# THE COMMON AND ETERNAL SALVATION

# **INTRODUCTION**

God created everything good at the beginning under the heaven and the earth creation work, including the first Man called Adam. **Gen 1:31** 

Adam was created with a spirit and given a divine mandate by God from the beginning of his creation. He was formed as a living soul and put to the test in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam grace sufficient for him to accomplish the work of God in the Garden of Eden but he felled from that grace unto sin in transgressing the commandment of God. Adam came short of the glory of the LORD by which he was clothed from the beginning. By Adam sin entered into the world and death by sin by which mankind came under the condemnation thereof. Adam and Eve were subsequently cast out of the garden into the sinful world to toil. This brought about the need for a salvation plan for the divine restoration of mankind to be accomplished.

Gen 1:27; Gen 2:15-17; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12-19

Salvation as defined in the English dictionary is – "The process of being saved, the state of having been saved (from hell). The process of being restored or made new for the purpose of becoming saved".

Unfortunately, even with the definition of salvation staring us in the face as above, the Ministers of the People (MOPs) of the Churches as organization/business (CAO) have in subtlety redefined salvation as an instantaneous occurrence that takes place immediately a sinner answers their contrived "altar call"; rather than it being a divine process that kick starts from when a sinner is convicted in his heart by the Spirit and submits in obedience to the commandments of Christ on how he ought to come unto salvation which is accomplished by God in such a life. Today it is the CAO MOPs themselves that get men saved and certifies them born again as they willeth, thereby deceiving so many into a false belief and human assurance of salvation that shall lead to hell if not addressed properly. **Mk 16:15-16; Mtt 28:18-20** 

By the grace of God we shall be addressing this topic that is fundamental to our faith but which true understanding has been twisted and made ambiguous in our times. Therefore, many wrestle with Scriptures and the words of the gospel concerning it at several turns. Some say "once saved forever saved", while others say "you can lose your salvation before the end". We shall guide us into the understandings of these hard to answer questions for many in this

literature, by the understanding that the Holy Spirit shall give us of the Common salvation and the Eternal salvation, a mystery that has been hidden from many in all ages even till date.

### SALVATION OF THE SOUL IS OF TWO PARTS

Our fellowship is with the Father and His Son and this we were able to reflect on in our true gospel literature titled "The Resurrection Gospel". Therein we were made to know that the gospel of our salvation comprises of two main components – the workings of the Father and the workings of the Son. These are all geared towards the salvation of our soul for eternity sake. Jn 10:30; Mtt 11:27; Jn 14:1.6; Jn 6:44,65

In this literature, we identify and term the workings of the Father in the Salvation process as the Common Salvation (CS), while the workings of the Son in bringing the salvation process to completion as the Eternal Salvation (ES). The Common salvation precedes the Eternal salvation and we need to undergo the two processes in order that our obedience might be complete and the ultimate salvation possible. The differentiation is pertinent to our having a clear understanding of the divinely integrated salvation process; for "I and my Father are one"- Jn 10:30. The revelation of this mystery can be seen all over in the New Testament gospel for those that have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit saith therein- the seamless synergy between the Father and the Son.

Jn 5: 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

The Father sent the Son into the world in order to fulfill that which was required by the Law for Mankind to obtain the CS, while the Son received of the Holy Ghost from the Father, whom he sent, in order to qualify all those that obtain the CS on earth to receive the ES on the last day. **Jn 16:7-11** 

Why the CS and the ES? This is because of what Adam brought upon all mankind of which we needed to be delivered from separately but collectively in order for our salvation to be complete. Adam's transgression brought upon all souls born of woman the imputation of SIN by God unto physical (bodily) death in the world and the possibility of the soulish DEATH, called the second death in the world to come. This was affirmed by the introduction of the Law of Sin and Death. Man was sent out of the Garden of Eden and obstructed from partaking of the tree of life by which Eternal life was to be made sure in the kingdom of God for us. **Gen 3:22-24; Rev 2:7** 

**Gen 2:15-17 (Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Rom 5: 12-21 (Vr.12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.18** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

**Ezek 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Therefore, the overall divine agenda of the Salvation process involving the CS and the ES is to restore Man to the glorious state Adam was before the fall, wherein he was to dominate and subdue the earth when his obedience would have been complete as it were. **2 Cor 10:4-6; Gen 1:26-28** 

We need to compulsorily undergo the two salvations in order to be saved both from past sins by the Common salvation and the consequences of sin which is the wrath to come and the second death by the Eternal salvation as it were.

