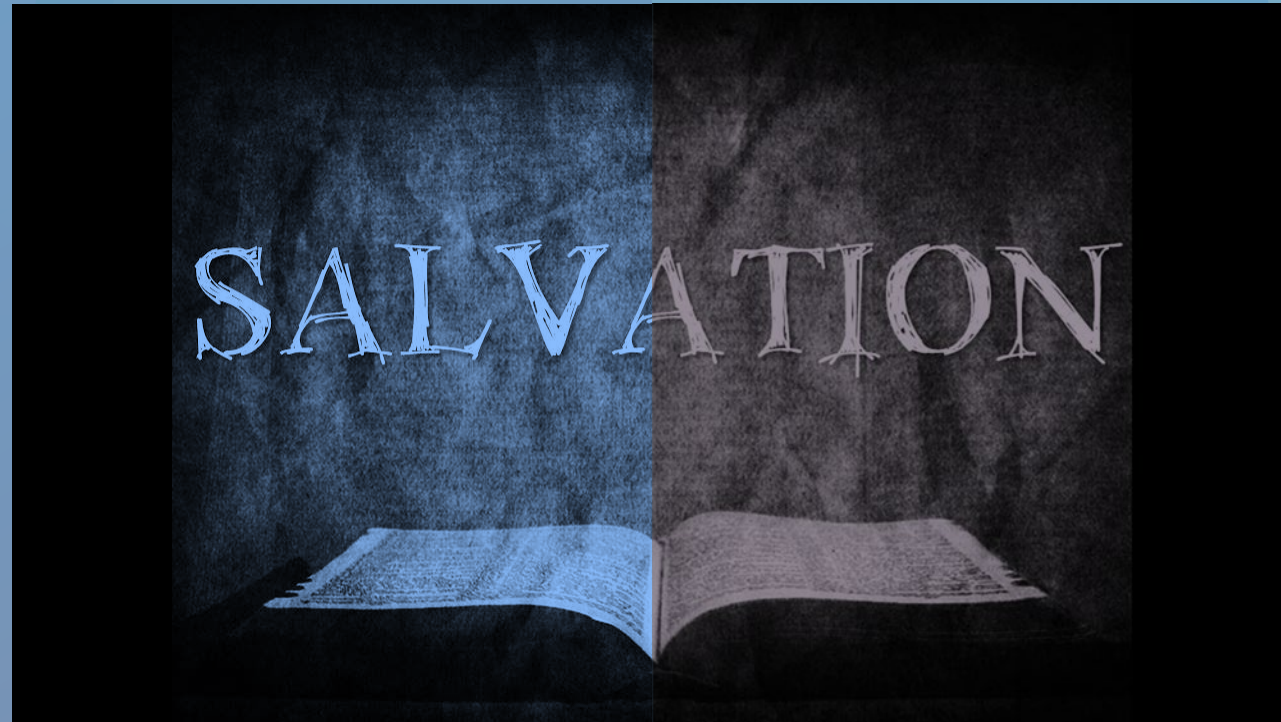


Questions of Salvation



What Is Salvation?



- What does it mean to be saved?
 - Deliverance from danger or suffering
 - Rescue
- Saved from what?
- Saved for what?

Salvation from What and For What?

- ▶ A salvation **from** sin and the wrath of God
- ▶ A salvation **for** eternal life
- ▶ A salvation **for** life in the kingdom and fellowship with God



Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
⁹ **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



If we are Saved by Grace...



