

Sōzō

**A Greek Word that Sounds
Funny but has a Big Meaning**

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As it is written, There is
none righteous, no, not
one: (Romans 3:10)

For all have sinned, and come
short of the glory of God;
(Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is
death; . . .

(Romans 6:23)

For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord. (Romans 6:23)

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. (John 3:16)

ἀπόλλυμι (*apollumi*):

to utterly destroy

And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name
JESUS: for he shall *save* his
people from their sins.

(Matthew 1:21)

σῶζω *sōzō*

But Jesus turned him about, and
when he saw her, he said,
Daughter, be of good comfort;
thy faith hath **made** thee **whole**.
And the woman was made whole
from that hour. (**Matthew 9:22**)

And he said unto him, Arise,
go thy way: thy faith hath
made thee whole.

(Luke 17:19)

There is therefore now no
condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit. For the
law of the Spirit of life in
Christ Jesus hath made me
free from the law of sin and
death. (Romans 8:1–2)

For what the law could not do,
in that it was weak through
the flesh, God sending his
own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh, and for sin,
condemned sin in the flesh:
That the righteousness of the
law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit.

(Romans 8:3–4)

They also which saw it
told them by what
means he that was
possessed of the
devils was **healed**.

(Luke 8:36)

Then said his
disciples, Lord,
if he sleep, he
shall **do well.**
(John 11:12)

And the Lord shall deliver
me from every evil work,
and **will preserve** me
unto his heavenly
kingdom: to whom be
glory for ever and ever.
Amen. (**2 Timothy 4:18**)

Psalm 33:17 — *deliver*

Judges 10: — *defend*

Daniel 11:43 — *escape*

- Those who live by the word of God and accept the work of Christ in their lives are saved from sin
- They have been cleansed from their sins
- They escaped their sins.
- They have been rescued from their sins.
- They have been preserved from their sins.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus,
who of God is made unto us
wisdom, and righteousness, and
sanctification, and redemption:

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

The theme of redemption is one that the angels desire to look into; it will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Is it not worthy of careful thought and study now? The infinite mercy and love of Jesus, the sacrifice made in our behalf, call for the most serious and solemn reflection. We should dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor. We should meditate upon the mission of Him who came to save His people from their sins. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 88.3a)

As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God, because they will be more and more mixed with faith and love. They will be intelligent and fervent. There will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and a daily, living experience in His power to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.

(Steps to Christ, p. 88.3b)

Christ should never be out of the mind.

The angels said concerning him,
“Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he
shall save his people from their sins.”

Jesus, precious Saviour! assurance,
helpfulness, security, and peace are all
in him. He is the dispeller of all our
doubts, the earnest of all our hopes.

*(The Review and Herald, August 26,
1890, par. 12a)*

How precious is the thought that we may indeed become partakers of the divine nature, whereby we may overcome as Christ overcame! Jesus is the fullness of our expectation. He is the melody of our songs, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. He is living water to the thirsty soul. He is our refuge in the storm. (*The Review and Herald*, August 26, 1890, par. 12b)

He is our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption. When Christ is our personal Saviour, we shall show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. (*The Review and Herald*, August 26, 1890, par. 12c)

Wherefore he is able also to save
them to the uttermost that
come unto God by him, seeing
he ever liveth to make
intercession for them.

(Hebrews 7:25)

I can of mine own self do
nothing: . . . (John 5:30)

I am the true vine, and my Father
is the husbandman. Every
branch in me that beareth not
fruit he taketh away: and every
branch that beareth fruit, he
purgeth it, that it may bring
forth more fruit. (John 15:1–2)

Now ye are clean through the word
which I have spoken unto you.
Abide in me, and I in you. As the
branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
except it abide in the vine; no more
can ye, except ye abide in me. I am
the vine, ye are the branches: He
that abideth in me, and I in him, the
same bringeth forth much fruit: for
without me ye can do nothing.

(John 15:3–5)

The connection of the branch with the vine, He said, represents the relation you are to sustain to Me. The scion is engrafted into the living vine, and fiber by fiber, vein by vein, it grows into the vine stock. The life of the vine becomes the life of the branch. So the soul dead in trespasses and sins receives life through connection with Christ.

(The Desire of Ages, p. 675.3a)

By faith in Him as a personal Saviour the union is formed. The sinner unites his weakness to Christ's strength, his emptiness to Christ's fullness, his frailty to Christ's enduring might. Then he has the mind of Christ. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 675.3b)

The humanity of Christ has touched our humanity, and our humanity has touched divinity. Thus through the agency of the Holy Spirit man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. He is accepted in the Beloved. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 675.3c)

This union with Christ, once formed, must be maintained. Christ said, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.” This is no casual touch, no off-and-on connection. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 676.1a)

The branch becomes a part of the living vine. The communication of life, strength, and fruitfulness from the root to the branches is unobstructed and constant.

Separated from the vine, the branch cannot live. No more, said Jesus, can you live apart from Me. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 676.1b)

The life you have received from
Me can be preserved only by
continual communion. Without
Me you cannot overcome one
sin, or resist one temptation.
(The Desire of Ages, p. 676.1c)

I can do all things through
Christ which
strengtheneth me.
(Philippians 4:13)

Herein is my Father glorified,
that ye bear much fruit; so
shall ye be my disciples.

(John 15:8)

