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If this outcome is a success, what would count as a failure?

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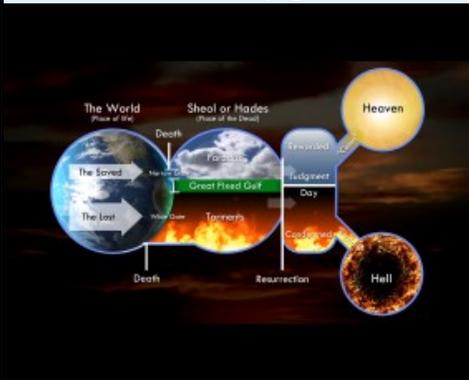
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- 1. Infernalism or Traditionalism** - refers to the belief that those who do not receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour in this lifetime enter hell, defined as eternal conscious torment in the lake of fire, immediately upon death
- 2. Annihilationism** - those who do not receive Christ as Saviour in this life, on Judgement Day, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire, will be completely consumed, destroyed or annihilated.

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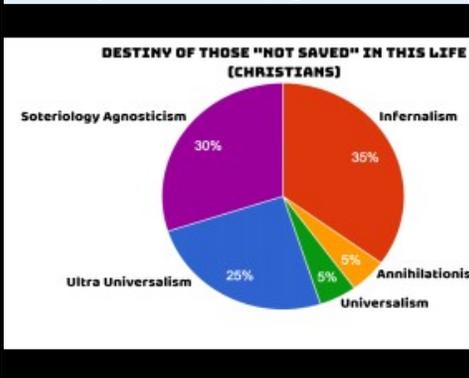
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- 4. Ultra-Universalism** - Probably all go "straight to heaven"
- 5. Soteriology Agnosticism** - Too hard to predict

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ETERNAL TORMENT	ANNIHILATIONISM	UNIVERSALISM
ISAIAH 66:24	MATTHEW 19:29-30	JOHN 12:32
DANIEL 12:2	MATTHEW 25:46	ACTS 3:21
MATTHEW 5:22	JOHN 3:16	ROMANS 5:18
MATTHEW 5:29-30	JOHN 3:36	ROMANS 11:32
MATTHEW 7:13	JOHN 4:14	1 CORINTHIANS 15:22-28
MATTHEW 10:28	JOHN 5:24	2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
MATTHEW 13:38-42	JOHN 6:40	PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11
MATTHEW 13:49-50	JOHN 6:47	TITUS 2:11
MATTHEW 25:31-46	JOHN 6:54	HEBREWS 2:9
MARK 9:43-45	JOHN 6:68	1 JOHN 2:2
LUKE 12:5	JOHN 10:28	2 PETER 3:9
LUKE 16:19-26	ROMANS 5:21	

11. Infernalism 1. Page 1

**Infernalism**

Rev 20:12-15 NIV  
 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Matt 25:31-46 - The Sheep and the Goats

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John 3:16-17 NIV  
 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Heb 10:26-27 NIV  
 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

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- Quote in Hellbound? by Robert McKee, author, Screenwriter & Atheist.

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1 Cor 3:12-14 NIV  
 12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

Ps 139:7-8 NIV  
 7 Where can I go from your Spirit?  
 Where can I flee from your presence?  
 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
 if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

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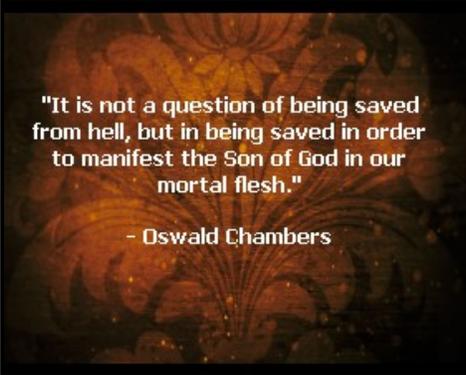
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Thin Gospel vs. Thick Gospel

The Gospel of Salvation vs. The Gospel of the Kingdom

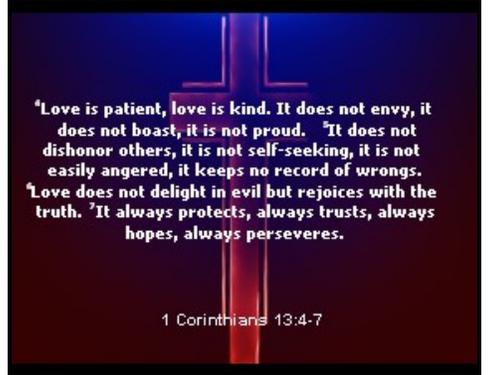
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"It is not a question of being saved from hell, but in being saved in order to manifest the Son of God in our mortal flesh."

