

Salvation past, present, and future - positional, progressive, and ultimate sanctification

Three-fold Salvation

<u>Tense</u>	<u>Relationship to Sin</u>	<u>Saved from</u>	<u>Doctrine</u>
Past	I have been saved	Penalty of sin	Justification
Present	I am being saved	Power of sin	Sanctification
Future	I shall be saved	Presence of sin	Glorification

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Positional sanctification - We have been saved

... from the penalty of sin (that's justification)

Continuing Past tense (an accomplished fact with continuing effect in the present and future) -- *We were saved initially, positionally, legally, from the penalty of sin, once and for all; regeneration; justification.*

[1 Corinthians 6:11](#) (NASB) -- Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

[1 Corinthians 1:2](#) (NASB) -- To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

[Hebrews 10:10](#) (NASB) -- By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

[Hebrews 10:14](#) (NASB) -- For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Experiential or progressive sanctification - We are being saved

... from the power of sin (that's (progressive) sanctification)

Present tense -- *We are being saved progressively, practically, from the power of sin; sanctification.*

[1 Peter 1:6](#) (NASB) -- In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

[2 Corinthians 7:1](#) (NASB) -- Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

[Philippians 1:6](#) (NASB) -- For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 2:12-13](#) (NASB) -- So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

[Philippians 3:12](#) (NASB) -- Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Ultimate or perfect sanctification - We will be saved

... from the presence of sin (that's glorification)

Future tense -- *We will be saved finally, eternally, from the presence of sin; glorification.*

[1 John 3:1-3](#) (NASB) -- See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

[Philippians 1:6](#) (NASB) -- For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

[1 Corinthians 1:8](#) (NASB) -- who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Philippians 2:16](#) (NASB) -- holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

[Romans 8:23-25](#) (NASB) -- And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

[Romans 8:19](#) (NASB) -- For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

[Romans 8:29](#) (NASB) -- For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

[2 Peter 1:4](#) (NASB) -- For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Additionally (though in a different sense), we are also saved from all sins we committed, both past sins and even (provided that we confess and repent) present and future sins.

... and it's all redemption (being bought back from sin by Jesus)

See also –

[“Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification - the Past, Present, and Future of Salvation”](#)

A`nd also --

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<http://rexkeener.com/2008/11/06/salvation-in-three-phases/>,

<http://www.pbministries.org/Theology/Simmons/chapter28.htm>, http://www.frontiernet.net/~rzimm3/tcc/3_tenses.htm,

<http://www.truthsource.net/resources/Articles/Salvation/three-tenses>, etc.

“[The Already and the Not Yet](#)” --

<http://reformedanswers.org/answer.asp/file/43089>