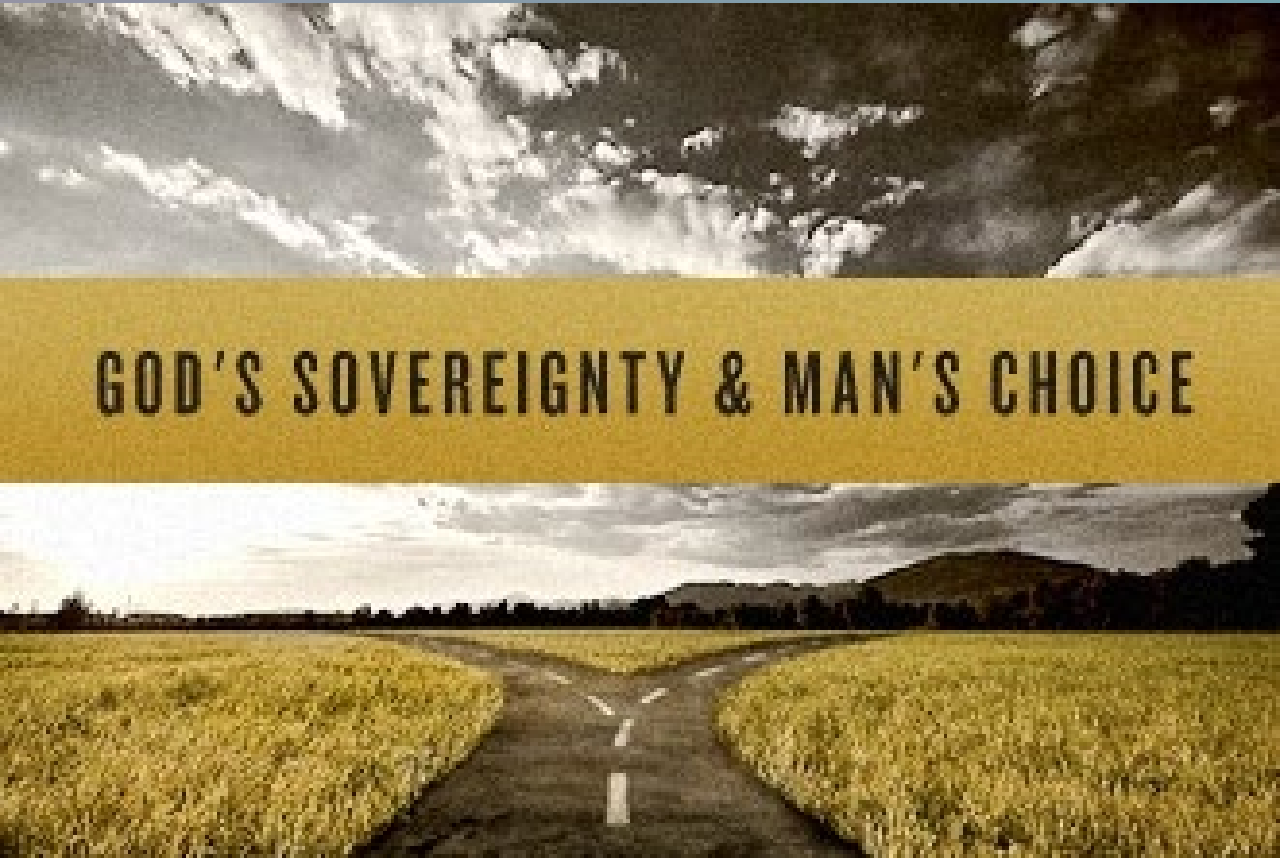
- What is included?
 - Eternal Life
 - All Spiritual blessings
 - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
 - Works
 - The Law

If we are Saved through Faith...



- What is included?
 - Trust
 - Repentance
 - Confession
 - Baptism
- What is excluded?
 - Works of the law
- Will we get rewarded for our works?

Do We have a Choice in Salvation?



GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN'S CHOICE

- Do we make a choice to be saved?
- Can we lose our salvation if we don't keep our faith?

Do We Still Have a Choice of Faith?

► Heb. 6:4-6

⁴ For it is **impossible**, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have **tasted** the heavenly **gift**, and have **shared** in the Holy **Spirit**, ⁵ and have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and the **powers** of the age to come, ⁶ and **then** have **fallen away**, to **restore** them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own **harm** and holding him up to **contempt**.

*Does Hebrews 6:4-6 Mean You
Can Lose Your Salvation?*

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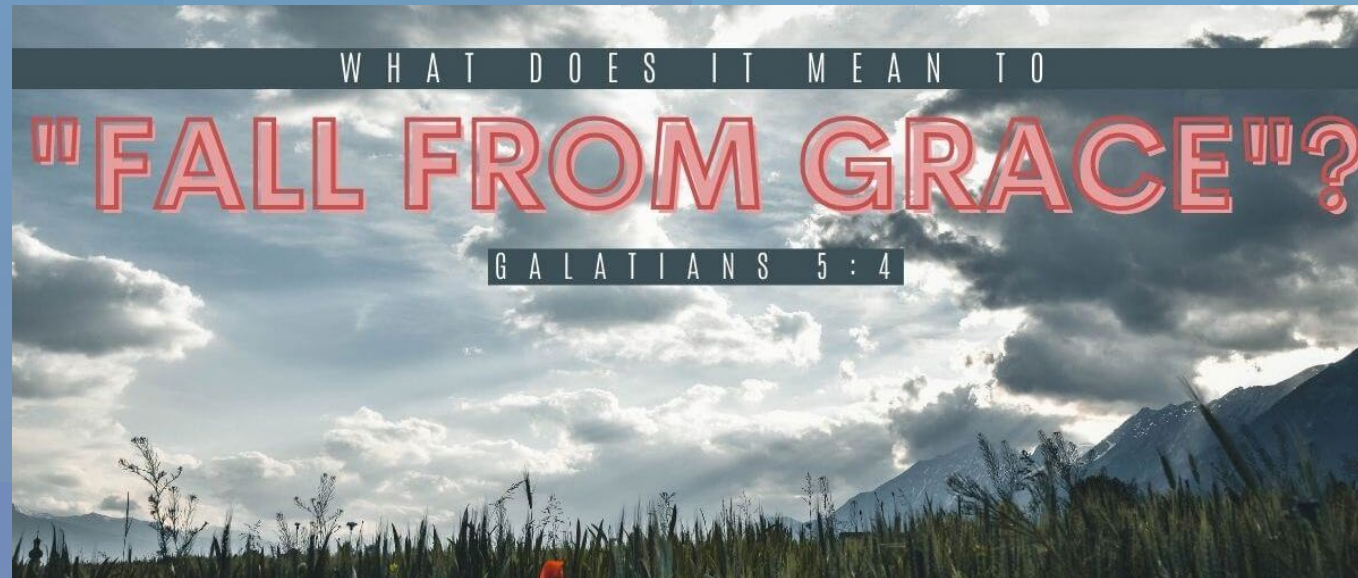
► Heb. 10:26-27