We shall proceed to do as much distinction of the CS and the ES as possible in order to enlighten our understanding of the mystery of our salvation in Christ Jesus.

### THE COMMON SALVATION – SALVATION FROM THE ADAMIC SIN

Everyone born of woman into the world is conceived in iniquity and born in sin; for all have fallen short of the glory of God due to the Adamic sin as witnessed by the Law. This sin is imputed upon all mankind irrespective of your individual righteousness or unrighteousness. We were all made carnal, sold under sin and its captivity and therefore the need for the CS.

**Ps 51: 5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Rom 3:9-18 (Vr.23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Vr.13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Vr.14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

**Rom 7:7-14 (Vr.14** For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

The Common salvation orchestrated by the Father was to save us from sin that was imputed by God upon all mankind as a result of Adam's transgression by which the whole world was found

in sin. This God accomplishes by justifying us by the blood of the Lamb and purging our conscience from the guilt of sin, and imputing His own righteousness instead upon all those that believe in Him through His Son Jesus Christ. The CS is meant to grant us a second chance, a clean slate by which we are to walk in righteousness thereafter, all the days of our lives, producing fruits that shall abide to the glory of God in Christ. Jn 15:8,16; Rom 7:4

**Rom 8:20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, **Vr.21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**Lk 1:67-79 (Vr.74** That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, **Vr.75** In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. **Vr.77** To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

### **HOW DID THE COMMON SALVATION COME ABOUT?**

Foundationally, our captivity to sin, "the original sin", is of no fault of ours but that of the first man, Adam by which all were condemned. Therefore, God in His mercy while we were yet in this original sin made provision for us to be saved from its bondage through the death of the second man, the last Adam. So by faith in the finished work of God done in Christ on the cross, by his shed blood, we obtain this Common salvation. Therefore it is of no works of our own that we might glory in or boast about, but strictly by the grace of God made available to us in Christ Jesus are we saved unto the CS. God the Father after the fall of Adam before the world began made provision for the CS for us. **Rom 8:20-21; I Pet 1:18-20** 

**Rev 13: 8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world [the provision made for the CS from the beginning].

**Gal 3: 22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

**2 Tim 1:7-10 (Vr.9** Who hath saved us [unto the Common salvation], and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

So the CS is obtained by believing in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for our sins, which is the work of God accomplished for our salvation and submitting to the baptism that evidence this. Jn 6:28-29; Mk 16:15-16; Jn 3:16-18; Gal 3:26-27

**Eph 2:4-9 (Vr.4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **Vr.5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ [unto the CS], (by grace ye are saved;) **Vr.8** For by grace are ye saved [unto the CS] through faith [that obtained you the Common salvation]; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Vr.9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 5:6-11 (Vr.6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Vr.8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Vr.9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood [unto the CS], Vr.10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled [through the CS], Vr.11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement [by which the CS was made possible].

Acts 2:37-38 (Vr.38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins [that is how we come to receive the CS],

By the works of sacrificing the blood of bulls and goats according to the Law, no man could be justified before God. It was only by the sacrifice of the blood of the Lamb, which the Father offered on the cross; a sacrifice preordained from the foundation of the world. **Hebr 10:1-18; I Jn 5:5-8; Rev 13:8** 

Isa 53:1-12 (Vr.5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Vr.8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Vr.9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Vr.10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Vr.11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Vr.12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Hebr 9:11-28 (Vr.12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **Vr.14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, <u>purge your conscience</u> from dead works to serve the living God? **Vr.15** <u>And for this cause</u> he is the mediator of the new testament, <u>that by means of death</u>, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament,

The Common salvation is rooted on the righteousness of God being imputed upon us by which we are made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Our captivity in sin was founded on God imputing the unrighteousness of Adam upon us, while our salvation from sin is premised on God imputing His righteousness upon us through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ as it were. **Phil 3:9; I Cor 1:29-30; Gal 3:6-9,14** 

Rom 3:21-25 (Vr.21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Vr.22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Vr.23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Vr.24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Vr.25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 4: 1-25 (Vr.3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Vr.4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. Vr.5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Vr.6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works [that is how the CS is gotten], Vr.7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Vr.8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Vr.22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Vr.23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; Vr.24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Vr.25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Rom 5: 12-21 (Vr.15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Vr.16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. Vr.17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Vr.18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to

condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. **Vr.21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

