

WEEK 6: THREE ASPECTS OF SALVATION— PART ONE: ITS BEGINNING AND END

DAY 1: THREE ASPECTS OF ONE EVENT

Read Philippians 1:3-11.

When you became a Christian, maybe you thought praying to accept Jesus would give you everything Christ had to give you. Well, **you were right**.

You experienced forgiveness when you prayed and Christ came to live in you. You also received some **rights** from God at that same time. The rights are yours **now**. You also were given an **inheritance**. The inheritance is yours for the **future**.

Salvation is experienced in three stages: **past, present, and future**. The apostle Paul knew about this. He explained it to his friends in Philippi. Read what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-11.

What did Paul do every time He thought about His Christian friends in Philippi? (See v. 3).

Paul **thanked God** for the Philippian Christians. What emotion

did he always feel when he prayed? (See v. 4.) _____

What did Paul thank God for as he prayed with *joy* about his Christian friends in Philippi? (See v. 5.) _____

Paul had a special feeling about the Philippian people because they had told other people about the gospel and been Paul's helpers. What was that feeling?

(See v. 7.) _____

Paul had feelings that the Philippian people were dear (cherished) to him. What

love did Paul compare His feelings to? (See v. 8) _____

Paul had a love for the Philippian Christians. This love was like the love of **Jesus Christ**. This is the reason he wanted to be sure they understood the **three things about salvation**. No other verse in the Bible explains this more clearly than Philippians 1:6. Be sure to notice the times Paul stressed.

The Beginning Point	Happens Through Time	The Final Event
"God who began the good work in you"	"will keep on working in you"	"until the day Jesus Christ comes again"
"_____"	_____	"_____"
Freed from the penalty of sin	Freed from the power of sin	Freed from the presence of sin

Cleansed by
Christ's **blood**

Liberated by
Christ's **living in
you**

Given your
inheritance
by Christ's
second coming

Did you write **"God, who began the good work in you"** on the lines in the left column? Did you write **"will keep on working in you"** in the middle column? Did you write **"until the day Jesus Christ comes again"** in the right column? Do you understand how this simple chart gives you a better picture of your salvation? Are you surprised to learn that Philippians 1:6 is your next Scripture memory assignment?

Look at the chart again. Notice that when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you were only **beginning** your salvation! There is much more to come. You know you belong to God. Do you also know all Christ has for you? You already have your salvation; but, knowing **what** that means lets you enjoy it more deeply.

What have you found that your salvation does for you in your everyday life? Read Philippians 1:9-11 to help you think. Then write your answer during your Quiet Time.

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DAY 2: SALVATION PAST**

Read Ephesians 2:3-6,8-9,12-13,17-19.

All the Bible verses in today's lesson are about **salvation past**. That is the time in your life when you prayed, asking Christ to enter your life as Lord and Saviour. Read Ephesians 2:3-6. What did God do when you gave Him your life? Verse 5 tells what God did in two different ways. Write both of them here.

1. _____

2. _____

Did you write that **"He made us alive by what Christ did for us"** and that **"You have been saved"**? Verse 6 gives two more explanations of what God did when you become saved. Write both of them here.

3. _____

4. _____

God **raised us from death**. He has given us a place **with Christ in the heavens**. Why is it important to notice the words **we** and **us** in verses 5-6? Ephesians 2:19 should help you understand. The things you studied in week 2 of your SURVIVAL KIT will help you. What are you supposed to remember when you look at the **thumb** on your hand? Who is it that causes us to be **"1 BODY"**? What are you supposed to remember when you look at the **hand itself**?

"CHRIST, LIVING IN ME AND CONTROLLING EVERYTHING" is important when you remember what your **first finger (forefinger)** reminds you of. What is it?

Your **thumb** should remind you that **we** are **"1 BODY"** in Christ. Your **forefinger** should remind you that we have **"2 NATURES"** and not just one. What do you think your **middle finger** should remind you about?

