

THREEFOLD SALVATION

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INTRO:

Last week my message emphasized doing a self-examination to be certain we are saved. Today, my message emphasizes the fruit and evidence of our salvation: we are saved for good works, not by them; they flow from a changed heart; they involve sincere obedience to God's will and moral laws; they demonstrate our love for Christ; and ultimately they glorify God.

Threefold Salvation 1 THES. 5:23

1. The spirit must be born again – Justification. **ROM. 3:23-28 NLT.**
2. The soul needs restored – Transformation. **ROM. 12:2 NLT, JAMES 1:21 NLT.**
3. The body needs disciplined – Sanctification. **1 COR. 9:24-27 NLT.**

Accountability PHIL. 2:12-13 NLT

1. Dual Action: God places desires in us to do what pleases Him and also provides the strength needed to perform it.
2. Divine Empowerment: Is not a physical force but a moral influence.
3. Free Will: Believers remain free moral agents who can still resist God if we so desire and choose.

The Word 1 PET. 2:1-2 NLT

1. Infants need milk not steak, in order to promote physical growth.
2. The same is true spiritually. **HEB. 5:12-14 NLT** We start with milk and move on to the meat of the Word.

God's Threefold Use of the Law ROM. 13:1-14 NLT

1. Political – used as a basis for what makes good or bad laws in the political arena. Ten Commandments in the House of Representatives.
2. Pedagog – used as a teacher to convict of sin.
3. Principle and Guide – in making moral decisions.
 - A. He who created us has a right to govern us and establish laws that guide human conduct and behavior. God's laws reflect His unchanging character. They emphasize love for God and man;

promote justice, holiness, and ethical behavior; they prevent anarchy.

- Loving God: God first, no strange gods; no fake images or pretend gods; don't disrespect His Name, keep holy the day of rest.
- Loving People: Honor parents; don't murder, hate, or hurt; be loyal, committed, and honorable; don't steal or take what's not yours; don't lie, be truthful; don't covet or be jealous of what others have.

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 for us to live.