

Are you Saved? or BEING Saved? or GOING to be Saved?

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Well, which is it? Is there some Biblical passage for these views? Which view is correct for us now? I hope to help the reader understand these questions and their answers in this study. We must also view this from the idea that there is only ONE truth that we gain a spiritual understanding from. There are not many different authorities for the Truth. This can be seen in the fact that: “Things that are not the same cannot be equal.” And that: “things that are not the same have differences.” These two statements must be understood else what is the point of answering these questions. With this let’s start by comparing a passage of the Bible in a few versions to show first of all that those two statements are absolutely true.

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King James Bible:

1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which **are saved** it is the power of God.”

Amplified Bible (AMP):

1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the message of the cross is foolishness [absurd and illogical] to those who are perishing and spiritually dead [because they reject it], but to us who **are being saved** [by God’s grace] it is [the manifestation of] the power of God.”

Contemporary English Version (CEV):

1 Corinthians 1:18, “The message about the cross doesn’t make any sense to lost people. But for those of us who **are being saved**, it is God’s power at work.”

English Standard Version (ESV):

1 Corinthians 1:18, “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.”

New American Bible (Revised Edition) (NABRE):

1 Corinthians 1:18, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.”

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New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):

1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.”

Tree of Life Version (TLV):

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What is important to see here is that all these versions say something different than the Old King James Bible. Why? Is there a different doctrine being taught in the modern versions? Is it a true doctrine or are they actually altering the words of God by this change?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which **also ye have received**, and **wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For **I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received**, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures.” Well this says you ARE saved not BEING saved. So are we BEING saved? Is salvation a “process” or is it something already accomplished and we receive it? Here verse 2 says “By which also

ye are saved...” in the King James Bible. However what do these modern Bibles say?

Amplified Bible (AMP): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “By this faith you **are saved** [**reborn** from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose], if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain [just superficially and without complete commitment].” The term “reborn” is not in the Bible it is a term used for reincarnation in the eastern religions. This completely negates the present tense “...are saved...” because you got to be reborn again and again and again either in this life or the next...

Contemporary English Version (CEV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “You **will be saved** by this message, if you hold firmly to it. But if you don’t, your faith was all for nothing.” The words “...will be...” is future not now like “...are saved...”

English Standard Version (ESV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “and by which you **are being saved**, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.” The words “...are being saved...” is a process and not present tense at all. The process that would take time still gives a future tense because it is not complete until the being saved is over whenever that is.

New American Bible (Revised Edition) (NABRE): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “Through it you **are also being saved**, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.” Again “...are being saved...” is future tense because it is not finished until the being is over.

New American Standard Bible (NASB): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “by which also you **are saved**, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.” Here this version retained the reading “...are saved...” which is either wrong in comparing this version to itself in 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why the difference in this version? This seems to be an inconsistency in this version. So which is it? Are you saved or are you being saved?

New International Version (NIV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “By this gospel you **are saved**, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.” Again here the “...are saved...” is inconsistent with this version in 1 Corinthians 1:18 where you are being saved while here you are saved. So which is it?

New King James Version (NKJV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “by which also you **are saved**, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.” Another inconsistent are saved where they said you are being saved before.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “through which also you **are being saved**, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.” Here you are still being saved. So does this mean that you are not saved yet? This process takes time or it would not say you are being saved. So when does it end and when can you say you are saved?

Tree of Life Version (TLV): 1 Corinthians 15:2, “and by it you **are being saved** if you hold firm to the word I proclaimed to you—unless you believed without proper consideration.” So you are being saved or you are saved or you are going to be saved and you will never know until you die and find out then right?

Are Saved: (from what?)

2 Corinthians 2:15, “For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that **are saved**, and in them that perish.” Context this “them that are saved” is in direct opposition to “them that perish” ergo, saved from perishing. So this would be synonymous with John 3:15-17, “That whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but **have eternal life**. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but **have everlasting life**. For God sent not his Son into the world to **condemn** the world; but that the world through him **might be saved**.” So the “are saved” lines up with “have eternal life” and because this is for a person to get eternal life that does not have it yet then the “might be saved” is a future even IF they “believe in him”. Then “them that perish” equates to “should not perish” again IF they “believe in him”.

Ephesians 2:5, “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye **are saved**;)” The context “quickened us” in opposition to “were dead” Also the context is verse 8 below where the “ye are saved” here matches the “are ye saved” below. This lines up with the passage above as well and all the passages that have to do with salvation of the soul from hell fire and damnation.

Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace **are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” This “gift of God” shows up in Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” So this salvation is eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:9, “**Who hath saved us**, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” Again a past tense because Paul is talking to saved people that are already saved. Salvation in these passages is NOT a progression. It is an event that happens when a person puts their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to keep them out of hell.

Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy **he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

1 Peter 4:18, “And if the righteous scarcely **be saved**, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

Shall be Saved: (from what?)

Psalms 80:3, “Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we **shall be saved**.” With Psalms 80:7, “Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we **shall be saved**.” And Psalms 80:19, “Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we **shall be saved**.” The context is the land and the salvation of Israel as a nation and about the other nations that are their enemies. This is the salvation of the nation from destruction from other nations. It is not for personal repentance but for God to turn towards Israel. This is not eternal salvation from hell fire and damnation of an individual by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 28:18, “Whoso walketh uprightly **shall be saved**: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.” This is not salvation of the soul from hell but from falling into a pit in this life: Proverbs 28:17, “A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.” This also is the salvation from doing violence or killing any person.

Isaiah 45:17, “But Israel **shall be saved** in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.” This is the salvation of the nation of Israel not individuals which happens during the tribulation and the context shows this as well: Isaiah 45:14-16, “Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.” This salvation is from the idol maker.

Isaiah 64:5, “Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we **shall be saved**.” Here the context shows this to be a prophecy of a future salvation: Isaiah 64:4-7, “For **since the beginning of the world** men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; **for we have sinned**: in those is continuance, and **we shall be saved**. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy

rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and **our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away**. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for **thou hast hid thy face from us**, and **hast consumed us**, because of **our iniquities**.” This is partly quoted in 1 Corinthians 2:9, “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” But in the Isaiah passage this salvation is still a group not individual salvation so it is the salvation of a nation. The passage in 1 Corinthians is to saved people in the Church: 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, “But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, **but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**.” Paul is applying Isaiah here to us.

Jeremiah 17:14, “Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; **save me**, and I **shall be saved**: for thou art my praise.” Here the salvation is of the present situation in the context: Jeremiah 17:15-18, “Behold, they say unto me, **Where is the word of the LORD?** let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: **neither have I desired the woeful day**; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee. **Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil. Let them be confounded that persecute me**, but **let not me be confounded**: let them be dismayed, but **let not me be dismayed**: bring upon them the day of evil, and **destroy them with double destruction**.” But save me from these things; not the salvation of the soul from hell fire and damnation.

Jeremiah 23:6, “In his days Judah **shall be saved**, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” This is the salvation of the nations of Judah and Israel during the tribulation when the Lord comes back in the context: Jeremiah 23:5, “Behold, **the days come**, saith the LORD, **that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper**, and shall **execute judgment and justice in the earth**.” This is a direct reference to the thousand years reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 30:7, “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he **shall be saved** out of it.” The context is in the verse: “...Jacob's trouble...” and “...he shall be saved out of IT...” the “it” is “Jacob's trouble” which is the tribulation time. This is another direct reference to the second coming after the tribulation time. This is not salvation of a soul from hell fire and damnation.

Matthew 10:22, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end **shall be saved**.” The question comes up: the end of what? Saved from what? Is this salvation at the end of a time period like the tribulation

time as we have seen in the previous passages? Yes it is and in the next few passages it will also be the same. Notice the context: Matthew 10:23, “But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, **till the Son of man be come.**” And this phrase: “...till the Son of man be come.” This is a direct reference to the Lord setting up His kingdom on earth during the thousand years reign.

Matthew 24:13, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same **shall be saved.**” Again the context shows this to be a tribulation event and the salvation of the nation of Israel when the Lord comes back after that time: notice the context: Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)” This is found in Daniel 11:31 and Daniel 12:11 and there is a reference to this also in Daniel 9:26-27 and more specifically in Daniel 8:13-14.

Mark 13:13, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same **shall be saved.**” The endurance to the end is always the end of the tribulation time as the context shows: Mark 13:14, “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:” See above the reference from Matthew 24:13.

Mark 16:16, “He that believeth and is baptized **shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Here is an obvious reference to believing and the reference of shall be saved in opposition to believing not shall be damned. Here the damned is a reference to hell fire and damnation. But this shall be saved is a future event because it is a future reference to what will happen when people do believe. The baptized issue has little to do with this because if you are not water baptized has nothing to do with being damned. However there is not water in the passage; it is only assumed that this baptism is water baptism by some. I take it as spirit baptism because that belief comes prior to spirit baptism; and that is why baptism is missing from the antithesis: but he that believeth not shall be damned; instead of he that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned. This would be a case for water baptism; but not spirit baptism. Nevertheless this “shall be saved” is because the whole passage is a future tense of faith in Christ for salvation.

