

Three Tenses of Salvation

The following chart summarizes the **THREE TENSES OF SALVATION** however the 3 divisions of this chart are not meant to imply that the Christian life is a dull, mechanical matter composed of steps we must go through, but in fact is a joyful, dynamic, supernatural relationship with the Living God enabled by His Living Spirit Who uses His Living Word to change us daily into the image of Jesus!

2 Co 3:18+ (NASB) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Co 3:18+ (AMPC) And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION		
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
Past Tense "I have been saved" (Eph 2:8; 2:9+)	Present Tense "I am being saved" (1 Cor 1:18+)	Future Tense "I will be saved" (1Th 1:10+, cf 1Th 5:9+)
Past Point Spiritual Birth	Present Process Spiritual Growth	Future Point Spiritual Perfection
Positional Sanctification	Progressive Sanctification	Prospective Sanctification
Redemption of the Soul Commenced	Redemption of the Soul Continued	Redemption of the Soul Completed
How God sees us in Christ	How saints are in conduct	What saints shall be in glory
Perfect standing in holiness	Daily growth in holiness	Ultimate likeness to the Holy One
Through faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross and His resurrection (Jn 19:30±, Ro 3:22,23, 24,25,26+)	Through Christ's present work of intercession for us and His power in and through us (Heb 7:25+, Ro 8:34+, Eph 3:17+, Php 4:13+)	Through Christ's future return and our transformation (Php 3:20,21+, 1 Jn 3:2±)
Of and by the Spirit (John 3:5+, Titus 3:5+)	From the Spirit (2Cor 3:18±)	Through the Spirit (Ro 8:11,30+, Eph 4:30b+)
Adoption as Sons of God	Maturation as Sons of God	Manifestation as Sons of God
Result of our union with Christ	Result of the Spirit's work in us using God's Word	Result of total transformation by God
Saved from the penalty of sin	Saved from the power of sin	Saved from the presence & pleasure of sin
Consecration of the body (1Cor 6:19,20±)	Deterioration of the body (2Cor 4:16±)	Redemption of the body (Ro 8:23+)
True of all believers At moment of salvation	Begins in all believers at the point of salvation	Finished in all believers when we enter the Lord's presence (1Jn 3:2+)

Positional and "automatic"	Progressive and changeable	Eternal and final
By the Father's Will (Jas 1:18+)	Through the Father's Word (Jn 17:17+)	In the Father's Time (1Co 15:52+, cf Mt 24:36+, Acts 1:6, 7+)
Accomplished by the death of Christ	Accomplished by the Spirit, the Word, faith, prayer, divine discipline, etc.	Accomplished by the resurrection of Christ (1Co 15:23+)
Entirely God's Work	Believer's "cooperate" With the Spirit (Php 2:12+, Php 2:13NLT+) 100% Dependent/100% Responsible	Entirely God's Work
Perfect in This Life	Not Perfect In this Life	Perfect in The Life to Come
The Same in All Believers	Greater in Some Believers Than Others	The Same in All Believers