By the Common Salvation we are reconciled with God the Father through the death and blood of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, which is the work of God. We receive of the CS by believing and identifying with the death of Jesus Christ through baptism in his name for the remission of our sins. The blood of Jesus availeth for us therein by faith. This blood sacrifice was required by the Law of God for the eternal remission of the original sin in us by which we were held under the curse of the Law of Moses. Acts 10:43; Hebr 10:17-20; Gal 3:10-13; Colo 1:19-22; Colo 2:11-14

**2 Cor 5:17-21 (Vr.18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, **Vr.19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **Vr.21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Hebr 9:18-28 (Vr.18** Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. **Vr.19** For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, **Vr.20** Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. **Vr.21** Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. **Vr.22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

**Lk 22:19** This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. **Vr.20** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

I Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light [of the truth], as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin [unto the CS]. Vr.9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us [with his blood] from all unrighteousness.

**Gal 3: 26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **Vr.27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

#### THE COMMON SALVATION IS NOT BY OUR OWN WORKS

By our own works of righteousness, whether through the strict observance of the Law or self righteousness, no man can be justified before God. So by the mercy of God, who justifies the unjust, are we saved unto the CS. It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but it is of the Lord that sheweth mercy. It is of the LORD that calleth and who justifies, without which, we, Gentiles would never have been saved. It is the work of God through His Son, Jesus Christ that purchased the Common salvation for us. Rom 8:30-33; Mtt 19:16-26; 2 Tim 1:9-10; Rom 10:17-20; Acts 20:28

**Lk 18:9-14 (Vr.13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Rom 9:6-32 (Vr.11 For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth; Vr.15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Vr.16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. Vr.18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Vr.24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? Vr.25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. Vr.26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Vr.27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: Vr.30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. Vr.31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Vr.32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Acts 10:9-16,34-48 (Vr.14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. Vr.15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. Vr. 28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Vr.34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: Vr.35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Vr.42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was

ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. **Vr.43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

**I Pet 3: 18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

**Gal 3: 8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Rom 4:1-13 (Vr.2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. Vr.5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness [unto obtaining the CS]. Vr.6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works [that is how the CS is gotten], Vr.7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Vr.8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

**Tit 3:4-8 (Vr.4** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **Vr.5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us [*unto the Common salvation*], by the washing of regeneration, **Vr.7** That being justified by his grace [*that is how the Common salvation is accomplished*],

**Gal 1:3-4 (Vr.4** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world [having received the CS], according to the will of God and our Father:

# **CHRIST TAUGHT US ABOUT THE COMMON SALVATION**

John the Baptist, the fore runner of Jesus Christ came bringing to the knowledge of men the Common salvation that Christ was to accomplish on their behalf. Acts 13:24-26; Acts 19:4

**Lk 1:67-79 (Vr.77** To give knowledge of [the Common] salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, **Vr.79** To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Lk 3:2-6 (Vr.3** And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; **Vr.4** As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **Vr.6** And all flesh shall see the salvation of God [the CS].

**Jn 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world [for the CS purpose].

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ taught about both the Common salvation (CS) and the Eternal Salvation (ES) but we shall first extract his teachings on the CS and later that on the ES.

The Common salvation is for the MANY that are called at the beginning, offered to the whole world; they are of the first but who might not end up being of the last. The last at the end shall receive of the Eternal Salvation (ES) who having obtained the CS at the beginning of their salvation endure in the common faith till the end. The ES is therefore for the FEW and not for all. Mtt 20:16; Lk 9:62

By the Common salvation, God the Father sheweth His mercy unto sinners and through Christ calls them unto repentance and justification. Under the CS, sinners who believe are declared not guilty and righteous by God.

