

WEEK 7: THREE THINGS ABOUT SALVATION— PART TWO: THE DAILY PROCESS DAY 1: SALVATION PRESENT

Read Romans 5:6-11.

Remember the **three things** about salvation.

SALVATION PAST . . . **Christ's blood** causes you to become forgiven from sin forever and not to experience the **punishment** from sin.

SALVATION FUTURE . . . **Christ's coming back** will cause you to become free from the **presence** of sin.

SALVATION PRESENT . . . **Christ living in you** causes you to now be free from the **power** of sin.

A man in prison was told the governor of the state had given him a full pardon (forgiveness) for the things he has done wrong. The man in prison became happy. He asked to be let out of prison. The prison warden said, "No, we cannot let a man like you out of prison!"

WHAT VALUE IS FORGIVENESS IF YOU DON'T HAVE FREEDOM NOW?

Christ has given you, **right now**, freedom from sin's **power**. Study Romans 5:6-9.

What thing about salvation do these verses talk about? In the **middle of verse** __ , the point changes from **salvation past** to **salvation future**.

Romans 5:6-8 explains God's great love that sent Christ to die for sinners like us. This explanation of **salvation past** continues in **verse 9**. It says, "Now that we have been saved from the punishment of sin by the blood of Christ" (Rom. 5:9, NLV). The point changes to **salvation future** in the middle of that verse when He will save us from God's anger.

Romans 5:10 also begins by talking about **salvation past**. "We hated God. But we were saved from the punishment of sin by the death of Christ" (Rom. 5:10, NLV).

Then the verse talks about what other thing about salvation?

Who causes our **salvation present**? (See Rom. 5:10.)

Can you use verse 10 to finish this sentence? By **Christ's death**, I have

received **salvation past**. Now, through **Christ's** _____ , I daily receive

salvation _____ .

You daily, through **Christ's life**, receive **salvation present**. Romans 5:10 should remind you about Galatians 2:20 (a verse you studied a few weeks ago about your **new nature**). What same ideas do you find in both verses?

Did you write something like this? Romans 5:10 says I am saved by Christ's life. Galatians 2:20 says Christ lives in me. I now live by faith in Him.

Read now Romans 5:11 (loNLV): "Not only that, we give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have been brought back to God."

Salvation present means you can give thanks to God. This means that you can **be happy and jump for joy**. Can you list three things in your personal life that Christ has brought you. These things cause you to give thanks to God.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Romans 5:10 is an important verse for understanding **salvation present**—whatever you wrote, whatever causes you to be happy in your Christian life. Never forget WHO brings these joys into your life (now). The reason you enjoy **salvation present** is because of Christ. He is **living in you and controlling everything**. It should not surprise you that Romans

5:10 is your next memory verse.

Some Bibles use the word **reconciled** in Romans 5:10. Do you know what *reconciled* means? Look at this verse the way it is written on this lesson. Being reconciled means _____

Being brought back to God is something we cannot do ourselves. You have learned a verse that explains **being brought back to God** is the gift of God Himself. He makes us new people in Christ Jesus. Here is the same chart you saw when you started learning Ephesians 2:8-10. Can you write parts of that memory verse in the right places on the chart?

HOW YOU ARE SAVED	WHY	HOW YOU ARE NOT SAVED	WHY NOT
"By _____	"Created	"And _____	"Lest _____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____"	_____	_____"	_____"
"It _____	_____	"Not _____	
_____"	_____"	_____"	
"For _____			
_____"			

Look back at past lesson (Week 6, Day 3) to see how you did on finishing the chart. Look at your Bible to see if you remembered your Scripture verses correctly.

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Read Hebrews 2:14-15,18; 4:14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:13.

SAVED-BY-HIS-LIFE—**Salvation now** is because Jesus Christ lives in you. He gives you His power to cause you to become free from sin.

Does Jesus really understand your needs? your weaknesses? your temptations? Today's Scripture passages can help you realize He does understand all of these things.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. These verses show Jesus in a way the Jewish people could easily understand. There was a **high priest** in the Jewish religion. He went to God and gave sacrifices so that sin could become forgotten. **What kind** of priest is Jesus? **Where** did He go?

Jesus is our **great** High Priest. He has gone to God. (See Heb. 4:14, NLV). **How** does Christ feel about the temptations to sin that we experience? (See v. 15.) **Why** does He feel that way

about your temptations?