You should have written **"3 THINGS ABOUT SALVATION."** This is the subject you are now studying. What Bible verse tells you about **salvation past, present, and future** more clearly than any other? Can you write it here?

_____ (Phil. 1:6).

Return now to your study in Ephesians 2. Following verses 8-9, what did you **do** to **deserve** God's forgiveness through Christ?

I hope you understand Ephesians 2:8-9 so clearly that you wrote "**Nothing**" on that blank line. Now read Ephesians 2:12-13.

What does it mean when it says, "At one time you were far away from God. Now you have been brought close to Him. Christ did this for you when He gave His blood on the cross" (Eph. 2:13, NLV). Ephesians 2:17-18 makes it clear. It became possible for you after you gave your life to Christ.

You can go to **God the Father** through one Holy Spirit. Now read again Ephesians 2:3,5,12,17. What was your situation when Christ saved you from sin through His blood? How many things do these verses say that were true about your life?

Here are a few of the things you could have written. Beside each one put the verse number.

Sinful (v. _____)

Dead (v. _____)

Far Away (v. _____)

No Hope (v. _____)

Without God (v. _____)

Without Christ (v. _____)

For your whole life, you will never stop being surprised about the things Christ did for you. You prayed and asked Him to come into your life at that time. He took you out of a world where self controls all decisions and pleasures. He instantly forgave all the sin and wrong things you had done. He made you clean as if you had never sinned. He put His own life inside of you. He made you belong to His kingdom. He caused you to become free from worry about facing God for judgment.

These things are finished. Nothing can take away your new life in Christ. You belong to Him **forever**.

Sinful (v. 3)

Dead (v. 5)

Far away (v. 17)

No hope (v. 12)

Without God (v. 12)

Without Christ (v. 12)

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**DAY 3: BAPTISM OF THE
SPIRIT**

Read Romans 8:9-11; Ephesians 1:12-13; 1 John 4:12-16.

Salvation past . . . a specific time happening in your salvation. You prayed. You confessed your sin of living and controlling things yourself. You asked Jesus Christ to forgive you of all the sin from your life. You invited Jesus to become your Lord.

Today's Bible verses teach us that at that specific time important things happened. Read Romans 8:9-11. Notice how the names in the **Trinity** (God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit) are used in these verses. How many of the names can you find and write?

Notice that all these names for Trinity are used **back and forth**. Romans 8:9 talks about all three persons of the Trinity. So does verse 11.

Now read these verses again. Notice the words "dwells in you" or "lives in you." You received the fullness of the Trinity when you gave your life to Christ.

The point is this: the Trinity cannot be divided. You also received the Holy Spirit from God when you received Christ. He came to live in you at that specific time.

The apostle Paul used Ephesians 1:12-13 as an interesting example from his culture. In that time some people used a seal or stamp with his own personal sign—like a Notary Public Seal. The person would push it into hot wax or clay to mark things he owned. Sometimes the seal (or stamp) was on rings people wore on their fingers.

Now, read Ephesians 1:12-13 (**New Life Version**):
"We who were the first to put our trust in Christ should thank Him for His greatness. The truth is the Good News. When you heard the truth, you put your trust in Christ. Then God marked you by giving you His Holy Spirit as a promise." What is God's mark on you? Write it here.

The Holy Spirit is God's seal on you. The seal proves you are His. Did you notice these verses use the titles of the Trinity several times? Circle how many persons of the Trinity are mentioned in Ephesians 1:12-13. 1 2 3

Your second memory verse for this week also comes from Ephesians. You studied part of it yesterday. Look now at Ephesians 2:8-10. Study the chart that outlines your new verse. Finish the chart by writing the words from Ephesians 2:8-10 in the **King James Version**.