John 10:9, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he **shall be saved**, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” Here is another case of a future tense; and the likelihood of the “if” and “shall be” and therefore “if not” then “shall NOT be” an obvious implication in the passage.

Acts 2:21, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**” Here is a prophetic fulfillment and reference to Joel 2:32, “**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:** for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” And Paul uses

this also in Romans 10:13, “For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” This salvation is future because of the future tense of the whole passage. This is not saying your salvation is future it is saying if you call on the name of the Lord; He will save you NOW. That is obvious from 2 Corinthians 6:2, “(For he saith, I have heard thee in **a time accepted, and in the day of salvation** have I succoured thee: **behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**)”

Acts 11:14, “Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house **shall be saved.**” This is the same thing that happened in Acts 16:30-31, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,** and thy house.” The context of the passage shows that this vision was prior to salvation and the calling of Peter to attend to them in this way: Acts 11:13, “And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;” The passage is future tense because salvation had not happened yet.

Acts 15:11, “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we **shall be saved,** even as they.” The context shows this is a statement of the salvation of the Gentiles: Acts 15:7-9, “And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that **the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.** And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, **giving them** the Holy Ghost, **even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them,** purifying their hearts by faith.”

Romans 5:9, “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we **shall be saved** from wrath through him.” This does not mean that salvation is future this phraseology is understood by the future tense of the present tense “...being now justified...” and the future tense of “...from wrath...” we are therefore presently saved from the future wrath in hell because we are NOW justified by His blood that paid for sins in the past.

Romans 5:10, “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we **shall be saved** by his life.” Notice the past “were enemies” and the past “were reconciled to God” and again the past “by the death of his Son” and then the present “being reconciled” with the future “we shall be saved” with the past, present and future “by his life” a paradox that shows that our salvation is FIXED it is NOW and it is FINISHED.

Romans 9:27, “Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant **shall be saved.**” A reference to after the tribulation for a remnant of the nation of Israel to be saved.

Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**” This was dealt with above in Acts 2:21.

Romans 11:26, “And so all Israel **shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:” Again this is the salvation of Israel as a nation after the tribulation times and at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:15, “If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself **shall be saved;** yet so as by fire.” Here this salvation is not the salvation of the soul but the salvation of life eternal at the judgment seat of Christ. We are judged as sons of God and Servants of the Lord. But our works will be burned and NOT the Saint and in this we are safe ergo saved from being burned in this fire.

1 Timothy 2:15, “Notwithstanding she **shall be saved** in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.” Here the salvation is not from hell fire and damnation. It is saved from deception because of the pain from childbearing gives a woman a sense of carefulness that many women lack and are easily distracted by their emotions and thereby deceived easily. Notice the context: 1 Timothy 2:11, “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” Notice that Eve’s transgression was that she was deceived. Adam was NOT deceived; his transgression was willful and calculated disobedience. Romans 5:14, “Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression,** who is the figure of him that was to come.” Adam’s transgression was? Romans 5:19, “For as **by one man's disobedience** many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.” Adam disobeyed God. He was in the wrong and that is what caused death to pass on all men: Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

There is no amount of self-righteousness that can undo your unrighteousness. You are without hope and without remedy in and of yourself. If salvation is not for NOW then you are lost and helplessly lost. But salvation IS for NOW because Jesus Christ is Eternal Life and He lives NOW and offers YOU that very eternal life without sin, or guilt, or remorse. Without pain, or suffering or death and an eternal home with Him because He died in YOUR place and took YOUR sins on himself and became sin for you; to make you the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, “Therefore if any man be **in Christ,** he is a **new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, **who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,** and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself,** not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed

unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: **we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**"

So how do you get IN the Lord Jesus Christ? Glad you asked... You MUST be born of God: John 3:5-7, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born** of water and **of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**" This is accomplished by Receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior: John 1:12-13, "But **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**"

Romans 10:9-10, "That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and **shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Getting saved is the easiest thing in the world to do; it is as easy as A B C:

- A. Admit you are a sinner before a Holy Almighty God.
- B. Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose from the dead for your justification.
- C. Confess in prayer these things trusting Him to save you from hell fire and damnation.

If you have done this we want to rejoice with you. Drop us a line and tell us about your salvation: david@av1611kjb.org

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