²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

DOES HEBREWS 10:26 MEAN
THAT A BELIEVER CAN LOSE SALVATION?

How Can Christians Lose Their Faith

- ▶ **Turning from Jesus and His gospel – Gal. 5:4**
- ▶ **Turn from Jesus Due to Testing and Hardship – Luke 8:13**
- ▶ **Embracing Sinful Lifestyles Inconsistent with Repentant Faith – Hebrews 3:12-14**





A Dangerous Third Way



- ▶ “Once saved, always saved, no matter how you live.”
 - ▶ Recent development in mainstream Christian theology (especially since the 1960s).
 - ▶ Not based on scripture.
 - ▶ Made popular by certain preachers who intended to comfort those with loved ones who no longer follow Jesus.
 - ▶ According to this teaching, salvation is granted totally by grace, and faith is reduced to a sincere affirmation that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. That, they say, is all one needs.

Is Affirmation that Jesus Died on the Cross a Saving Faith?

► Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who **does the will of my Father** who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,** did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many **mighty works** in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.**’



Is Affirmation that Jesus Died on the Cross a Saving Faith?

► 1 John 1:6-7

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is **no darkness** at all. ⁶ **If** we say we have fellowship with him while we **walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ **But if** we **walk in the light**, as he is in the **light**, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son **cleanses us from all sin.**



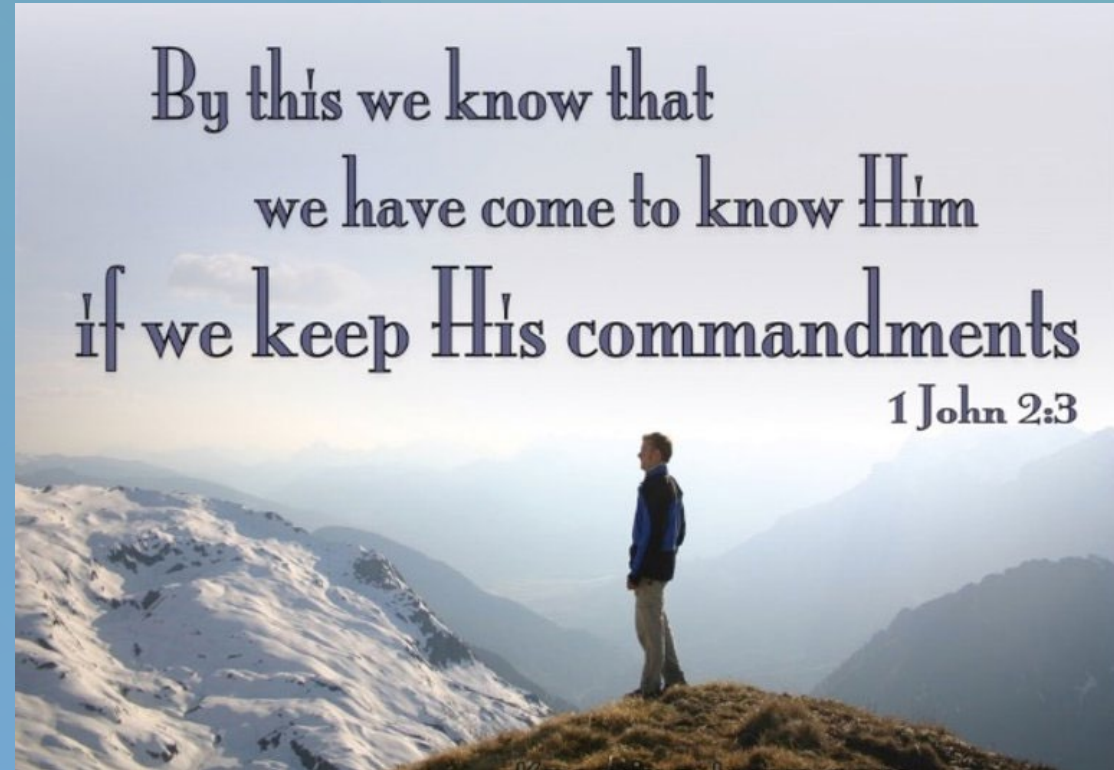
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³ And by this we know that we have come to **know him**, if we **keep his commandments**.

⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may **know that we are in him**: ⁶ whoever says he **abides in him** ought to **walk** in the same way in which he walked.



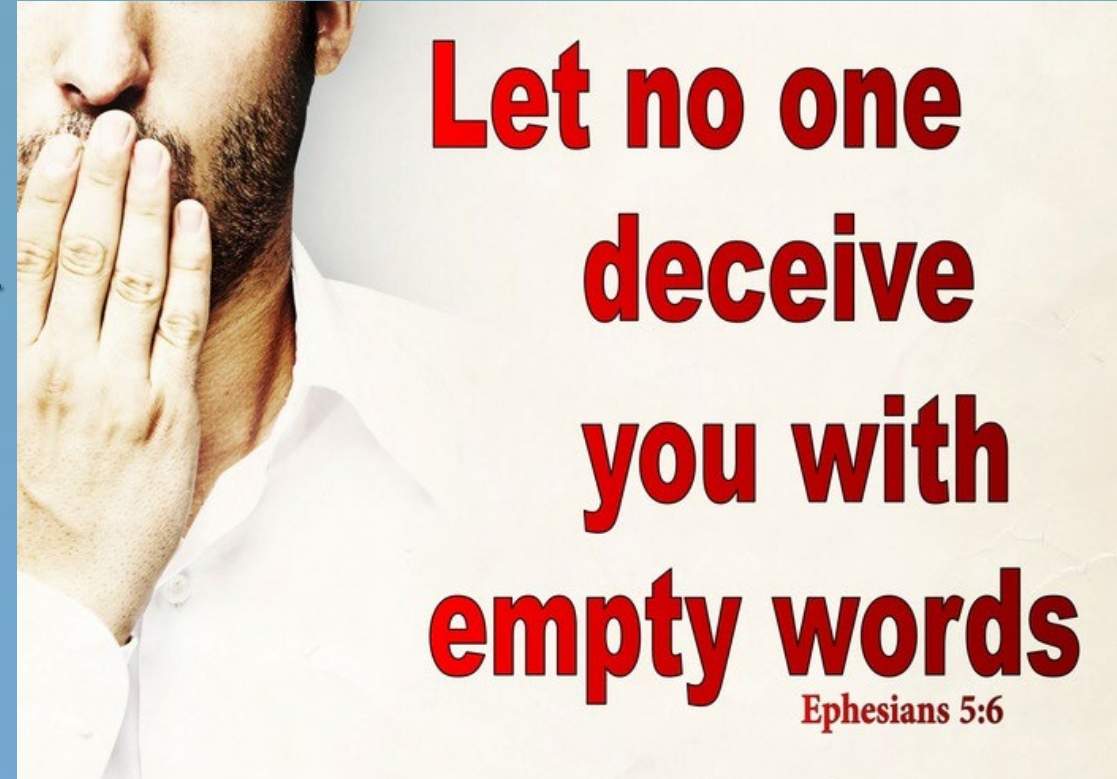
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▶ Eph. 5:5

⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has **no inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with **empty words**, for because of these things the **wrath of God** comes upon the **sons of disobedience**.

▶ What does a Saving Faith look like?

▶ To have a Saving Faith is both to trust and to follow, i.e. “Trust and Obey”



Is it: We are Saved,
We are Being Saved,
or We will be Saved?

- At what point are we saved and have eternal life?
- What does it mean to complete our salvation?
- Do we have a deposit on it now?
- How then should we live now?

