

COMPREHENDING THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION

- 2 Timothy 2:15

A. The DEFINITION of 'SALVATION'.

1. The Biblical words translated “saved”, “save”, “salvation”, etc. carries the idea of _____.
2. The concept of salvation is found over _____ times in the Bible.
3. The Scriptures repeatedly teach that salvation is _____ some object or state _____ some object or state.
 - What determines the actual or nuance of meaning in each case or passage?

B. Two DISTINCT FORMS of 'SALVATION'.

1. In the Old Testament, the primary usage of salvation is predominately a _____ deliverance from _____ danger, one's _____ enemies, one's troubles, or even _____ death – on either a personal or national level.
 - What are some examples of this?
 - Are there examples of this form of salvation in the New Testament as well?
 - What are the two groupings that this kind of salvation includes?
2. In the New Testament, the predominate usage of salvation has a _____ salvation in view, especially in light of the fact that Jesus Christ came “to _____ and to _____ that which is _____.”(Luke 19:10)
 - What are some examples of 'salvation' in a general sense?
 - For the unbeliever, salvation is always in what tense?

C. Three DEFINITE TENSES/PHASES/STAGES of SPIRITUAL ‘SALVATION’.

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TENSE:	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
FROM WHAT:	_____ of sin (in Hell)	_____ of sin (in your life)	_____ of sin (in Heaven)
DIAGRAM:			
SCRIPTURE:	Titus 3:5 Ephesians 2:8-10 1 Corinthians 1:21 John 3:17	1 Timothy 4:16 James 1:21 Philippians 2:12-13 James 5:20	Romans 5:9-10 Romans 13:11 1 Corinthians 3:15
THEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION:	_____	_____	_____
TIME FACTOR:	_____ OF TIME (When you trust Christ alone.)	_____ OF TIME (While you walk in the Spirit.)	_____ OF TIME (When you die or are raptured.)
CONDITION(S):	By God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. (Acts 16:31)	By God's grace through yielded and daily dependence on the Lord via the Holy Spirit. (Romans 6:1-14; 8:1-4)	By death (2 Cor. 5:10) or by Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

- What happens when people fail to recognize the 3 tenses of salvation?
- Several examples where the 3 tenses of salvation are distinctly mentioned or referred to:
 - Titus 2:11-13
 - Romans 5:1-2
 - 1 Thess.1:8-10
 - 1 John 2:28-3:3
 - Romans 13:10-11
 - Colossians 3:1-4
 - Philippians 3:7-11
 - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Do you see now the importance of “rightly dividing the Word of truth” regarding the 3 tenses of salvation?