HOW YOU ARE SAVED	WHY	HOW YOU ARE NOT SAVED	WHY NOT
"By _____ are ye saved through _____ "	"Created in Christ Jesus unto _____ _____ "	"And that not of _____ " _____ " "Not of _____ "	"Lest any man should
"It is the _____ of God"			
"For we are his _____ "			

As you wrote in the missing words, did you notice that Ephesians 2:8-10 discusses the **three things about salvation**? The column named **"HOW YOU ARE SAVED"** talks about **salvation past**. That is the specific time when by **grace** through **faith** you received God's **gift**, Jesus Christ. You became a new part of God's **work**. The column named **"WHY"** talks about

salvation present. This is how Christ living in you now causes you to do the **good works** that God made you for.

Have you already memorized another verse that speaks of **salvation past** and that talks about both **salvation present** and **salvation future**? Can you say Philippians 1:6 now? (Be sure to check yourself by looking in your Bible.)

Now read carefully 1 John 4:12-16. How many persons of the Trinity are mentioned in these verses. Circle the right number. 1 2 3

Three persons are mentioned. How many **live** or **dwelt** in us? How many have been **given** or **sent** to us? Circle the right number. 1 2 3

Did you find **all three**? The **Son** has been **sent** as your Savior and the Savior for the world. The **Spirit** has been **given** to you. And **God** himself **dwells** in you. That is a wonderful, true teaching from the Bible. You are a **container** for **the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**. You never have to ask for Christ or the Holy Spirit again. God is **already** in your life!

That is a finished thing. Your salvation will never have to be repeated. Hebrews 13:5 promises He will never leave you nor ignore you.

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DAY 4: SALVATION FUTURE

Read Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:3-9,13; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.

SALVATION FUTURE . . . the final experience in your salvation.

Ephesians 1:13 (yesterday) taught that you received the Holy Spirit at the exact time you gave your life to Christ. Read that verse again now. Also read verse 14. Do you see the important information that verse 14 adds? The Holy Spirit that you already have is a “promise” or “deposit” for **much, much more** that God has reserved for your inheritance.

Ephesians 1:14 (**King James Version**) uses the word **earnest**. You put **earnest money** as a deposit on the house when you buy it. That money is a promise to pay the full price when you take the house to become yours.

This is a strong example about **salvation future!** The deposit earnest money has already been paid. You have it (the Holy Spirit). Some day Christ will take you to be with Him. He will

have as His the people He has bought with His blood. He put a deposit on with the Holy Spirit. That time will be when you will receive everything related to salvation.

Now read carefully 1 Peter 1:3-5. Do these verses talk about **salvation past** or about **salvation future**?

- _____ A. Salvation past _____ C. Both past and future
_____ B. Salvation present _____ D. Neither past nor future

The right answer is that these verses are about **both**—that which Christ has already done for you (salvation past) **and** to that part of your salvation that will happen in the future. When you read your Bible now and in the future, look for verses that discuss the **three things about salvation**.

Now read 1 Peter 1:6-9. What things about salvation do you see in these three verses?

- _____ A. Salvation past _____ C. Salvation future
_____ B. Salvation present _____ D. All of these

Do you agree that **D** is the best answer? First Peter 1:6-9 talks about your faith in Jesus Christ. You have never seen Jesus with your eyes. This is **salvation past**. It also discusses problems you experience now that help prove your faith is real. This is **salvation present**. And it also talks about a future day when the testing of your faith will cause praise and glory and honor. This is **salvation future**.

Verses 7,13 tell you the exact time when you will experience everything about salvation. When is that time?

You will experience everything about salvation when Jesus comes to take you with Him, His second coming. Read now 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 to get a better idea about that day of Jesus' coming. Be sure to thank God in your Quiet Time for His promise about **salvation future**.

How is your daily Quiet Time? It has been about 40 days since you started using the SURVIVAL KIT. Circle the number of days you think you have had a good time of Bible study and prayer. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Are you faithful to memorize Bible verses? **Remember:** One big reason for learning verses is so you will know what the Bible says when you need to know. Here are 10 verses you should have learned in the first weeks of your SURVIVAL KIT. Draw a line to match them with the topic you studied each week. Try to say the verse as you do this.

