

Jesus, Old Testament, Salvation

Gen. 15: 6; Rom. 4: 1-5

- I. Old Testament believers received Jesus Christ as Savior as He was revealed in Old Testament times. Sometimes He was called Elohim, Jehovah-Elohim (Jehovah plus a noun – *“God our Righteousness”*). Whenever there was perceptive choice at the point of God consciousness, God provided Gospel information to that individual.
- II. We first see OT Gospel recorded in [Genesis 3](#), at the time of original sin, man’s fall. When Adam and Eve fell, they only had one count against them – negative choice (volition) to the command regarding good and evil. Good and evil is the plan of Satan; so knowledge of good and evil is knowledge of Satan’s plan. Adam and Eve, in their innocence in the Garden of Eden did not need to be introduced to Satan’s plan or to be saturated with it. Therefore, this one tree was forbidden. There was no immorality involved here because at that time, they were neither moral nor immoral. Their sin was merely rejection of what God commanded. Their disobedience to that one command brought spiritual death.
- III. At that point, Satan became the ruler of the *kosmos*. Mankind immediately became marked with the “MARK OF ADAM”, the “SIN NATURE”.
- IV. QUESTION: *“Which came first, personal sin or the Sin Nature?”* ANSWER: *“Personal sin came first and caused the existence of the Sin Nature.”* The human spirit was cancelled out in the sense of spiritual death (Note the [Body-Soul-Spirit diagram](#)).
- V. For the rest of the human race, the Sin Nature is inherited at birth, so the Sin Nature is present before there is an opportunity for personal sin. We are born with two strikes against us since Adam’s sin is imputed to us. “For as in Adam all die....” Note: we are not called sinners because we sin; we are sinners because we are born with a Sin Nature, and having Adam’s sin imputed to us.
- VI. The pattern of salvation in the Old Testament is exactly the same as the pattern of New Testament salvation. Just as Abraham “believed God, and God imputed it to him for righteousness”, so since God’s justice has been satisfied, we receive [imputed righteousness](#) at the time of the New Birth. ([Rom. 4: 1-5](#))

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[Romans 4: 3](#)

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“Put to one’s account”