

Understanding why Paul warned us to work out our own Salvation with Fear and Trembling

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A Lack of the Fear of the Lord? Why?

- Many believe the love of God is "unconditional".
- Many believe once we've said the sinners prayer, we're "in" for good!
- Many believe that justice delayed is justice denied!

The Old Testament is in the New, Revealed ... while the New Testament is in the Old, Concealed

- 2 Chronicles 15:1-4 (ESV) ¹The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, ²and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.
- **2 Timothy 2:11-13** (ESV) ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

Three Tenses of Salvation

Past Salvation ... when we were saved.

Luke 7:50 ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith <u>has saved you</u>; go in peace."

Romans 8:24 ²⁴For in this hope we <u>were</u> saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

Present Continuous Salvation - we are being saved

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are <u>being saved</u> it is the power of God.
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are <u>being saved</u>, <u>if</u> you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

Future Salvation ... we will be saved

Matthew 24:10-13 (ESV) ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

1 Peter 1:5 (NLT) ⁵And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power <u>until you</u> <u>receive this salvation</u>, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. And verse 9 tells us ⁹The reward for trusting him <u>will be</u> the salvation of your souls.



Romans 11:22

²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.

1 Corinthians 10:11 11These things happened to them as examples for us. They are written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