- Oswald Chambers

17. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. 1 Corinthians 13:4-



4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in

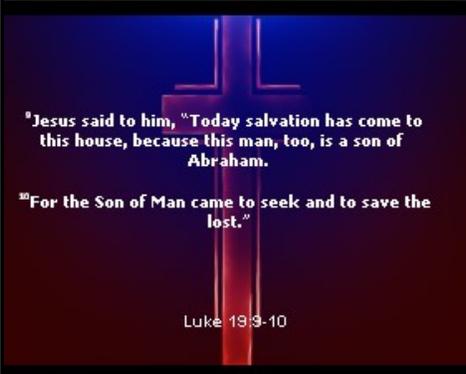
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Biblical salvation is salvation times three.

Past: We have been saved (Romans 8:24).  
Present: We are being saved (Philippians 2:12).

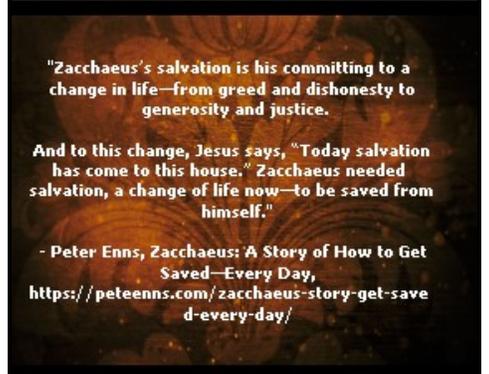
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9Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

10For the Son of Man came to seek and to

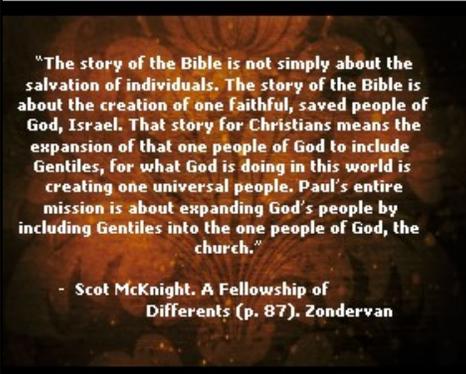
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"Zacchaeus's salvation is his committing to a change in life—from greed and dishonesty to generosity and justice.

And to this change, Jesus says, "Today

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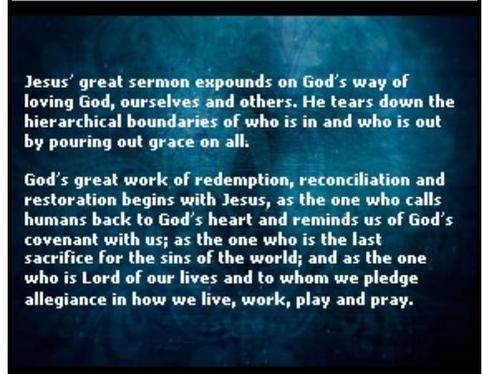
"The story of the Bible is not simply about the salvation of individuals. The story of the Bible is about the creation of one faithful, saved people of God, Israel. That story for Christians means the expansion of that one

22. Galatians 3:28 (NI' 1. Galatians 3:28



28There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

23. Jesus' great sermc 1. Page 1



Jesus' great sermon expounds on God's way of loving God, ourselves and others. He tears down the hierarchical boundaries of who is in and who is out by pouring out grace on all.

Engaging the gospel is more than reciting God's plan for these things, it is actually living into it in ways that bring healing, peace, hope, love, joy and grace to all people's, to point them ever more deeply towards Jesus as king of our lives now and forever.

As we relearn, rethink and reimagine the gospel, and as we pray for God's help in moving that gospel into the reality of our neighbour's lives, we cannot help but be transformed ourselves to love God and others with everything we are and have.

- Shannon Youell, Faithfulness and Fruitfulness,  
Posted on July 29, 2019  
<https://churchplantingatcbwc.wordpress.com/>

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