

## Sunday Jan 22, 2012 SOZO

#### **SOZO**

Sozo is a Greek word found in our New Testament more than one hundred and ten times. Sozo is the most commonly used Greek word for salvation in the New Testament.

The word sozo is a comprehensive word that includes spiritual salvation, i.e. forgiveness of sins, healing from sickness, deliverance from every work of the enemy, rescue or preservation from danger and harm and total wholeness.

It means to be saved, healed, delivered, victorious, rescued, preserved. It means all of these things at the same time. It is a verb, an action word.

Sozo means to be saved out from under the devil's power and restored into the wholeness of God's order and well being by the power of God's Spirit.

Some Scriptural examples:

### Sozo means Salvation

Matthew 1:21 save (sozo) his people from their sins.

Peter preaching to the elders and rulers of Jerusalem said, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved (sozo)." Acts 4:12

Paul wrote to his friends in Rome, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (sozo)." Romans 10:9 He also reminded his friends in Ephesus, "For ;t is by grace you have been (sozo) saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God ..." Ephesians 2:8

### Sozo means Healing

The woman with the issue of blood received sozo, "Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed (sozo) you.' And the woman was healed (sozo) from that moment." Matthew 9:22

The folks in the region of Gennesaret were touched by the *divine sozo,"* And wherever he went-into villages, towns or countryside" they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed (sozo)." Mark 6:56

Blind Bartimaeus knew sozo, "'Go ,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed (sozo) you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road." Mark 10:52

James 5:13-16 the prayer of faith will save (sozo) the sick

#### Sozo means Deliverance from demonic powers

It was the sozo of God that delivered the Gerasene demoniac, "Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured (sozo)." Luke 8:36

And Jude knew this as well, "Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered (sozo) his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe."

Jude 1:5



# Sozo means rescue/preservation from danger

Matthew 8:25

Paul wrote to his friend Timothy about God's power to deliver, "The Lord will rescue (sozo) me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen." 2 Timothy 4:18

## Sozo is for every one

Mat 18:11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

## Sozo is received by grace through faith

Matthew 9:21,22 Ephesians 2:8,9

We release faith through several ways:

- 1, by believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth Romans 10:9
- 2, by the prayer of faith James 5;15
- 3, by our action James 2:21





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