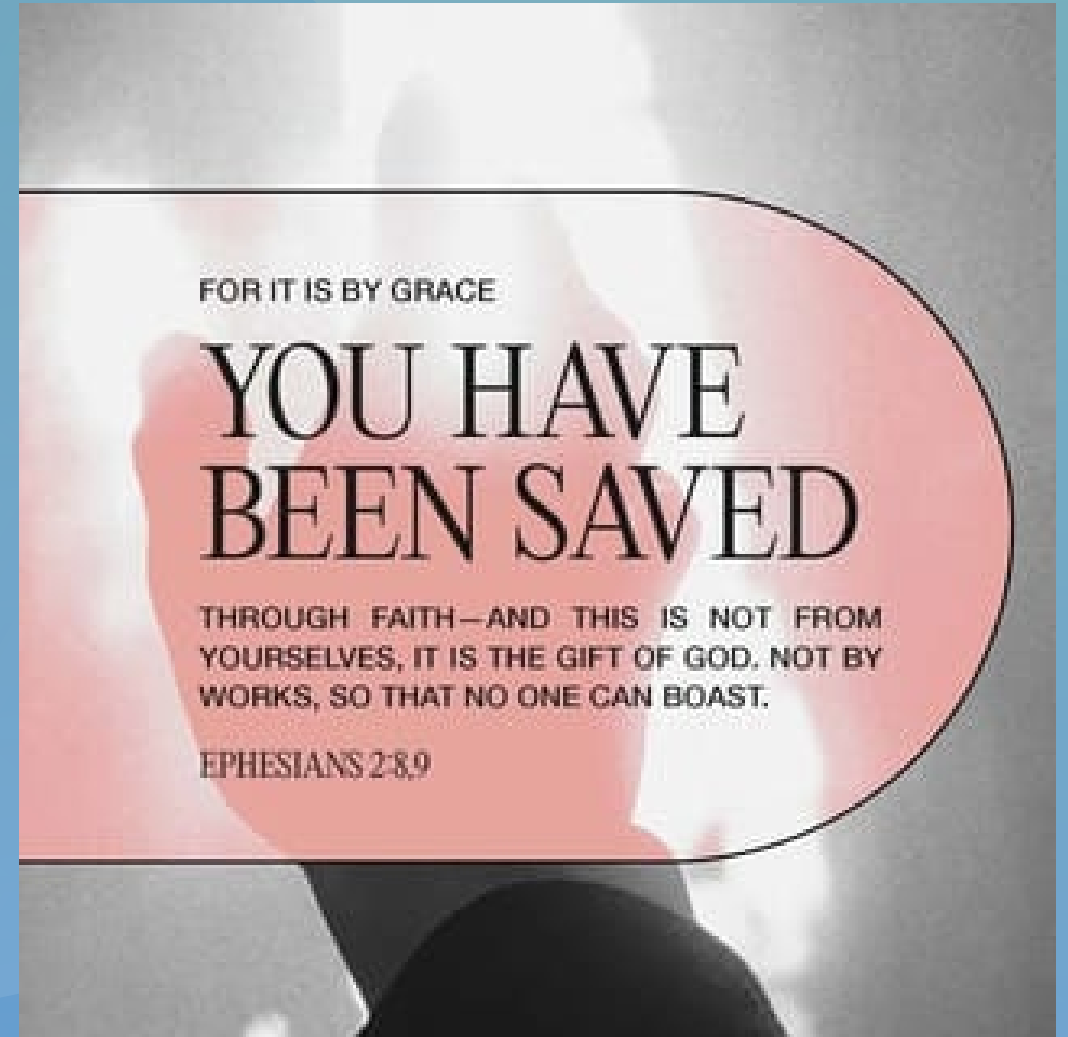
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***SALVATION | HAVE BEEN SAVED,
BEING SAVED, WILL BE SAVED?***

Have We Been Saved?

▶ Romans 8: 5-6,8

⁵ even when we **were** dead in our trespasses, **made** us alive together with Christ—by grace **you have been saved**—⁶ and **raised** us up with him and **seated** us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...⁸ For by grace **you have been saved** through faith.



Are We Being Saved?

- ▶ 1 Corth. 1:18
18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to **us who are being saved** it is the power of God.
- ▶ 1 Corth. 15:1-2
1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,
2 and by which **you are being saved, if** you hold fast to the word I preached to you—**unless** you believed in vain.



Shall We be Saved?

► Romans 5:9-10

⁹ Since, therefore, we **have now been justified** by his blood, much more **shall we be saved** by him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved** by his life.

