

Is Healing a Part of Salvation?
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Part 1

Question: Is the word used for "healed" in the New Testament the same word used for "saved?"

After an exhaustive word search on the words "saved", "healed", "healing", "heal", "cure" and "cured" in the King James Version New Testament, I can safely say that the primary word translated as "saved" in the KJV New Testament may also be found occurring as "healed".

The primary word translated as "saved" in the KJV NT is the Greek word 4982 - **Sode'-zo** - to *save*, that is, *deliver* or *protect* (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

There are only four times when this word is not the word translated as "saved."

These exceptions may be found in Luke 1:71 and Romans 10:1 (so-tay-ree'-ah {G4991}), 1 Peter 3:20 (dee-as-odze'-o {G1295}), and 2 Peter 2:5, (foo-las'-so {G5442}).

Here are the Greek words translated as "saved", that serve as exceptions to the rule of the Greek word sode'-zo as being the word translated as "saved" in the KJV New Testament:

Greek word 4991 - **So-tay-ree'-ah** - Feminine of a derivative of G4990 as (properly abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

Greek word 4990 - **So-tare'** - From G4982; a deliverer, that is, God or Christ: - saviour.

Greek word 1295- **Dee-as-odze'-o** - From G1223 and G4982; to *save thoroughly*, that is, (by implication or analogy) to *cure*, *preserve*, *rescue*, etc.: - bring safe, escape (safe), heal, make perfectly whole, save.

Greek word 5442 - **Foo-las'-so** - to *watch*, that is, *be on guard* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *preserve*, *obey*, *avoid*: - beware, keep (self), observe, save.

Here are the Greek words translated as "heal", "healed", "cure" or "cured" in the KJV New Testament:

Greek word 4982 - **Sode'-zo** - to *save*, that is, *deliver* or *protect* (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

This word is never translated as "cure", "cured" or "heal" but only as "healed," and its only occurrences as such may be found in Mark 5:23, Luke 8:36, and Acts 14:9. It is not the primary word translated as "healed" in the NT.

The following two words *are* the primary words translated as "heal", "healed", "healing", "cure" or "cured" in the KJV New Testament:

Greek word 2390 - **Ee-ah'-om-ahee** - to *cure* (literally or figuratively): - heal, make whole. (Matthew 8:8; John 5:13; 1 Peter 2:24)

Greek word 2323 - **Ther-ap-yoo'-o** - From the same as G2324; to *wait upon* menially, that is, (figuratively) to adore (God), or (specifically) to *relieve* (of disease): - cure, heal, worship. (Matthew 4:24; Acts 5:16, 8:7)

Greek word 2330 - Ther-ap'-ohn - a menial *attendant* (as if cherishing): - a servant. (listed for reference)

Out of the words translated as "heal", "healed", "cure" or "cured" in the KJV New Testament, there are only two exceptions to the aforementioned words:

Greek word 2392 - **Ee'-as-is** - From G2390; *curing* (the act): - cure, heal (-ing). (found only in Acts 4:30)

Greek word 1295 - **Dee-as-odze'-o** - From G1223 and G4982; to *save thoroughly*, that is, (by implication or analogy) to *cure, preserve, rescue*, etc.: - bring safe, escape (safe), heal, make perfectly whole, save. (found only in Luke 7:3)

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Out of the words translated as "healing" in the KJV New Testament, there are only four exceptions to the aforementioned words:

Greek word 2322 - **Ther-ap-i-ah** - From G2323; *attendance* (specifically medical, that is, *cure*); figuratively and collectively *domestics*: - healing, household. (occurs only in Luke 9:11; Revelation 22:2)

Greek word 2386 - **Ee'-am-ah** - From G2390; a *cure* (the effect): - healing. (occurs only in 1 Corinthians 12:9 and 12:30)

In conclusion, the primary word translated as "saved" in the KJV NT is **sode'-zo**, which can be translated as "healed", but only occurs so three times in the KJV.

The two primary words translated as "heal", "healed", "cure", or "cured" are **ee-ah'-om-ahee**, and **ther-ap-yoo'-o**. So argument can be made, that the word used for "healed" in the New Testament is the same word used for "saved." But it is not it's primary meaning.

Part 2

Study on the occurrences of the word "saved" in the KJV NT

Occurrences referring to the salvation of human souls (ultimately, salvation from hell):

Matthew 10:16-39, especially verse 22 in light of verses 28, 32-33 and 38

Matthew 19:16-26, especially verses 23-25:

Matthew 24:13

Mark 10:17-27, especially verses 25-27

Mark 13:13

Mark 16:16

Luke 7:50

Luke 8:12

Luke 13:23-30

Luke 18:18-27, especially verses 24-27

John 3:16-17, especially verse 17

John 5:34

John 10:9

Acts 2:21

Acts 2:27

Acts 4:12

Acts 11:1-18, especially verse 14

Acts 15:1

Acts 15:1

Acts 15:11

Acts 16:30-31

Romans 5:9-10

Romans 8:24

Romans 9:27

Romans 10:1

Romans 10:9

Romans 10:13

Romans 11:25-27, especially verse 26

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 3:15

1 Corinthians 10:33

1 Corinthians 15:2

2 Corinthians 2:15

Ephesians 2:5

Ephesians 2:8
1 Thessalonians 2:16
2 Thessalonians 2:10
1 Timothy 2:4
2 Timothy 1:9
Titus 3:5
1 Peter 4:18
Revelation 21:24

Occurrences referring to the salvation of human bodies, or physical life on earth:

Speaking of Christ

Matthew 27:39-42 ("save thyself")

Mark 15:31 ("save thyself")

Luke 23:35-39 ("save thyself")

Matthew 24:22

Mark 13:20

Luke 18:35-43, especially 42-43 ("thy faith hath saved thee", blind receives sight)

Acts 27:19-25, especially verse 19

Acts 27:27-31, especially verse 31

1 Timothy 2:15 (seems to be salvation of a woman's body or physical life on earth)

Jude 1:5

1 Peter 3:20 (not sode-zo)

2 Peter 2:5 (not sode-zo)

Other occurrences referring to salvation:

Luke 1:71 (the salvation of a person or people group from their enemies)

1 Corinthians 5:1-5, especially verse 5 (specifically salvation of the spirit, i.e. *not* the soul)

So out of all these occurrences, the only one specifically referring to physical healing, and not to the salvation of human souls (ultimately, from hell), or merely to the preserving of human life (i.e. saving a life/lives), seems to be Luke 18:35-43, where a blind man receives his sight by faith in Jesus.

In conclusion, it seems that the primary way salvation is presented in scripture concerns that of our souls (ultimately, from hell), secondarily, concerning that of our physical lives, and in a few instances, from our enemies or those who afflict us. This last part is presented at face value in scripture as salvation from political or physical enemies, but might also be construed to mean salvation from other enemies, such as spiritual enemies, or those of the mind and soul.

God is concerned with saving us from our enemies. He is concerned with saving our souls or lives (ultimately, from hell). And He is concerned with saving our physical bodies or physical lives.

Out of this limited study, I cannot conclude either way, whether or not physical healing (as opposed to merely preserving human life) is a regular part of a believer's salvation. But if it is, there is not an overwhelming amount of scriptural evidence, at least from this limited study, to say.

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