrain them to come to me. For of such is the Kingdom of the Heavens ." And having laid hands on them, He went forth from there.	Mat 19:14	
	But when IESOUS saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of THEOS .”	Mar 10:14	
	But IESOUS called them to Him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of THEOS . Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of THEOS like a child shall not enter it.”	Luk 18:16	
Possible Limitation!			
To my knowledge, there is one passage, which possibly limits the salvation of children younger than 20 years to those children, who have at least one parent who is a believer. This passage definitely implies that there are unholy children, which in turn can be interpreted as unsaved children. This would mean that if a child dies before the age of 20, it is only saved if it has on the day of his or her death a believing parent.	And to the rest I speak –not KYRIOS– if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is pleased to dwell with him, do not let him send her away; and a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he is pleased to dwell with her, do not let her send him away. For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified in the husband; otherwise your children are unclean , but now they are holy .	1Cor 7:12–14	
Ezra 9 and 10 in the Old Covenant tells us also that children born of foreign marriages were to be treated as ‘unholy’, resulting in this account in the separation of entire families.			

