

Eleutheros News

In recent days Eleutheros Books has partnered with a Christian translator in Ukraine to produce a Russian translation of *"The Ramifications of Our Salvation."* Here's the update:

1. The translation is complete!
2. A Christian printer in Moscow is reading the translation now!
3. Funds are needed in order to print and distribute the first 1,000 paperback copies and produce an eBook version of the book.

As you know, there are many believers in Russia and Ukraine, but Christian literature is badly needed. Please pray for this project! And please donate to this important ministry if God leads you to do so! Here is the link: <http://www.gofundme.com/jqehec> God bless you!

Some Amazing Facts About Salvation

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him", ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

The list of doctrines connected to salvation is quite impressive, and in future newsletters we will consider many of them, but before we begin the journey into these glorious truths, we would do well to ponder a few important Biblical truths:

1. **Our salvation was not cheap!** *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish ([1 Peter 1:18-19a](#)).*
2. **When God creates something, it is always good!** *And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good ([Genesis 1:31a](#)). Of course sin causes disastrous problems, but a regenerated soul (a new creation in Christ) needs not fear eternal damnation. *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ([Romans 8:1a](#)).**
3. **Jesus came to save!** *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost", ([Luke 19:10](#)).*
4. **Our salvation was paid in full!** *"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost." ([John 19:30](#)).*
5. **Jesus is the only way to be saved!** *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also." ([John 14:6-7a](#)).*
6. **Nothing is to be added to our salvation!** Consider the following illustration. One morning you decide to purchase a new car. You go to a number of dealerships, compare prices, consider the various models, sizes, and features of the various brands, test drive the two or three that interest you the most, and finally fill out seemingly endless paperwork once you have made your selection.

No doubt there were a number of factors that entered into your final decision. Price is certainly an issue. You probably have strong preferences for certain features; these could include anything from GPS systems to anti-lock brakes.

Finally, you drive the car off the lot. What happens next?

- A. The car depreciates in value.
- B. The car will soon require maintenance.
- C. The car needs gas in the tank.
- D. The car must be insured.
- E. The car will be recalled unless you meet payments.

Your "perfect" car becomes rather "imperfect" before too long, but we surely cannot say our salvation is lacking in any way! Take a look at the five listings above and compare them to what God offers in salvation. There really is an amazing contrast!

Regarding A, can anybody say that their salvation depreciates in value? "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.*" ([1 Peter 1:4](#)).

Concerning B, Christians are to "*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*" ([Philippians 2:12](#)), but they are also told that *it is God which worketh in us both to will and do of His good pleasure* ([Philippians 2:13](#)). "*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all.*" ([Philippians 1:6-7a](#)).

In other words, while man does have responsibilities, it is God Who takes care of the maintenance of our salvation.

As for C, our Lord said to the woman at the well, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give Him shall never thirst, but the water I shall give him shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*" ([John 4:14](#)). God supplies the sustenance of our salvation. Obviously, we humans need to put gas in the tank of our tank from time to time.

Concerning D, consider what we saw in last month's newsletter. It is abundantly clear that a holy, loving, omniscient God made our salvation sure.

Looking at E, when Jesus shed His blood on the cross, no more payments were necessary! "*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.*" ([Hebrews 9:28a](#)).

The simple truth is this: God's provision in salvation is far greater than anything we can imagine!

Jesus Paid it All

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*And when, before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat,*

*Jesus paid it all!
All to Him I owe!
Sin has left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!*

Is Jesus Your "Superman"? "As a young man and well into adulthood, I followed the apparently harmless saga of Superman and other related superheroes. I collected comic books endlessly reading and rereading these entertaining adventures. I dreamed of one day funding my retirement with these vintage books. What a foolish and arrogant an assumption that turned out to be! I decided to let 2 different individuals help me sell these books to give them a chance to earn money that I thought they truly needed. (I was a slow learner.) There is an old saying that 'no good deed goes unpunished.' The Lord spoke about this when he told us that there is no valor in being punished for our bad deeds. After all, we deserve it. When we get punished for our good deeds, then we have an experienced microscopic version (not even close to that) of what the Lord Jesus experienced while on earth. By the way, I had thought that these two men were my friends. The Lord counsels in [Jeremiah 17](#) "Cursed be the man who trusts in man." *"Blessed is the man that trusts in God."* As I weigh the opportunities and challenges facing me in 2015, I am grateful to the Lord for these learning experiences. I forgive these two men for their actions and lack of actions. For the Lord is clear to us about that He will forgive us as we forgive others. As I prayed, the Lord opened my eyes to this truth. In His parables, Jesus spoke of good fruit coming from good roots and good trees while bad fruit comes from bad roots and bad trees. I realized that for years I had been feeding my mind with corrupt 'fruit' from a corrupt ideal. By 2014 American standards of decorum and decadence, these comic book adventures were comparatively harmless. However, the origin of the concept of Superman predates the 1939 comic book version by decades. Übermensch was the concept of Superman promoted by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche. This philosophy that man should strive to become 'Superman' was intertwined with Nietzsche's pronouncements that "God is dead." This was back in the late 1800's. The same statement is

uttered today by atheists. We are not and have never been Superman or Superwoman. There is only one 'Superman'..Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To me, all other 'Supermen' are dead.