Jesus understands your weaknesses. Why? Because He Himself was **tempted in every way we are tempted**. (See Heb. 4:15, NLV). Notice the important difference between Jesus and every other person who has lived: **He did not sin**.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 4:16 that we are able to do something. Jesus has saved us and understands our temptations. What are we able to do?

Stop. Go with **complete trust** to the place of God's **loving favor**. Ask God for the strength you need to resist temptation. Read Hebrews 2:14-15,18 after you pray. What did Jesus do in verse 14 to help Him understand you perfectly?

Jesus became a man. He had the **same kind of flesh and blood** you have. How much did Jesus do to understand everything a person must experience on this earth?

One word in verse 14 gives the clear answer. He became flesh and blood and endured everything you must endure. He also shared the experience of **death**. There is nothing in your life

Jesus did not also experience. He faced the same things you face. Jesus's sharing experience caused two wonderful things to happen. One is in Hebrews 2:14. The other is in Hebrews 2:15. Finish these two sentences.

1. Jesus **destroyed** the power of the devil, who has the _____ **of death.**

2. Jesus **made us free from** the _____ **of death.**

Neither the **power** of death nor the **fear** of death can control you. You have Christ living in you. You are **saved by Christ's life.** Hebrews 2:18 makes it clear that Jesus experienced many different things as a person. Read that verse. How can you be sure Jesus fully understands your temptations and sufferings?

"Because Jesus was tempted as we are and suffered as we do, He understands us and He is able to help us when we are tempted" (Heb. 2:18, NLV). Write here one temptation or one problem you are facing today.

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST UNDERSTANDS THAT SITUATION?

Yes _____ No _____

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST CAN HELP IN THAT SITUATION?

Yes _____ No _____

Yes, He understands. Yes, He can help. Yes, He lives with you in all of your life. Do you remember a verse that reminds us that with the Holy Spirit's help you do not have to do what the human nature wants? Write that verse here.

_____ (Gal. 5:16).

Do you remember a verse that lists the fruit Christ will cause in your life because of **salvation present** that He gives you? Write it here.

_____ (Gal. 5:22-23).

A few verses in the Bible are so important that you should never forget them. One of the 10 most important is **1 Corinthians 10:13**. Read it now. Today's Bible study should cause this verse to have a deep meaning for you. Take 5 minutes to think about it. Think about every part of it with what you have learned from the verses in Hebrews.

Understand that **salvation present** is yours **today**. Your victory depends on Christ living in you. Christ has experienced everything you now experience. You are **saved by His life!**

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DAY 3: VICTORY IN THE
SPIRIT**

Read Ephesians 5:18; John 7:37-39.

Christ living in you brings victory to every part of your life. Jesus was faced with everything you face. He did not sin. He will not permit you to be tempted more than you can resist. He will always give you a way to resist temptation and avoid sin.

He **protects** you. He gives you everything you need. Read Ephesians 5:18. This verse talks about a drunk person. Too much wine has changed his personality. All who meet him know that something is not normal about him. You are told in a like way to **be filled with the Spirit**. There is a change in your personality when you are filled with the Spirit. Other people who meet you will know that something is different about you. Being filled with the Spirit changes who you are and what you do just like drinking too much wine changes who you are and what you do.

It is important to know two things about a Greek word in Ephesians 5:18. The Greek word is translated **be filled**.

1. It is a word that means **always do it**, always be filled.
2. It is a **command** word—an order for us to obey.

It is obvious that this is not a choice for the Christian life.

YOU ARE ORDERED TO BE ALWAYS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The apostle Paul (in Eph. 5:18) compared drinking wine to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus compared things in the same way in John 7:37-39. Read those verses now.

Who will give a drink? (See John 7:37.) _____

What is the drink **Jesus** was talking about? (See John 7:39)

Jesus said it was **the Holy Spirit**. (See John 7:39.) Paul said the same in Ephesians 5:18. (Look in v. 38.) What happens when a person has the Holy

Spirit? _____

Rivers of living water will flow in your life. That is a beautiful picture. Does this remind you about your **spiritual gifts** that are ways for Christ's love to flow through you? Can you write your two memory verses about spiritual gifts?

_____ (1 Pet. 4:10).

_____ (2 Cor. 9:7).

What Jesus said in John 7:38 should also remind you of one thing you have learned today about the words translated “**be filled**” in Ephesians 5:18. Can you figure out how they mean the same thing?