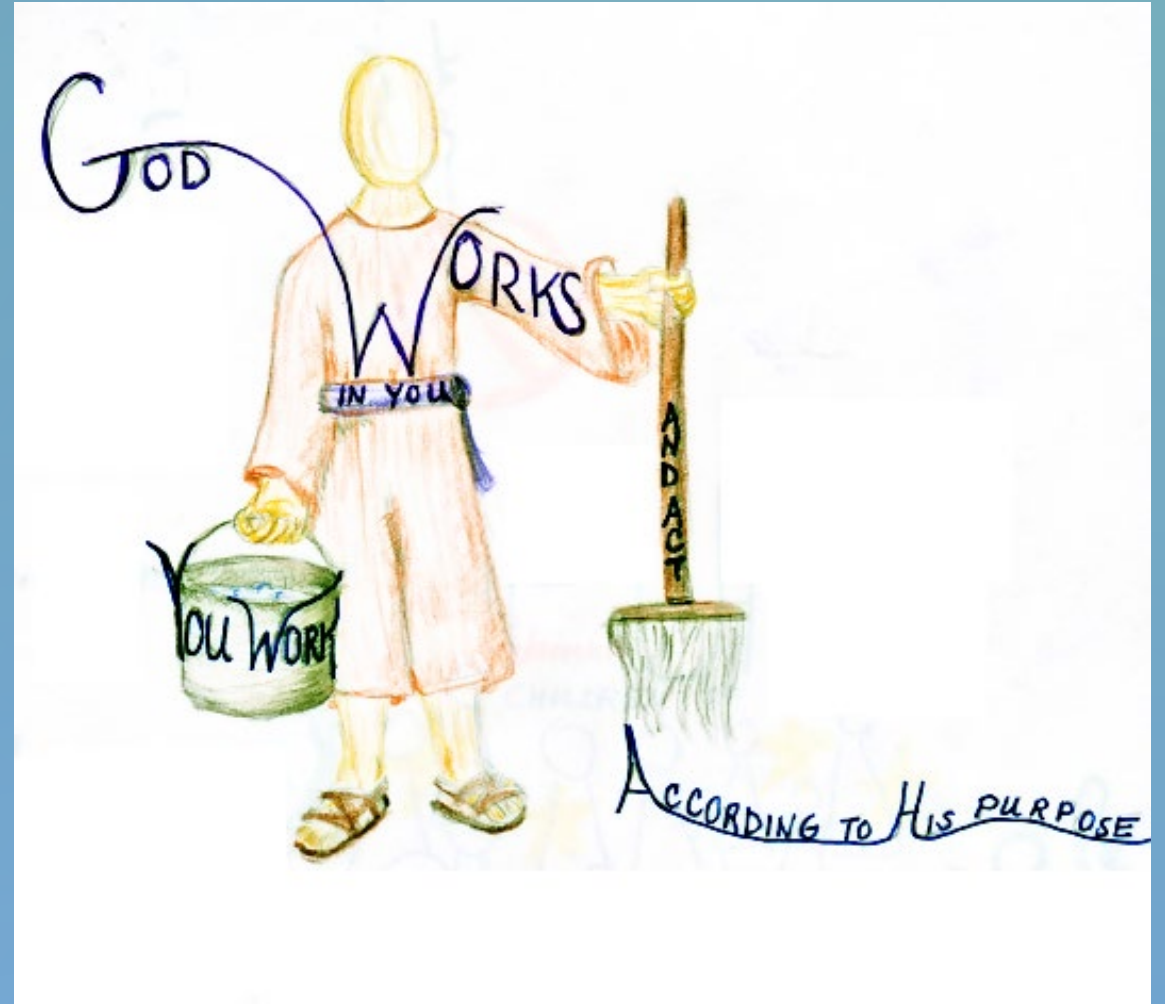


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ROMANS 5:9

Is the completion of our faith a partnership?

- ▶ Philippians 2:12-13 (NCV)
12 My dear friends, you have always obeyed God when I was with you. It is even more important that you obey now while I am away from you. Keep on **working** to **complete** your **salvation** with fear and trembling, 13 because **God is working** in you to help you **want to do** and **be able to do** what pleases him.



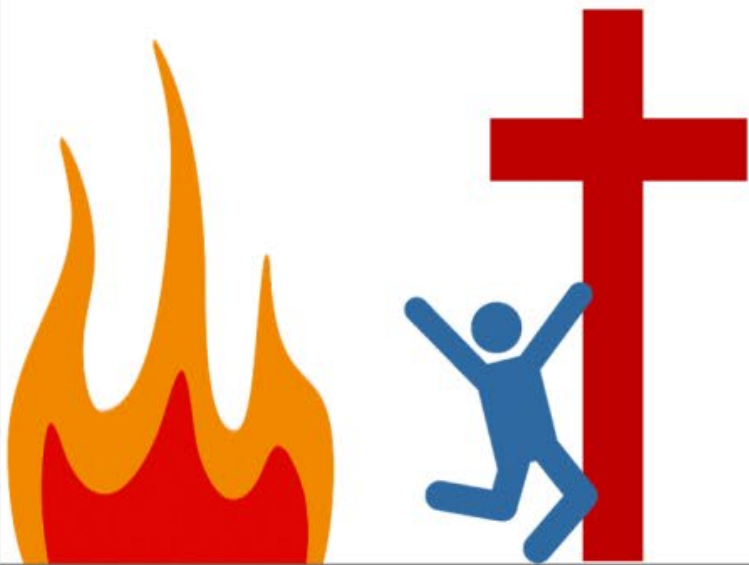
Salvation - A Threefold Progression

The Bible talks about Salvation in three ways

1

Justification

Saved from the **PENALTY** of Sin



2

Sanctification

Saved from the **POWER** of Sin



3

Glorification

Saved from the **PRESENCE** of Sin



Salvation - A Threefold Progression

▶ Continuing Justification – 1 John 1:7,9

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin...⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

