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Dear Associates and Friends,

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A 1990 tape “[Salvation and the Kingdom of God](#)” by Dr. Ernest L. Martin is the substance of this month’s article. We can gain insight from the [Merriam-Webster Dictionary](#) definition of these two elements of the title.

- What is salvation? It means (1) deliverance from sin or error, (2) liberation from ignorance or delusion, or (3) preservation from destruction or failure. It can also be any combination of the three.

In New Testament terms, the meaning of salvation goes infinitely beyond the dictionary definition. It means being resurrected from death and putting on immortality to fully participate in the family of God. All those receiving salvation will be perfect.

- What is a kingdom? Simply, a kingdom has a ruler reigning over subjects within a territory.

The phrase Kingdom of God occurs only in the New Testament. It refers to the ruler (Christ), ruling over subjects (mankind alive after He returns), over the entire earth. It is Christ’s inheritance. The Kingdom will benefit mankind, but it is not perfect. That one feature of the Kingdom of God will surprise you, but you will be intrigued.

Salvation and Kingdom are not two sides of the same doctrinal coin. Problems arise when they are equated. The point is to understand how the salvation of God properly relates to the Kingdom of God. All who have salvation at Christ’s Coming will be in the Kingdom, but not everyone in the Kingdom will be saved while the Kingdom continues. Got that? You will understand fully after you finish reading the article. This article might challenge your assumptions about what happens after you die.

Information in this article is scattered throughout material published by ASK, particularly Dr. Martin’s book [The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#). Even so, you might be surprised how different the future will be than you thought, for both yourself and your loved ones. We are publishing this article because a specific restatement on the Salvation and the Kingdom relationship is necessary. Dr. Martin’s plain explanations of key Scriptures are easy to understand.

### **Thank You**

As you read these words, you are living and look to future death. We know there will be life after death. Christ’s redemptive works and justification makes that certain. Job did not know what we do. He asked:

**“If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, Till my change comes. You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the work of Your hands. For now You number my steps, But do not watch over my sin.”**

• **Job 14:12–16**

Job thought he knew the answer. We have a sure answer. We have eyewitness accounts of Christ’s resurrection and ascension to glory. We wait for His return. Job is dead, unknowing. We will rise with him when Christ returns. We thank you for helping us make this information available to others around the world.

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