

## ■ SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE – INTRODUCTION

Salvation is by grace through faith. This comes with certain benefits and guarantees. The main expectation is life after death, glorification. But the benefits are much greater than having eternal joy, satisfaction, and purpose.

### I. SALVATION IN THREE TENSES – A REVIEW

#### 1. PAST TENSE

The Bible often reminds its intended audience about the past and how they were saved. This is in the past of the readers and refers to the initial justification of the believer (Ephesians 2:8; 2Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). We are saved from the penalty of sin.

#### 2. FUTURE TENSE

Scripture presents our hope, not in the here and now, but in what is expected. This expectation is not what happened or what is currently happening but knowing what is waiting for us (Romans 5:9-10, 8:22-25, 13:11; 1Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:28; 1Peter 1:5).

#### 3. PRESENT TENSE

For the believer, this past and future aspect of our salvation is not the end of the story. We are also “being saved.” This second tense salvation is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit and happens over a process of time while you walk by faith in the Spirit. This is commonly referred to as progressive sanctification (1Corinthians 1:18; 2Corinthians 7:10)

### II. QUESTIONS

1. How does the Bible present the Holy Spirit?
2. What does the Bible say about the current function of the Holy Spirit?
3. What is sanctification?
4. What is spiritual? Can a believer be carnal?
5. What is the filling of the Holy Spirit?
6. What does it mean to walk by the Holy Spirit?

### III. PURPOSE

This conference will attempt to teach the Word of God in regard to the spiritual life without borrowing from the conclusions of others.

Understandable

Practical

Clear and Achievable Goals

Demystify