Do rivers of living water **always flow**? Yes, they do. Ephesians 5:18 tells us to **always be filled** with the Spirit. This part of **salvation is a daily process**. It should remind you that you are saved by the death of Christ and also by the

of Christ. Can you write here Romans 5:10, your memory verse that explains this important idea?

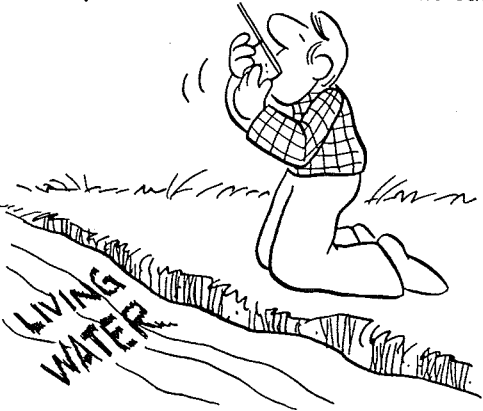
Your other memory verse for this week should not surprise you. It is the verse you were warned about yesterday. This verse is so important you should never forget it. Do you remember where to find this verse? Look at yesterday’s lesson to find it. Then write it

here the way you plan to memorize it.

Now look again at John 7:37. What do you have to experience to decide to go to Jesus for a drink?

Salvation now is promised by Jesus Christ. He wants to give you His Spirit in a way that you will always have it. The only thing you need to do is to go to Jesus when you become thirsty. He will give you what you need. Other people will realize you are more than yourself when that happens.

Are you thirsty? Come to Christ and become satisfied.



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DAY 4: WORKING OUT WHAT GOD IS WORKING IN

Read Philippians 2:5-13; Hebrews 13:20-21.

Christ the Son of God understands everything you face in your daily life. He experienced it all for your benefit.

One of the clearest explanations of this is in Philippians 2:5-8. Read those verses now. It may help you know that verse 6 could be said, "Christ Jesus was in the form of God but did not think of equality with God as something he must hold on to." In verse 7, Jesus became like two things that show He was willing to experience **anything** you experience. What two words show this?

Did you write **servant** or **slave** in one of these blanks? Did you write **man** or **human** in the other blank? What word in verse 8

shows Jesus was willing to do

everything required to share your experience? _____

What did God do because Jesus was willing to **die**? Read Philippians 2:9-11. Write in your own words what God has done.

Here is one way to say it: "**God has made Jesus higher than all and will cause all to confess that fact.**" Exactly what will every "tongue" say in verse 11?

Now read Philippians 2:12-13. Do these verses seem to be strange or in the wrong place? They come right after God has caused every tongue to confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**. You are told that God has lifted Christ high above everything. Every knee must bow before Him. You are told to keep on working and to be afraid that you will not please Him. That is a strange thing to say.

Can you please God by working for your **salvation past**? No, you cannot. You have already memorized a verse that tells you this is impossible. Write Ephesians 2:8-10 here.

Can you work for your **salvation future**? No, you have also memorized a verse that tells you how you will be saved. Write Romans 5:10 here.

This means that the command in Philippians 2:12 to work to show you have been saved must mean your **salvation present** (now)—that every day living with Christ where He fills and leads.

Notice the two kinds of **work** in Philippians 2:12-13. You are supposed to **work** to show your salvation. God is **working** in you to cause you to please Him. **Salvation present** means God's Spirit always being in your personality so His gifts can flow through you.

Read again Philippians 2:12. Why are you supposed to be afraid? You are **not** supposed to be afraid God is angry and will punish you. No. It must mean something else. This is what it means. You **fear** missing God's blessing in your life. You fear not permitting God's Spirit to control you will cause you to not be able to please Him.

The clearest explanation about the **three things of salvation** is in Philippians 1:6. Write that verse here:

Now read Hebrews 13:20-21. What will God teach you to do? What will God make you able to do?

Whom does God use to cause it to become possible for you to **do His will**? _____

God is working in your life now through the power from **Jesus Christ** that lives in you. What is God **doing in your life**? Think about it during your Quiet Time. Write your thought on these lines.

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DAY 5: SALVATION IS
RESCUE**

Read Colossians 1:9-14.

It should be clear to you that God **has** done, **is** doing, and **will** do the action of salvation in your life. Salvation begins at a **specific time**: This is when you confess your sin and accept Christ as Lord. Salvation continues as a **daily process**. You become free from sin's power through Christ's living in you and controlling every thing. In the **future** Christ will take you away from the sin nature in your life.

