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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Three tenses of our salvation.

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (11) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Romans 13:10 - 11

Did you know that salvation is a three tenses process? Past, present, and future, just as a person is tri-being, body, soul, and spirit, just as God is a trinity Father, Son, and Spirit. Salvation does not end when you believe, it ends when Jesus returns to rapture and resurrect His people from the earth. The dead in Christ will have their bodies raised and they will receive new glorified bodies and those who are alive will have been raptured from the earth and their bodies will be changed. *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."* 1 Corinthians 15:51 - 52 Sin will no longer be a part of our life, our souls have been redeemed, our spirits have been quickened, and last our bodies will be redeemed. So, how is our salvation three tenses you might ask, **past tense** is our justification, when the guilt and penalty of sin was removed from the believing sinner. **Present tense** is our sanctification, which is the life we live for the Lord Jesus Christ according to the direction and power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gradually conforms us to the image of our Lord by causing us to walk holy on this earth. **Future tense** is our glorification, the changing of our bodies at the Rapture into perfect bodies, completing our process of salvation. This is what Paul was saying when he said, *"...for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."* There will be a time when sin will not be a part of the believer's life, soul, spirit, or body because all will be quickened, redeemed, and glorified when we are with the Lord. For us who are alive, we are in our present tense which is our sanctification stage. It is unfortunate that some believers sleep in this stage, they are not fulfilling the commandments of the Lord. They walk according to the course of this world and not according to the course of God's word. They have no gratitude toward God who saved their unworthy souls by grace, by sacrificing His own Son at the wicked hands of Satan and evil people to save our souls. God put all our sins on Him who knew no sin to bring us all to the point of sanctification our present tense of salvation. They refuse to join and/or attend church as though church is unimportant to them. They refuse to support the local

church as though its survival is unimportant to them. They refuse to walk in the word because they do not attend church to learn God's word at feeding time. They refuse to let their spiritual light shine in this dark world of sin, in fact some lights are so dim it can be hardly seen at all. Some believers lack the most important ingredient of sanctification **which is love**. Paul wrote "*Love worketh no ill to his neighbour...*" The word "love" here is *agapaō*, which is divine love produced by the Holy Spirit, remember the spiritual gifts given to us at salvation. Gal. 5:22 God gave us love because love is required to serve God. "*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*" 1 John 4:10 Everything starts with love and ends with love, God loved us so He elected us, adopted us, sent His Son to die for us, redeemed us, sanctified us, and will glorify us in the end. This is how important love is, and just as some believers have a dim light of sanctification in their daily life, some have a dim light of love about them. Think about this, "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*" 1 John 4:11 God never, does not show His love toward a believer!

"Effort in the Flesh"

By Arthur Pink

In the great majority of cases, professing Christians are too puffed up by a sense of what they suppose they are doing for God, to earnestly study what God has promised to do for and in His people. They are so occupied with their fleshly efforts to "win souls for Christ" that they feel not their own deep need of the Spirit's anointing. The leaders of "Christian" (?) enterprise are so concerned in multiplying "Christian workers" that quantity, not quality, is the main consideration. How few today recognize that if the number of "missionaries" on the foreign field were increased twenty-fold the next year, that that, of itself, would not ensure the genuine salvation of one additional heathen? Even though every new missionary were "sound in the faith" and preached only "the Truth," that would not add one iota of spiritual power to the missionary forces, without the Holy Spirit's unction and blessing! The same principle holds good everywhere. If the orthodox seminaries and the much-advertised Bible institutes turned out 100 times more men than they are now doing, the churches would not be one bit better off than they are, unless God given a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. In like manner, no Sunday School is strengthened by the mere multiplication of its teachers.

o my readers, face the solemn fact that the greatest lack of all in Christendom today is the absence of the Holy Spirit's power and blessing. Review the activities of the past 30 years. Millions of dollars have been freely devoted to the support of professed Christian enterprises. Bible institutes and schools have turned out "trained workers" by the thousands. Bible conferences have sprung up on every side like mushrooms. Countless booklets and tracts have been printed and circulated. Time and labors have been given by an almost incalculable number of "personal workers." And with what results? Has the standard of personal piety advanced? Are the churches less worldly? Are their members more Christ-like in their daily walk? Is there more godliness in the home? Are the children more obedient and respectful? Is the Sabbath Day being increasingly sanctified and kept holy? Has the standard of honesty in business been raised?

The NATURE of Sin

By C.D. Cole

Sin may be defined, but it cannot be fully explained. How sin got started in the universe is a profound mystery. It had no place in the original creation, which God pronounced good. Sin is a parasite, an interloper in the moral system, and a terrible monstrosity. Sin made its appearance on earth in a garden of delights — and then it turned this fair earth into a wilderness of woe! In the original creation we read only of Heaven and earth — but after sin entered, we are told of everlasting fire prepared for Devil, his demons, and all the unrepentant.

Church News:

Happy Birthday to Sister Velma Hammond, Wednesday October 12th