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| CHRIST IN YOU | Psalm 119:11 |
| | Romans 6:12-13 |
| CHURCH LIFE | Romans 12:4-5 |
| | 1 Corinthians 12:18 |
| CHURCH SERVICE | 2 Corinthians 5:17 |
| | 2 Corinthians 9:7 |
| TWO NATURES: THE OLD YOU | Galatians 5:16 |
| | Galatians 5:22-23 |
| TWO NATURES: THE NEW YOU | Colossians 3:8-10 |
| | 1 Peter 4:10 |

Check your SURVIVAL KIT lessons to be sure you matched each one right. It is more important to check your Bible to see if you remembered all of the verses rightly.

Are you having problems remembering the basic points that you have studied in the SURVIVAL KIT? You should remember them **1-2-3!** Write them here as you would write them on your hand.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Can you remember the verse that best explains **salvation past, salvation present, and salvation future**? Try saying Philippians 1:6.

One more thing needs to be studied about the future salvation the Lord has for you. What is your **inheritance**?

Tomorrow we will study about that. Only **remember:** There is **more to come**. You are **promised** that it is reserved for you. You will get it when Jesus Christ comes to take you to Himself.

The future part of salvation is so important that Christians a long time ago called it "the blessed hope." Both life and death can be important **for Christians:** Our King is coming!

(Answers: 1 BODY 2 NATURE 3 ASPECTS OF SALVATION)

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**DAY 5: FREE FROM THE OLD
NATURE**

Read Romans 5:12; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9.

SALVATION FUTURE! What will salvation give you that you do not have now. You will not have it until Christ comes again. The Bible gives the answer. The Bible calls it your inheritance.

Read Romans 5:12 and Romans 6:23. What two short, awful words are in these verses? _____ and _____

What is the relationship between **sin** and **death**? _____

WILL YOU EVER BE FINISHED WITH YOUR OLD NATURE, THE SIN NATURE?

Yes! Death will happen to every person because of sin. Only people who are alive when Jesus comes again will not be hurt by death. But there will be a time in the future when you become free **from the sin nature**. It will be finished forever.

Read now 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. Write these numbers to answer the questions below.

A. What verses tell you that future salvation will happen at a specific time? A. Verses _____

B. What verses connect **death** with sin? B. Verses _____

C. What verse says you cannot have the kingdom of God with the old nature still in you? C. Verse _____

D. What verses promise you eternal life because the **old nature** will be taken away? D. Verses _____

E. What verse promises that this is Jesus Christ' work—not the result of your doing good things? E. Verse _____

(Answers: A: 51-52 B: 55-56 C: 50 D: 53-54 E: 57)

Do you remember some Bible verses that clearly say you are not saved because of your doing good things? Try to write Ephesians 2:8-10 from memory.

Now think about the teaching in 2 Corinthians 5:1-9. Verse 1 describes our lives like we were "**houses**" or "**tents.**" Verses 2-4 describe us as "**crying**" in our house. What, in your opinion, is the best reason for our crying?

- _____ A. Christians have a hard time in this life.
- _____ B. Christians are afraid of dying.
- _____ C. Christians want to be free from the old nature.

Verses 2,4 make the right answer clear. Paul said in verse 8 that he preferred to be free of his body with the sin nature. Then he could be at home with the Lord.

Now look carefully at 2 Corinthians 5:5. It should remind you of Ephesians 1:13-14, which you have studied twice this week. What same things do you notice in these two verses?

You see again that you already have the **Holy Spirit** as a **promise** or **deposit** of the future inheritance God has for you. Write in your own words what you know about **salvation past** and **salvation future**.

Did you remember that both are things that happen at specific times? Jesus' death on the cross already saved you from the **punishment for sin**. Your inheritance at the time of **salvation future** will mean throwing away the **old nature**. Write here the verse you have learned about putting off the old nature.

_____ (Col. 3:8-10).

Now, are you ready for the hand again? You should be able to write in **four blank spots**. (Check yourself by p. 4.)

The hand _____

The thumb _____

The forefinger _____

The middle finger _____