Read Colossians 1:9-14. What verses explain **salvation past**? What verses explain **salvation present**? What verse explains **salvation future**?

Colossians 1:10-11 Colossians 1:12 Colossians 1:13-14

Salvation past: _____

Salvation present: _____

Salvation future: _____

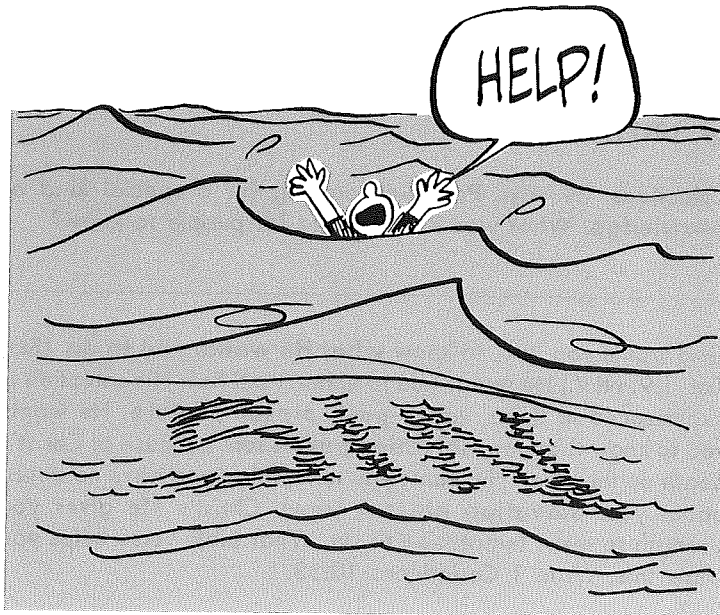
(You should have written the references in this order: 13-14; 10-11; 12.)

Colossians 1:9 says Paul was praying for a special kind of **knowledge**. What was Paul praying for people to know?

God wants you, too, to know **what He wants you to do**. (See Col. 1:9, NLV.) He wants you to understand how His salvation is experienced in three ways—**past, present, future**. He wants you to know that your **salvation past** is sure because of Christ's death on the cross. He wants you to feel that you have no doubt about your **salvation present** (now). Christ's life gives you strength to resist temptation to sin. What Bible verse helps you know this. Write 1 Corinthians 10:13.

One important idea has been saved until our last study about the three parts of salvation. Exactly what is **salvation**?

Imagine you are standing beside a lake. You see a man in the middle of the water. He cannot stay afloat. He will soon die if someone doesn't save him. What will kill him? **Water**. He will drown in **water**. He must be taken out of the **water** to be saved.



The word **salvation** means you need to be saved from something that will kill you. What will kill you? Colossians 1:14 tells you that **sin** will kill you. You are drowning in sin. You must be taken out of the **sin** to be saved.

Do you remember the meaning for *sin* in your SURVIVAL KIT? **Sin** means taking the "I" and making it the king of your life. **Sin** is an "I" problem.

You are in a dangerous situation when you live a **self-owned, self-controlled, self-decided** life. Colossians 1:13 says that people who live for themselves are in a life of darkness. This kind of life will destroy a person.

Salvation is leaving the self's life and getting the Christ's life. Salvation is not only a way to die. It is not only a life insurance policy for eternal life. It is much, much more. **SALVATION IS GOD SAVING YOU FROM A SELF-DIRECTED LIFE.** He took you out of that situation at a specific time. He makes it possible for you to live with Christ directing your life as a daily process. He will in the future make you free forever from the **possibility** of a self-life. That is **salvation**.

Be sure you understand this point. You need to know what **salvation** means for the rest of your life with Christ. You have been "called out" of a world where everyone lives for himself. You have been put into a body of people, the body of Christ. All in this body have the desire for Christ to be their Lord and their King. They are together. They have chosen to be Christ-controlled rather than self-controlled. *Salvation* means becoming **controlled by Christ**.

Read again Colossians 1:9-14. Read these verses slowly. Salvation is the changing of owners from **you** to **Christ**.

Remember that all of this is possible because Christ died for you on the cross. He took your past life into His own sinless body. He accepted the punishment that should have been for you. He caused you to become free. Then He rose from the dead to fill you with His own Spirit. He has a purpose for your life. His plan for your life is to use you to let His love go through. **THAT IS A WONDERFUL LIFE!**