Mtt 9:9-13 (Vr.12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Vr.13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, <u>I will have mercy</u>, and not sacrifice: <u>for I am not come to call the righteous</u>, but sinners to repentance [unto the CS]

**Jn 3: 17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Jn 12:31-33 (Vr.32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me [unto the Common salvation]. Vr.33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Mtt 22:1-10 (Vr.2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, Vr.9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. Vr.10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good [unto the CS]: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

Mtt 25:1-13 (Vr.1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps [having the Common salvation], and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Vr.2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Vr.3 They that were foolish took their lamps [which is of the Common salvation], and took no oil with them [which is required for enduring unto the Eternal salvation]:

Mtt 13:18-22 (Vr.20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it [unto receiving the CS]; Vr.21Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. Vr.22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he

that heareth the word [receiving the CS]; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

By being born of water you get saved by the mercy of God unto obtaining the Common salvation, but by being born of the Spirit you receive the hope of (eternal) salvation as a helmet unto inheriting the Eternal salvation at the end as it were. They that obtain the Common salvation are yet born of the flesh, but it is they that are born of the Spirit that shall obtain the Eternal salvation at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 8:1-2; Mtt 12:43-45; Jn 15:1-2; I Pet 3:20-21

At the first advent of Christ the CS was made available and at his second advent the ES shall be made available to those that received the CS and endure till the end. The CS is not a hope to the saints in this world because they have obtained it already, but the ES is currently, unfortunately the CAO MOPs teach otherwise. **Hebr 9:28; I Thess 5:8-9** 

**Jn 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [unto receiving the CS]. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh [under the Common salvation];

**Jn 8: 30** As he spake these words, many believed on him. **Vr.31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed [by which ye can obtain the CS];

The Common salvation forms the basis for OUR FAITH upon which the New Testament is founded, while the hope of Eternal salvation forms the basis for OUR HOPE by which we shall enter into the promised eternal inheritance reserved for us in heaven.

**Lk 22:19** This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. **Vr.20** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you [the basis for the CS].

**Jn 6: 51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: ....: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world [by which the CS was made available].

**Lk 24:44-47 (Vr.46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Vr.47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

The Common salvation was made available by the death of Jesus Christ and the shedding of his blood. Therefore all those that receive repentance, forgiveness and remission of sins from God through belief in Christ shall attain unto it. **Colo 1:14,20-22; Jn 12:24** 

#### WHY IS IT CALLED "THE COMMON SALVATION"?

It is called "The Common Salvation" because by it God made provision for all sinners, whosoever that shall call upon the name of the Lord to be saved by faith, without discrimination or restriction cum limitation, whether Jew or Greek, bond or free, man or woman, black or white, etc... It is salvation meant for the MANY that calleth upon the Lord for mercy out of a humble spirit and a contrite heart. Acts 10:43; Isa 66:2; Jam 4:6-8; Lk 18:13-14

**Jude 1: 3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Acts 2: 21 And it shall come to pass, <u>that whosoever</u> shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Mk 16:15-16 (Vr.16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved [obtaining the Common salvation first before the Eternal]; but he that believeth not shall be damned [eternally].

**Jn 10: 9** I am the door: by me <u>if any man</u> enter in, he shall be saved [*CS*], and shall go in and out, and find pasture [*while still yet in the world*].

**Rom 10: 12** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for <u>the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him</u> [for the Common salvation]. **Vr.13** For <u>whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved [first unto the CS]</u>.

**Jn 12: 32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, <u>will draw all men</u> unto me. **Vr.33** This he said, signifying what death he should die [in order that the Common salvation can be made possible].

**Tit 2: 11** For the grace of God that bringeth [the Common] salvation hath appeared to all men,

**Hebr 9: 15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament [for the purchase of the CS], they which are called [and are chosen thereafter] might receive the promise of eternal inheritance [which shall eventually be accessed through obtaining the ES].

Isa 45: 22-25 (Vr.22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Vr.23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Vr.24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. Vr.25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

**Isa 53:1-12 (Vr.11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: <u>by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many</u>; for he shall bear their iniquities. **Vr.12** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; <u>and he bare</u> the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Salvation that is common to all those that believe the true gospel and are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ having all identified with Christ's death through water baptism is called the Common salvation.

