

The Enemy Within part 3

The Three Tenses of Salvation

- I. At salvation we were rescued from spiritual death.
 1. Adam's trespass was counted to all mankind (Rom. 5:19).
 2. As a result of Adam's trespass all of mankind have a bent nature, instinctually lawless, sin nature.
 3. No longer were we liable for Adam's trespass (Rom. 5:21).
 4. No longer were we separated from God—eternal life (Rom. 5:19; 6:23).
- II. At salvation we were rescued from the dominance of the sin nature (Rom. 6:14-15).
 1. Before salvation we bore the fruit of unrighteousness (Rom. 6:20-21).
 2. We were rescued to bear fruit of righteousness (Rom. 6:22).
- III. **Past Tense Salvation:** we were redeemed.
 1. 'Agorazo': to pay the price to set free, connotation to purchase slaves at the slave market—agora.
 2. We were bought with something of great value (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23).
 3. God the Father purchased all of mankind (2 Pet. 2:1).
 - 1) It is heresy to deny Christ sacrifice paid the full price for to purchase all mankind.
 - 2) 'Lordship salvation' denies Christ sacrifice was enough by adding works: self-effort in opposition to grace (Eph. 2:8).
- IV. **Present Tense Salvation:** we are being redeemed, ransomed.
 1. 'Lutroo': to let loose, to release by paying a ransom.
 2. We were released from the domination of the sin nature (Tit. 2:14).
 3. We were released by the blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18-19).
 4. This is how we were emancipated (Gal. 5:1, 13).
- V. **Future Tense Salvation:** we will be completely redeemed, completely released.
 1. 'Apolutrosis': the action of completely releasing by ransom.
 2. This is future to us (Rom. 8:18-23; Eph. 4:30).
 3. Our future benefits us now (Rom. 3:23-24; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14 cf. Rom. 6:11-13).