

Before Christ came to earth was salvation by keeping the law or by sacrifices or by...?

If a person is a devote Jew and trust in God but not Jesus where do you think he will spend eternity?

Two NT illustrations. Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10; Centurion Acts 10:

Old Testament Salvation before the giving of the Law

1. Abel offered a blood Sacrifice – God accepted – Why? Gen. 4
2. Abraham obeyed and offered his son in obedience to God, then offered a blood sacrifice. Gen. 22; Heb. 11:17-19; Romans 3,4
3. Moses and Israel obeyed God and slew a lamb and painted the blood on the door top and sides. Exod. 12

Old Testament Salvation from the giving of the Law

1. God gave Israel a sin offering for personal and family sin and the Day of Atonement for National sin. Lev. 16 and 23
2. The Promise of Messiah Gen. 3:15; Isa. 53
3. Until Christ/Messiah came to earth and presented Himself as the “Lamb of God” Salvation was by obedience and the faith in the blood “Sin Sacrifice.” Heb. 9, 10:1-6, 10; Jer. 13:23; 17:9

New Testament Salvation from the Death of Messiah

1. When Christ came – Salvation came to those who believed in Him as the Son of God and Messiah. Salvation was still required until the day Christ died. When Christ died the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to bottom.

2. In 70 AD The Temple was destroyed and will not be rebuilt until the beginning of the Tribulation period.
3. The Jews have no sacrificial system since 70 AD. Heb. 8-10
John 5:19-47; John 8:44; Rom. 3:21-5:2. Jesus the Messiah is their only hope of forgiveness and eternal life.