# THE ETERNAL SALVATION – SALVATION FROM THE SECOND DEATH

The Eternal salvation (ES) was made possible through the life of Jesus by his resurrection from the dead to live eternally (Jn 14:19). You must partake of the Common salvation (CS) first before you can become a candidate for the ES. Presently, in this world, the ES is but a lively hope in the saints shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us in baptism by Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost sustains this hope in us until we come to possess the ES as from the resurrection day. This is what is meant that we are saved by hope. Eph 1:11-14; Rom 5:5-11; Mtt 3:13-17; Lam 3:24-26; Eph 6:11-17; Jn 6:57

**Rom 8:23-25 (Vr.23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body [when we shall enter into the ES]. **Vr.24** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **Vr.25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

**I Thess 5: 8** But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of [Eternal] salvation. **Vr.9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone that is truly born of the Spirit receives of this hope and are made heir of the promise of eternal salvation by God in Christ Jesus. Christ is the author and finisher of our faith by which we obtain the CS and also he is the author and finisher of our hope by which we shall obtain the ES. **Hebr 12:2; Rom 6:3-11** 

**Hebr 5:5-9 (Vr.7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Vr.8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he

suffered; **Vr.9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

I Pet 1:3-5 (Vr.3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, Vr.4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you [when we enter into the ES], Vr.5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time [that is when the ES shall be revealed and received]. Vr.7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Vr.9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls [that is the ES].

In this world you are justified by faith in Christ by God and saved from past sins unto the Common salvation, while you are saved from both the wrath to come at the last day when all shall appear before the judgment seat of Christ in order for your works on earth to be judged/tried whether it be good and/or evil and consequently from the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) death. For those that their works are of good and righteousness shall receive of or enter into Eternal salvation, but those that their works are evil and of iniquity shall enter into eternal damnation.

You are saved by the grace of God (under the CS) unto doing good works thereafter by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ till the end when you shall enter into the eternal salvation.

**Eph 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not of yourselves. [*How?*] (**Vr.4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **Vr.5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **Vr.10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

All those that are called of the Father receives by the grace of God of the Common salvation, while all those that are chosen, ordained and sent forth and who bring forth fruit that remaineth unto the end shall enter into Eternal salvation by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ at the last day.

**2 Tim 1:7-10 (Vr.9** Who hath saved us [the Common salvation], and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel [of the eternal salvation]:

#### CHRIST TAUGHT US ABOUT THE ETERNAL SALVATION

As it was with the Common salvation (CS), John the Baptist who came bringing the knowledge thereof, also alluded to that which pertained unto the Eternal salvation (ES) in his gospel. When?

Mtt 3:7-12 (Vr.7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come [of which escape you need to receive the ES]? Vr.10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Vr.11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire [by which ye shall obtain the ES]: Vr.12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner [unto the ES]; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

**Jn 3: 36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ taught about both the Common salvation (CS) and the Eternal Salvation (ES) and as we had extracted his teachings on the CS, so shall we also extract that pertaining to the ES.

It is by the Eternal salvation that we shall obtain eternal life truly at the end, but as of now it is a hope and a promise within the saint sustained by the Holy Ghost given unto those that obey Christ as a surety for it.

Jn 3:14-18 (Vr.14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: Vr.15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Vr.16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him [unto receiving the CS] should not perish, but have everlasting life [by the ES].

**Lk 13:23-30 (Vr.23** Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved [unto the ES]? And he said unto them, **Vr.24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. **Vr.25** When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Mtt 7:16-23 (Vr.20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Vr.21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord [having the common salvation], shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Vr.22 Many [that had received of the

common salvation] will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **Vr.23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [not being worthy of obtaining the ES].

Jn 11:21-27 (Vr.23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Vr.24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day [when we shall enter into the eternal salvation]. Vr.25 Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead [having the Common salvation], yet shall he live: Vr.26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die [but have Eternal salvation]. Believest thou this?

Jn 5:24-29 (Vr.24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into [eternal] condemnation; but is passed from death [having obtained the Common salvation] unto life [receiving the Eternal salvation]. Vr.27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Vr.28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, Vr.29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of [eternal] life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Jn 8: 30 As he spake these words, many believed on him. Vr.31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed [having come unto the Common salvation]; Vr.32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free [unto obtaining the Eternal salvation]. Vr.51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death [by receiving of the Eternal salvation].

Mtt 19:16-26 (Vr.16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? Vr.17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. Vr.21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. Vr.23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven [by receiving the Eternal salvation].

Mtt 25:1-13 (Vr.1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps [having the Common salvation], and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Vr.2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Vr.3 They that were foolish took their lamps [signifying having the Common salvation], and took no oil with them [required to endure unto entering the Eternal salvation]: Vr.4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Vr.8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. Vr.10 And

while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage [unto the ES]: and the door was shut.

