

Chapter 13 - SECOND CHANCE SALVATION?

Dispensationalism teaches a *second chance salvation*, in that there will be people saved after Jesus returns the second time. Finis

Jennings Dake states the following:

There is only one company saved and raptured between the rapture of the church at the beginning of Daniel's seventieth week and the rapture of the tribulation saints at the end of this week. That company is symbolized by the manchild and clearly revealed to be 144,000 Jews (7:1-8; 9:4; 12:5; 14:1-5). If they are not the same, then there are two translations in the middle of the week-one revealed and the other not; the history of one given after reaching heaven and the other not, the identity of one clearly stated and the other not. Thus, mystery after mystery appears if there are two companies instead of one. (Dake undated, note #10 on Revelation)

Such teaching is a man-made mystery and unscriptural.

Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins state the following on behalf of those left behind: “On the one hand, I don’t want to give you the spirit of fear, but we all know we’re still here because we neglected salvation before the Rapture. I know we’re all grateful for the second chance, but we cannot expect to escape the trials that are coming” (Lahaye and Jenkins 1995, 310-311).

Scofield says, “The great tribulation will be, however, a period of salvation. An election of _____ . . . and, with an innumerable multitude of _____” (Scofield 1945, 1337).

In other words, universal salvation for Jews and a large number of non-Jews. Biblically, since Jesus returns once after the seals, trumpets, and bowls, does Dispensationalism hold out an unbiblical hope?

THE BIBLE DOES NOT TEACH A SECOND CHANCE SALVATION

Does the Bible teach such a doctrine of second chance salvation?

It is the compound testimony of Scripture that it does not. There is only one coming of Christ in glory with His holy angels, after which time the door of salvation will be closed forever. The following are thirteen scriptural reasons why there will be no salvation after Christ's coming. Let the scriptures speak for themselves.

1. In Matthew 25:10-12, Jesus Himself states that when the Bridegroom comes for the Bride ("the Church"), the door of salvation will be _____. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us'

But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, _____
_____.’” After this the five foolish virgins
(the unsaved) _____.

2. Luke 13:25 affirms the same position: “When once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and he will answer and say to you, ‘_____ _____, where you are from.’” Verse 28 stipulates that at this time, “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and yourselves thrust out.” For the unsaved, _____ occur when Jesus returns (Matt. 22:13; 24:51; 25:30). Therefore, there is _____ obtainable after this event.

3. Revelation 22:11-12 affirms that at Christ's second coming, it will be too late for the unsaved to obtain salvation. "He who is unjust, let him be _____; and he who is righteous let him be _____; he who is holy, let him be _____. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give every one according to his work."

4. In Matthew 24:14, Jesus states that the gospel was only to be preached until the end, not after the end. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then _____."

5. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus tells His followers to make disciples until the end of the age, not _____.

6. In Matthew 13:39-40, Jesus states that the harvest will occur at the end of the age, at which time all the tares (the wicked) will

be gathered and burned in the fire. He gives no indication of _____ after this happens, as all the wicked have been burnt up.

7. Matthew 25:31, 41 states that when Jesus comes in His glory with His holy angels, the goats (the unsaved) will be sent into everlasting fire. When will the wicked be judged? Jesus said, “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48, emphasis mine). There is no time for salvation after the last day, as there can be _____.

8. First Thessalonians 4:13-18 affirms that when Jesus comes with His angels, the righteous will be resurrected and go to be with Him. There is no indication in the text as to when this event will happen. However, in the Gospel of John, Jesus

clearly teaches that the righteous will be resurrected in the last day (John 6:39-40, 44, 54; 11:24). Since the righteous will be resurrected in the last day, there can be no days after the last day, or words would be meaningless. To be resurrected at the last day also destroys the “_____” _____ of the rapture.

9. First Corinthians 15:51-57 states that when the last trumpet sounds, the dead will be resurrected, the living saints will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and death (which is the last enemy, v. 26) will be destroyed and swallowed up in victory. When death is thus destroyed, there will never be another resurrection, as there will be no more death.

10. Revelation 11:15-19 concurs that at the seventh and last trumpet, Christ will at that time come to reign eternally, not for just _____. When this happens,

both the righteous and the wicked will be rewarded and judged at the same time, not _____ (Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5). Matthew 25:31-46 affirms this position. The finality of things on the earth as we know it will have reached its end.

11. Second Thessalonians 1:7-10 concurs with Matthew 25:31-32, 46, which states that when Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, the wicked will be first gathered out and punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power. After this, Christ will be glorified in His saints. Since the wicked are punished with everlasting destruction when Jesus comes with His mighty angels, there will be no wicked left to get saved!
12. Second Peter 3:1-13 affirms that when Jesus comes as a thief in the night, the present system of things will be burnt up,

and we will enter the new heavens and the new earth, _____
_____. Did Jesus not say there will be
_____ in the age to come (Matt. 12:32)?

13. Second Corinthians 6:2 states that now is the day of salvation. Salvation is limited to the period of time called “today” (Heb. 3:13-15). Today is the time _____
_____.

Based on these scriptures, it is apparent that the Bible does not teach there will be a second chance for people to be saved after Christ’s return. The Bible never speaks of the grace or salvation extending beyond the resurrection or the second coming of Christ.

Dispensationalists, then, do teach a second chance salvation. They tell us that during the tribulation after the rapture—as well as during the millennium—people will be getting saved. Getting saved _____ is _____

(because the _____ takes place).

It is also dangerous in that it gives a false hope to unbelievers in delaying their salvation.