▶ Progressive Sanctification – 1 John 3:2-3

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

▶ Progressive Glorification – 2 Corth. 3:18

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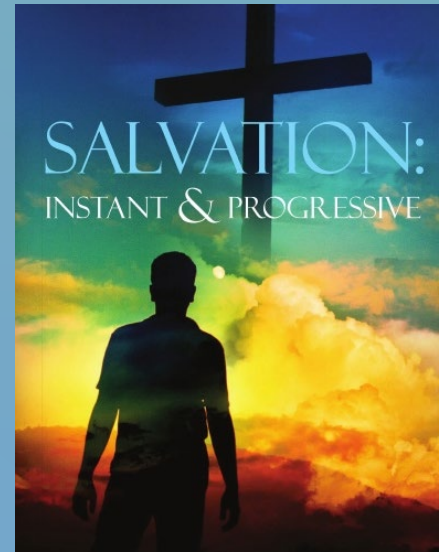
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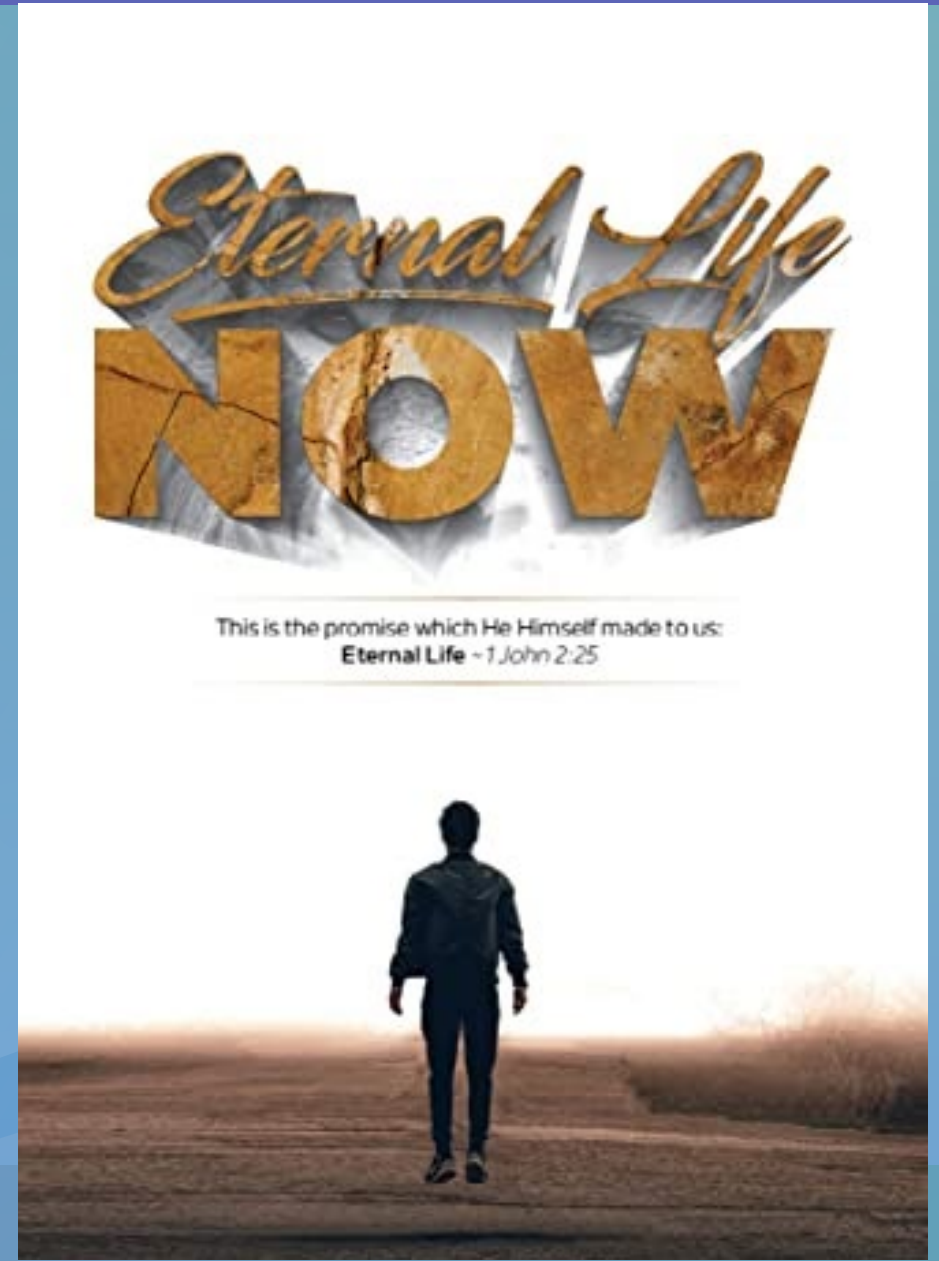
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Do we have eternal life now or when Christ comes?

- ▶ John 5:24
Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me **has eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but **has passed from death to life**.
- ▶ John 17:3
³ And this is **eternal life**, that they **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.



Do we have eternal life now or when Christ comes?