**Mtt 13:23** But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty [required for entering into the Eternal salvation].

**Mk 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved [unto the ES].

The Eternal Salvation (ES) is for those that have obtained the CS at the beginning and who shall endure in the common faith, fighting the good fight of faith until they finish their course in this life. The ES is therefore for the FEW that overcome by faith till the end and not for all as it were. **Colo 1:20-29** 

#### ETERNAL SALVATION IS OBTAINED BY OUR GOOD WORKS IN CHRIST

Unlike the Common salvation (CS) that is not obtained based on any works of righteousness on our part, the Eternal salvation (ES) requires our working out our salvation with fear and trembling and in patient hope, fighting the good fight of faith enduring till the end. No worker of iniquity or unrighteousness shall obtain the ES. No one that lays hand on the plough through the CS and looketh back shall receive of the ES. You must labour in the faith and endure till the end, even unto death for you to partake of the ES. The ES is not for the slothful and complacent (MANY) but for the (FEW) diligent and faithful steward who doeth the Master's will conscientiously. Lk 9:57-62; I Cor 6:9-11; Hebr 6:9-12; Hebr 11:6; I Cor 4:1-2; Mtt 7:20-27; Lk 6:43-49; Rev 2:8-11; I Tim 6:11-12; 2 Tim 4:1-8; Jn 16:33

Mtt 24:42-51 (Vr.45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Vr.46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Vr.47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

**Phil 2:12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation [unto obtaining the ES] with fear and trembling. **Vr.13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure [by his grace].

**Jn 6: 27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Mtt 11:28-30 (Vr.28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Vr.29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Vr.30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Acts 14: 22** Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God [*unto the ES*].

Mtt 24:3-14 (Vr.13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved [unto the ES].

The CS does not require you to strive in order to receive it but the ES does. But worthy to note, the work required to obtain the ES is not of the arm of flesh nor according to the Law but strictly by grace and truth which is of Christ Jesus — God working in and through you to accomplish His will thereby; it yet of grace and not of your own strength. You are saved by the CS in order to serve unto obtaining the ES. You are saved at the beginning unto obtaining the CS, while you are born again thereafter for the obtaining of the ES at the end. **2 Cor 12:9-10; 2** Tim **2:1-7,21; Colo 1:28-29** 

**Lk 13:23-30 (Vr.23** Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved [*unto the ES*]? And he said unto them, **Vr.24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Mtt 7:15-23 (Vr.20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Vr.21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Vr.22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Vr.23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

**Qn:** Why is it that the ES is obtained by our labour of love, work of faith by grace? Because God had ordained from the beginning that we should walk therein in Christ Jesus. Why? Because we shall be judged, everyone of us according to our works, unto receiving the gift of eternal life for our good works or unto receiving the wages of sin, which is the second death for our evil works as it were. God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. **Rom 6:16-23; Rom 7:4-6; Eph 2:8-10; Hebr 11:6** 

Mtt 25:31-46 (Vr.31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: Vr.32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: Vr.33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Vr.34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Vr.35 For I was an hungred, and

ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Vr.36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Vr.37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? Vr.38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Vr.39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? Vr.40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Vr.41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Vr.42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: Vr.43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Vr.44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Vr.45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. Vr.46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Jn 5:26-29 (Vr.27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Vr.28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, Vr.29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life [unto the ES]; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**Rev 2:23** And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and <u>I will give unto every one of you according to your works</u>. **Vr.25** But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. **Vr.26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

I Cor 3:6-17 (Vr.8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour [that is how the ES is obtained at the end]. Vr.9 For we are labourers together with God: Vr.10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me [that is how we labour], as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. Vr.11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Vr.12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Vr.13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. Vr.14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

**Gal 6:4-10 (Vr.7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **Vr.8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting [by obtaining the ES].

**2** Tim **2:19-23** (Vr.19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**2 Cor 5:9** Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. **Vr.10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad [that is how one is to be qualified to obtain the ES].

After you have received of the Common salvation you must contend for the faith, bringing forth fruits of good works based on faith, unto receiving the Eternal salvation at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is at that time that we shall cease from our works unto entering the true eternal rest promised us by God in Christ Jesus. **Jude 1:3-5; Hebr 4:6-11** 

# **CONCLUSION**

The CS is the foundation laid in Christ by his death for those that are saved therein to build on by good works by the leading of the Spirit in order to qualify to obtain the ES and the eternal inheritance that goes with it. The CS does not grant you eternal life but rather it is the ES that shall. For those that truly hear Christ in his gospel unlike the CAO and their adherents, they can understand this mystery of salvation hid therein by the enlightenment of the Spirit of truth in them.

