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If life is found beyond earth, could they be saved?

There is a lot of controversy surrounding living beings from other planets. The analysis of the salvation state of human like beings on other planets is also used to aid in understanding the potential reality of life on other planets.

1. Why is there a need for salvation?

Genesis **3:6-11** Isaiah **59:1-4** Romans **5:12** 1 Timothy **2:5-6**

Near the beginning of all creation, the first man, Adam, sinned against God resulting in all of mankind being identified as having sinned (in Adam). Man himself has sinned against God and placed himself in an adversarial position against God, thus the relationship between man and God must be reestablished.

2. What are the requirements for redemption unto salvation?

Acts 16:30-31 Romans 8:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-17 Genesis 1:26-27
Romans 5:12-16 Romans 9:7-8

The most fundamental requirement for salvation is to commit your faith in the work of Christ. As we look into the basis and the nature of Christ and the plan of salvation, we see that Christ came in the "likeness" of "sinful flesh" and that He became "flesh and blood" and took on the nature of the "seed of Abraham". Add to this that the man Adam who sinned was made in the "image and likeness of God" and that Jesus came in the "likeness" of man, we see that Jesus came to reestablish the broken relationship between God and man. All of these points indicate that in order for salvation to take place, only those who are of the seed of Adam can be redeemed. No other person or being can possibly be redeemed.

3. What is the status of the soul of various beings?

Ecclesiastes 3:21 Romans 8:20-23 Revelation 21:1-2 Daniel 12:1-3

Only the spirit of a man is identified as having to stand before God for judgment. All other creatures are identified as going "downward to the earth". This indicates that the creature ceases to exist in any meaningful way. Furthermore, we are told that ALL of creation is groaning and under decay because of sin entering into the world yet we do not see a redemption of anything else in creation. The rest of creation can only be recreated and NOT redeemed. We are told that every human being will exist for all eternity. Either an eternity with God called life or an eternity apart from God called contempt (or death).

4. What is the status of beings that do not meet with the requirements for possible salvation?

2 Peter **3:10-12** Isaiah **45:18** cmp Genesis **1:14-17**

Those who are not descendents of Adam are part of the creation without any path to redemption. They will be burned up with the heavens and the earth. We are told that the earth was formed in order to be inhabited while all of the other stars and planets were formed to be markers of time. Since we are NOT told they were created to be inhabited (unlike the earth) and we are told they WERE created as time markers there is no reason to believe that there is any form of life on any other planet. Furthermore, since the fall was caused by on man disobeying God and ushering in death, the only path for restoration is to have someone from the seed of Adam reestablish the relationship between God and man, that man is Jesus Christ. Any supposed beings from other planets could NOT be descendants of Adam and thus subject to destruction just like any other creature created according to their kind but not created in the image and likeness of God. Only those created in the image and likeness of God are eternal beings.