- ▶ Romans 6:22
But now that you **have been** set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get **leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**
- ▶ Jude 20-22
But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, **waiting for the mercy** of our Lord Jesus Christ that **leads to eternal life.**



Do we have eternal life now or when Christ comes?

► Philippians 3:8-11

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as **loss** because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the **loss** of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may **gain Christ** ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ **that I may know him** and the **power of his resurrection**, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



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► Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I **press on to make it my own**, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I **do not consider that I have made it my own**. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I **press on toward the goal for the prize** of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



A length of time?



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How Then Should We Live In The Now?

► Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and **proper worship**. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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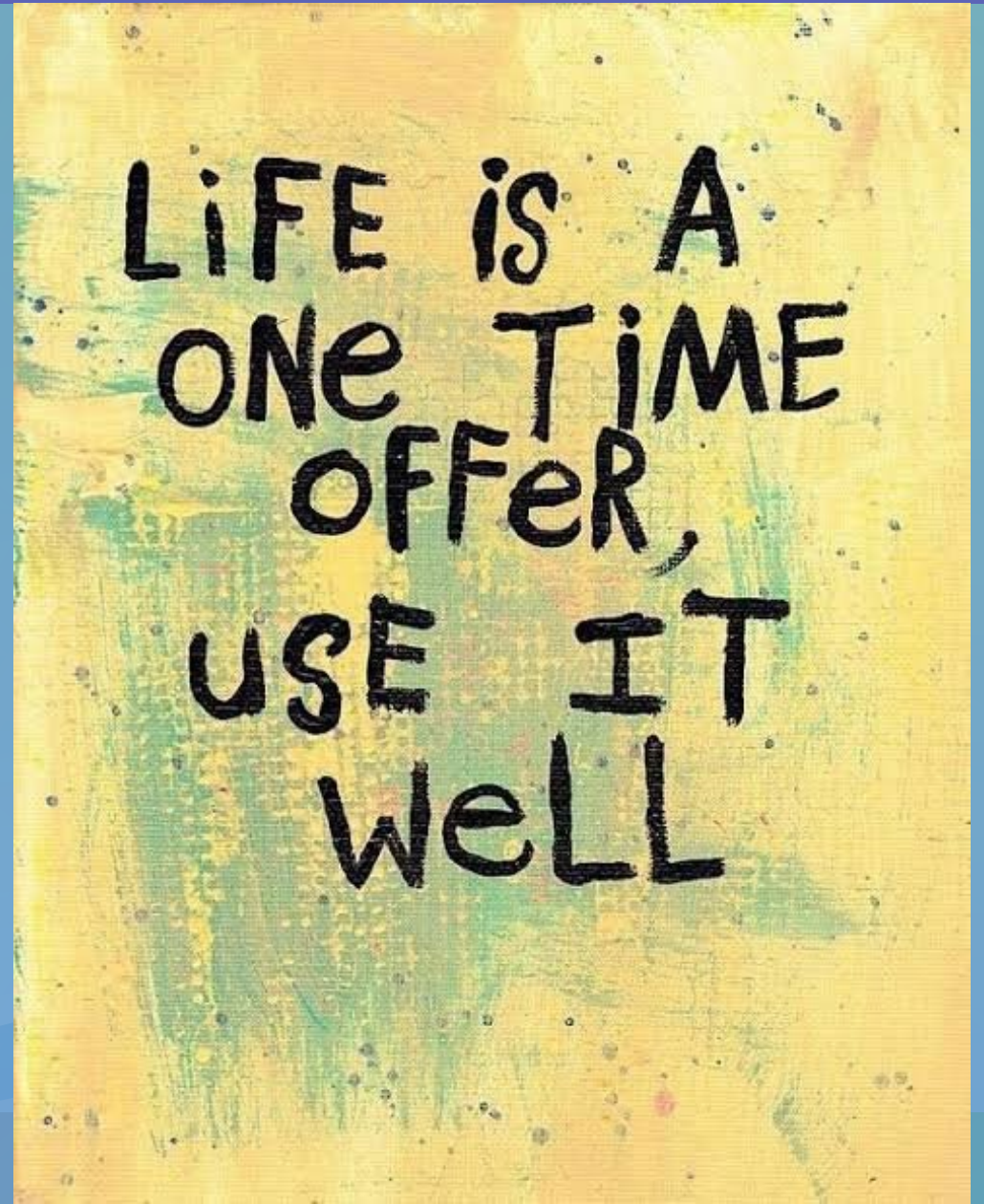
► Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



How Then Should We Live In The Now?

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:58
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord,** knowing that in the Lord your **labor is not in vain.**
- ▶ Colossians 3:23-25
²³ Whatever you do, **work heartily,** as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ **knowing** that from the Lord you will **receive the inheritance** as your **reward.** You are serving the Lord Christ.



Why does salvation matter now?

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