In the gospel of Jesus Christ, we can capture severally where the combination of the CS and ES was taught but yet hidden to the undiscerning mind that cannot understand the speech of Christ or that of his apostles. Let's look at some verses below:

**Jn 3: 5** Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [unto obtaining the CS] and of the Spirit [unto obtaining the ES], he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up [for the purpose of purchasing the CS]: **Vr.15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life [by obtaining the ES]. **Vr.16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **Vr.17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Acts 15:7-11 (Vr.7 Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe [unto obtaining the CS]. Vr.8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost [required for obtaining the ES], even as he did unto us; Vr.9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith [unto their receiving the CS]. Vr.11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved [unto receiving the Eternal salvation], even as they.

Rom 5:5-11 (Vr.5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Vr.6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Vr.8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Vr.9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood [unto obtaining the CS], we shall be saved from wrath through him [unto obtaining the ES]. Vr.10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son [unto obtaining the CS], much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life [unto obtaining the ES]. Vr.11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement [needed for us to receive the CS].

**Tit 2:11-14 (Vr.11** For the grace of God that bringeth [the Common] salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Vr.13** Looking for that blessed hope [the Eternal Salvation which shall be at his appearing], and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Vr.14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works [required to qualify us for the ES].

The CS is the salvation obtained by justification that is of the blood of Jesus Christ, while the ES is the salvation obtained through the sanctification that is of the Spirit. Without receiving of the Spirit of Christ in baptism you cannot enter into the ES at the end. Rom 8:9-11; Rom 3:23-26; Acts 20:32; Acts 26:18; Rom 15:15-16; I Cor 6:11; 2 Thess 2:13; I Pet 1:2

**Hebr 9: 15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament [unto receiving the CS], they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance [obtained by the ES].

**Jude 1:3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints [unto receiving the ES].

Christ came at his first advent to bring about the CS and the hope of the ES, at his second appearing he shall bring the ES for those that obey him on earth enduring unto the end. Eternal salvation is reserved for the heirs of God that He hath redeemed with the Common salvation and who shall have to endure to the end as conquerors and over comers in the faith that is by Christ Jesus. **Hebr 1:14** 

**Hebr 9: 27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **Vr.28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many [*unto their receiving of the CS*]; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation [*the ES*].

We proffer that one can lose the hope of salvation by which you are meant to attain unto the ES on the last day by being unprofitable with the CS you are given by the Master to occupy in this world till he comes (Colo 1:20-24,28-29; Hebr 4:1-3,6). It is not everyone that receives of the CS that eventually receives of the ES at the end because many unfortunately shall fall by the wayside and make a shipwreck of their faith for one reason of the other. No unprofitable servant shall enter into the ES as it were. Lk 9:62; Hebr 6:4-6; Mtt 12:30-32; Mtt 10:31-33; 2 Pet 2:12-22; 2 Tim 4:10; Mtt 25:1-13; Lk 19:11-27; I Tim 6:5-12; I Tim 1:18-20; Jn 15:1-2; Ps 51:9-12; Eph 2:12; Gal 1:4; Tit 2:11-12; Jude 1:3-5

No one attains unto the ES while yet alive in the flesh in this world, rather for you to obtain the ES you must be translated from mortality into immortality, from corruptible unto incorruptible, from having a terrestrial body unto receiving a celestial body through the first Resurrection occurrence. The ES is obtained at the resurrection unto life as it were. The ES grants you access to all the eternal promises of God in Christ Jesus – eternal life, the kingdom of heaven, eternal inheritance, true riches, crown of glory, etc. Whosoever attains unto the ES in the world to come can never lose it as it were. Lk 20:34-38; I Cor 15:35-58; Jn 5:26-29; Jn 11:25-26; I Thess 4:13-18; Rev 20:4-6

There is so much more to write on the mystery of our salvation as pertaining unto the Common salvation and the Eternal salvation but this much shall suffice for now. May the good Lord grant thee understanding as you consider that which is written within this literature unto obtaining the Eternal salvation in Jesus name. Amen.

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