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Ephesians 2:5, 8
John 5:24
John 10:28-29
Romans 8:1

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2nd – The _____ tense

A salvation from the _____ of sin

Romans 6:14
Philippians 2:12-13
II Thessalonians 2:13

Salvation as it refers to the present is _____

3rd – The _____ tense

Romans 8:29

Romans 13:11

1 Peter 1:5

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Don't miss this

Positionally:

Phil. 3:20
Eph. 5:30
Eph. 2:19

Practically and experientially:

John 13:34
II Corinthians 10:5
Eph. 4:1-3
Eph. 5:20
I Thess. 5:16
Romans 8:4

I John 4:4
Ephesians 6:10-12
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Intro: Understanding salvation is one of the most important doctrines to master as a child of God. The joy of your salvation and the peace of salvation depend on it. It is a message we are to share with the world. And in salvation we find the full measure of God's love.

Salvation can be defined as the work of God by which He rescues man from eternal ruin and doom and provides the riches of His grace. A grace that includes eternal life NOW and eternal glory in heaven.

It must be understood...salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9).

➤ Salvation in the Old Testament

God's means to deal with sin before the cross was by atonement.

Atonement simply means **TO COVER**

Atonement was a major theme in the Old Testament.

Leviticus 1:4

'He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him **to make atonement** on his behalf.

But the New Testament makes it perfectly clear.

Hebrews 10:4

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

The sacrifice of animals with their blood did not take away sin.

Romans 3:25

whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

Reference to Old Testament saints and their sin.

Acts 17:30

"Therefore having **overlooked** the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

In the Old Testament there was a temporary passing over sins for those who had faith in God's future plan.

When Jesus dealt with sin on the cross He went beyond passing over sin or covering sin. John the Baptist touched on a great truth when He introduced Jesus.

Colossians 2:14

having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has **taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

1 John 3:5

You know that He appeared in order **to take away sins**; and in Him there is no sin.

1 Peter 2:24

and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

The point

When Jesus died for our sins He did not take care of our sins temporarily or partially. He took care of them completely and permanently.

A sad reality

Many religious people do not accept this simple truth. The cross and what was accomplished there is too simplistic in the minds of some.

But God wants us to know

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Transition: Let's consider....

➤ **The Three Tenses of Salvation**

1st – The **PAST** tense; salvation from the penalty of sin

The idea behind this is a salvation that is **COMPLETED** for the one who has believed

Luke 7:50

And He said to the woman, “Your faith **has** saved you; go in peace.”

Ephesians 2:5, 8

even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has **passed out of death into life.**”

John 10:28-29

and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

10:29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

Romans 8:1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The work of salvation is a finished and completed work.

Salvation as it refers to the past is **JUSTIFICATION**

There is another tense of salvation.

2nd – The **PRESENT** tense

A salvation from the **POWER** of sin

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

The Apostle Paul calls this ...

II Thessalonians 2:13

“... **salvation through sanctification** by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Salvation as it refers to the present is **SANCTIFICATION**

Whereby God is working and we are cooperating to become more holy

3rd – The **FUTURE** tense

When we will be saved into full conformity to Christ

Romans 8:29

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son ...

Paul speaks of this salvation as near, because it refers to our future glorification with Christ.

Romans 13:11

“... now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

1 Peter 1:5

“... protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Our salvation is a **FINISHED** work. But the finished work (salvation that is past tense) has a present activity and a future activity. But it is still a finished work.

➤ **Salvation as the Finished Work of Christ**

What Jesus said ending His life on the cross is one of the most theological profound and simple truths. It is finished. Nothing more needs to be done by God to provide salvation. Jesus didn't mean to say, “*I'VE DONE MY PART, I'VE DONE ALL I CAN DO NOW YOU DO THE REST.*” No! He said it was finished, done, completed ... a sacrifice that is sufficient to save all who will believe.

Romans 6:10

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all ...

The sinning saint is not lost because of sin because we have an Advocate with the Father.

I John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

I John 1:9 is the believer's *bar of soap*

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

There is another wonderful aspect of our salvation.

➤ **Salvation from the Power of Sin**

The good news

The Lord has given us a way of deliverance from the power of sin

While we get a new nature and continue to battle the old nature, we have the power not to sin.

II Peter 1:4

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Lewis Sperry Chafer

Every child of God possesses two natures; one is incapable of sinning, and the other is incapable of holiness.

Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

My old nature is incapable of holiness.

1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

My new nature is incapable of sinning because the Holy Spirit is generating new life within. Power not to sin is possible for the believer who is dependent upon the Holy Spirit – walking in the Spirit.

Unbiblical attempts to gain victory over sin

The keeping of the Law or observing rules will result in victory over sin. Wrong!

This won't work because it is living under the power of the flesh.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Only by depending upon the indwelling Holy Spirit can power over sin be experienced.

Notice a *superhuman* manner of life we are expected to live because we are under grace:

Positionally:

- ✓ We are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20)
- ✓ Members of His body (Eph. 5:30)
- ✓ Fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household (Eph. 2:19)

We are someone blessed by a personal union with Christ.

Practically and experientially:

- ✓ We are to love as Christ loved (John 13:34)
- ✓ We are to destroy speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God ... taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:5)

BIG QUESTION: How are you doing in these areas?

- ✓ *We are to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which we have been called with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-3)*

- ✓ *Always giving thanks for all things (Eph. 5:20)*
- ✓ *Rejoicing always (I Thess. 5:16)*

AGAIN I ASK: How are you doing in these areas?

I CAN ASSURE YOU ... YOU'RE NOT VICTORIOUS IN YOUR OWN POWER IF YOU HAVING VICTORY. YOU'RE HAVING VICTORY BECAUSE YOU'RE LIVING DEPENDENT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT ... LIVING UNDER THE CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO **PRACTICE YOUR POSITION**.

But failure to practice your position does not eliminate your position in Christ. The power to live for Christ and the ability to not be under the power of sin is to be **FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Romans 8:4

so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Positionally ... Satan has been defeated. But in our experience the believer faces Satan!

I John 4:4

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Experientially ... we must be strong IN THE LORD to experience victory

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

This is Holy Spirit dependency power ... not a power we have independent of the Spirit

Jude 9

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Transition: My friends, the salvation Christ provides to those who believe ... results in power over sin TO THOSE WHO ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT – under His control at all times.

Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

*Two natures beat within my breast
One is foul and one is blessed
The one I love, the other I hate
But, the one I feed will dominate*

Transition: Salvation from the **PENALTY** of sin and the **POWER** of sin are wonderful truths. But more wonderful than these truths is the **PERSON** who provides this. The Lord wants us to rejoice in these truths ... but He wants us to remember **WHO** was behind giving them to us – the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 11:25

“... this cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Let’s remember ... the Lord Jesus ... who;

Isaiah 53:9

“... had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

II Corinthians 5:21

He ... who knew no sin ...

Hebrews 7:26

“... a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners

I Peter 2:22-23

who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;
2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats ...

I Peter 3:18

“... Christ ... died ... the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God ...

I John 3:5

“... He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

I Corinthians 11:27-29

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

11:28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.