



The Apostles' Creed — Lesson 7: Salvation & God's New World

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What Christians Ought to Believe by Michael Bird, Chapters 14

1. According to the book, what do we mean when we say that salvation has three tenses: past, present, and future?
2. What is the meaning of Paul's instruction in Philippians 2:12-13 "to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose"?
3. In regard to our salvation, what are we saved from, and what are we saved to?
4. In reference to the Apostles' Creed, what basic spiritual reality do all the diverse images the Bible uses in relation to our salvation point to?
5. What do we mean when we say that our salvation is a holistic salvation?
6. What does it mean when we say that heaven is a glorious interlude before the end but is not our final destination? What is the theological phrase that describes this interlude before the final end for human beings in reference to our state of existence after death?
7. How is the domain of "heaven" distinctly different from the domain of "the new heaven and new earth," that is, the new creation?
8. As presented in the lecture, what is the "New Jerusalem" as described in Revelation 21:1-5?