

OUR THREEFOLD SALVATION

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1 THES. 5:23

Salvation involves all three parts of our being, just as did the Fall. We were saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved.

1. Spirit—must pass from death to life – Justification (**ROM. 3:23-28 NLT**).
2. Soul—Must be renewed, restored – Transformation (**ROM. 12:2 NLT**).
3. Body—Must be disciplined – Sanctification (**1 COR. 9:24-27 NLT**). One day it will be glorified (**ROM. 8:22-23 NLT**).

Accountability **PHIL. 2:12-13 NLT**

We are all accountable to get what God put in us to manifest outside through good works. These works flow from a changed heart. They involve sincere obedience to God's will and moral laws. They demonstrate our love for Christ. They ultimately glorify God (**MT. 5:16**).

Right or Wrong? **HEB. 5:12-14 NLT**

Isaiah spoke of a time when right and wrong would be reversed (**IS. 5:20**). Values would be reversed, moral truths would be distorted, evil would be praised and righteousness condemned. Standing for biblical truth would label one as a bigot, while promoting harmful ideologies would be viewed as being progressive. **PR. 14:12 KJV, 14:9 MSG**. Who are we to determine right from wrong?

- Paul addressed the believers who establish their own standards and allow their feelings to govern their lives (**PHIL. 3:18-19 NLT**).
- **JAMES 4:4-6 MSG** James was even more stern in his warning.
- **LUKE 6:46** - Jesus said it all. If He's Lord, then it's His way, not ours. It's His influence over our lives not the world's.

Spiritual Growth **1 PET. 2:1-2 NLT**

Peter compares spiritual growth with physical growth. Infants begin with milk not solid food (**1 COR. 3:1-7 NLT**). Only God's Word provides knowledge of what's right and wrong. Spiritual maturity is not measured by spiritual gifts. The Corinthians came behind in no gift. **1 COR. 13:1-3** Spiritual maturity is measured by our love walk. If love isn't the driving force behind our actions, Paul says we are a nobody, making offensive noise, to no profit.

- **EPH. 4:11-16, 5:1-2** Love promotes spiritual growth. Loving God and loving people, even our enemies, is what Christianity is all about.

CONCLUSION: JAMES 2:8-10 NLT We've been instructed to work out our own salvation for a reason. **HEB. 12:18-29 NLT** Being saved by grace doesn't exempt us from living and behaving the way God wants us to live.

