

Salvation in Three Tenses

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

- I. Saved from the guilt and penalty of sin.
- II. Saved from the habit and dominion of sin
- III. Saved in the future from the presence – proximity of sin.

[Ephesians 1:12](#)

- I. WE HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE GUILT OF SIN. ([Luke 7:50](#)) Jesus said to the woman *“Thy faith hath saved (Pf.) thee; go in peace.”* [Eph. 2:5, 8](#) *“Even when we were dead in sins, he hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are having been saved (Pf. P. P.) through faith.”*
- II. WE ARE SAVED FROM THE HABIT AND DOMINION AND POWER OF SIN. [Rom. 6:14](#) *“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”* [Rom. 8:1, 2](#) *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* [Gal. 2:19](#) *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.”* Literal *“For I through law to law died in order that to God I might live.”* Quote [Gal. 2:20](#) *I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live;....”*
- III. WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE (proximity) OF SIN. There will be entire conformity to Jesus Christ. ([1 Peter 1:5](#)) *“Who are kept (guarded) by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* [1 John 3:1, 2](#)

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THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS THE GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE KEPT TO THAT GLORIOUS DAY!

BEING KEPT, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THAT SECURITY, DOES NOT FOR ONE MOMENT CAUSE A PERSON TO THROW OFF ALL RESTRAINTS AND FAN THE FLAMES OF THE OLD SIN NATURE. On the contrary, a tremendous challenge is presented to the saved person to be under the control of the Holy Spirit, and not to grieve or quench Him.

- *WE GRIEVE HIM WHEN WE SIN!*
- *WE QUENCH HIM WHEN WE DISOBEY OUR OWN DIRECTIONS!*

God desires to take control of our lives in order that He might produce life measured by the standards of God's holiness.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON WHO INDWELLS EVERY SAVED PERSON. "He indwells us for the purpose of controlling us – IT IS NOT US USING GOD AND HIS POWER FOR SERVICE, BUT RATHER GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTROLLING US, *AND USING US FOR SERVICE.*"

A polluted, contaminated, corrupted soul is *not* a Spirit-filled soul. Paul amplifies this thought when he said: "*The Spirit wars against the flesh, and the flesh against the Spirit.*" Man, then has a choice of which way he will go! Each person makes the choice each and every day. [Gal. 5:16](#) – "*Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*" Whatever the spirit of the world produces in our lives will be displeasing to God, and whatever the Spirit of Christ produces in our lives will be pleasing to God!