

# The Gospel is For NOW: Not The past, but For The PRESENT!

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Galatians 2:20, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Notice that it says “...AM...” and “...NOW...” Present Tense! Then notice that the Son of God: “...LOVED...” and “...GAVE...” past tense! Even though what took place in time happened it is good for NOW! If Christ GAVE himself for me in the past: how can I be crucified with Christ NOW? “I am crucified...” IS present tense! There is only ONE way this statement could be true. It is not that we go back in time to the Cross: the time that Jesus Christ was IN TIME; that time would be ETERNAL TIME. Jesus Christ entered into TIME that he being the ETERNAL ONE created and then entered into it. Eternity entered into TIME causing that time from His birth to His ascension would be an eternal time.

1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

NOW are we the sons of God: not in the past and not in the future: now is always present. Someone said I will do it tomorrow: but tomorrow never comes: when it gets here it is TODAY! And when it is GONE you can do NOTHING to alter the past! You cannot go BACK in time for NOTHING! There is no passage in the Bible that tells us we go back in time to get saved. Salvation is always PRESENT!

1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

Jesus Christ IS eternal life! Think for a moment about this: ETERNITY ENTERING INTO TIME! The time space continuum was disrupted with this involution which would have caused a rift in the fabric of time: a portal of sorts. Not to GO BACK TO, but ONE which is good for ALL TIME! Past Present and Future! Of which the only time that really matters to us is the PRESENT TIME.

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.)”

NOW does not mean you were saved in the past before you were BORN in this life! This is totally unscriptural. The Bible says NOW is the day of salvation! NOW is the accepted time. You can NOT time travel: God is the only one that can do this. He is the ETERNAL ONE.

The quote is from Isaiah 49:8, “Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;”

Salvation or to be more precise reconciliation is threefold because people are tripartite in nature: body, soul & spirit. God works from the inside out: The spirit must be born again; the soul must be cut loose from the flesh; and the body will be changed to immortality when the Lord comes back. Thus salvation is spoken of as past, present and future. Because your salvation happened at Calvary when the Lord said “it is finished” but the story did not end there: He rose FROM the dead and is alive evermore with salvation available for you TODAY. Once you are saved: as I am saved now, but was saved July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1981 at 10:00 pm. Once that has happened that event is in the past, and it is taken care of ONCE and forever. NOW I am saved in more ways than one. First and foremost I am saved from Hell Fire and Damnation. Second, I am saved from a life of sinful regrets in the here and now, I am safe from ever needing to be saved from Hell Fire and Damnation again as you cannot lose salvation: Romans 8:35-39. Then there is a future salvation of the body at the resurrection from the dead. So salvation can be spoken of as past, present and future at the same time.

There are groups out there that are teaching that salvation is only in the past; which is ridiculous. The very fact that Jesus Christ is eternal life precludes this nonsense. When The Lord entered into time, the very space – time continuum was altered, when eternity entered into time until the Lord ascended up. That time from His birth to ascension was eternal time; and because of His resurrection from the dead, that time is good for NOW. When you get saved: make down in your Bible the Date and Time. When the devil or anyone tries to make you doubt it, you can point to that and know what you did: you received the Lord Jesus Christ on that date, and took care of it once and for all.