

Salvation Series

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**“How shall we escape if we neglect  
so great a salvation?”**

**Heb. 2:3**

**What is salvation?**

**Why does God save us?**

**What are we saved from?**

**What are the mechanics of salvation?**

**How are we saved?**

**Who saves us?**

**What does it mean to be saved?**

**On what basis are we saved?**

**What are the conditions of salvation?**

**When are we saved?**

**Can salvation be lost?**

**Why doesn't God save all?**

**Can we have 100% certainty of salvation?**

**What must we believe to be saved?**

# THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE ONE**

**PHASE TWO**

**PHASE THREE**

**Justification**

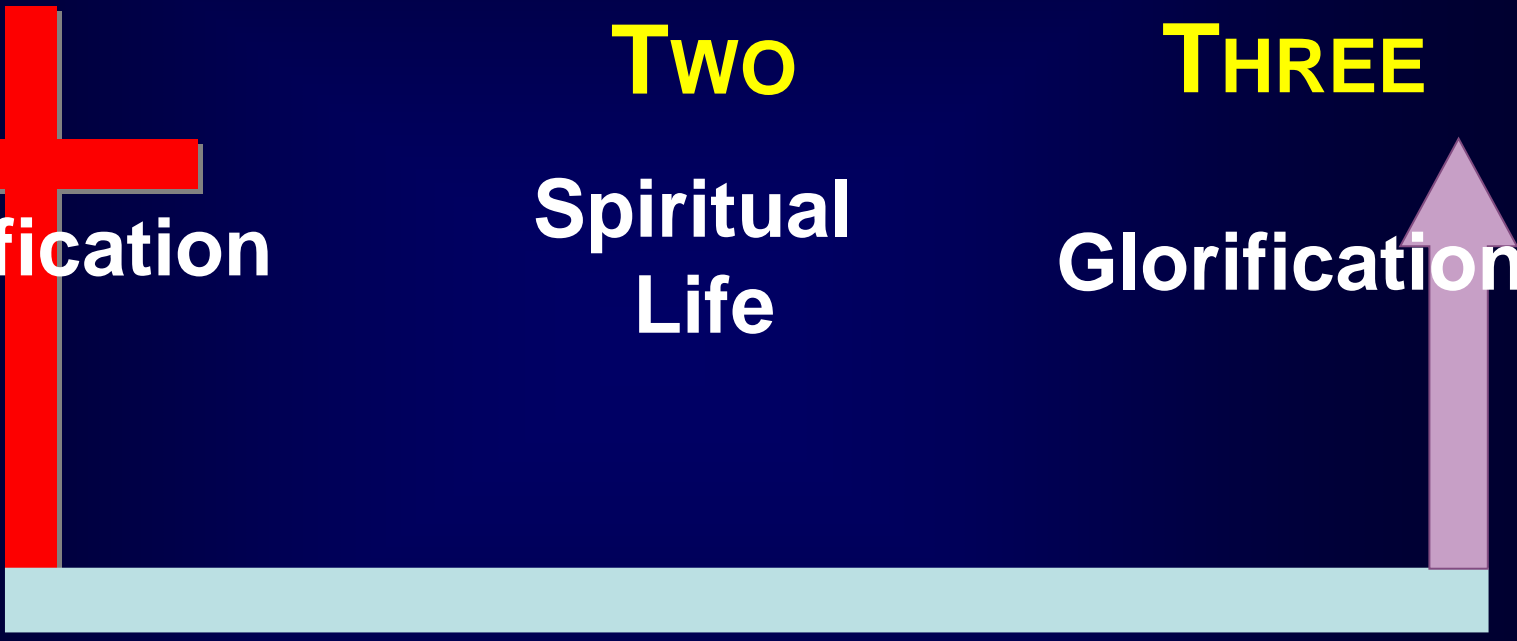
**Spiritual Life**

**Glorification**

**Saved from  
Penalty of Sin**

**Saved from  
Power of Sin**

**Saved from  
Presence of Sin**



## **II. Why should God save man?**

**1. God created the human race and defined its nature, function, and limitations.**

## **2. God created man in His own image.**

**Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man [ $\mu\delta\alpha$ , *adam*] in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’**

**Gen. 1:27, “And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”**



3. Man is made “in the image”  
[Wnme ]xB], *betsalmenu*] and  
“according to the likeness”  
WntWmd]Ki, *kidmutenu*] of God.

Wnmd [xB], *betsalmenu*: an image,  
likeness, a resemblance, a  
representation

WntWmdKi, *kidmutenu*: a likeness, a  
similarity

**4. “Image” describes first man’s immaterial make-up; the composition of his soul.**

**Gen. 5:3, “Adam became the father  
of a son in his own likeness,  
according to his image,”**

**Gen. 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”**

**5. These terms explain not merely that man is “in” the image of God, but that he *is* the image of God.**

**6. Man was thus created to fulfill the role as God's vicegerent, His personal representative and ruler over creation. What he *is* is inseparably linked to what he *is to do*: rule.**



**“Rule”, ḥḍr; *radah*, “to have  
dominion, to rule, to dominate”**

**“Subdue”, vbk; *kabash*, “to subdue,  
to bring under control, to bring  
into bondage”**

**7. Man and woman together  
represent God on the earth.**

**8. The believer, being conformed to the image of Christ, is to represent Christ as ambassador on the earth.**

**Gen. 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”**

**Gen. 2:19, “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.”**

**Gen. 2:20, “And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.”**

**a. Man is placed in the garden “to cultivate it” and to “keep it”. This shows that man had specific responsibilities and work to perform prior to the fall.**



אָבָד, *abadh* “to work, serve, to  
carry out responsibilities”

רמ"ו, *shamar* “to guard, to watch, to  
keep”

**b. Naming in the Ancient Near East is tantamount to exercising control and dominion.**

**c. Prohibition: man is forbidden to eat from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

**9. Characteristics of the image of God can be understood by looking at how the concept of image is developed in the New Testament in relationship to the believer.**

Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him”

**Eph. 4:24, “and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”**

**2 Cor. 3:18, “But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”**



**I am, self-consciousness**

**I think reasoning power; mentality**

**I ought moral reasoning**

**I will volition, self-determination**

**1 Thess. 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**Heb. 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”**

**1 Cor. 2:14, “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.”**

**Jude 1:19, “These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, (*psuchikos*, soulish) devoid of the Spirit [lit. ‘not having a spirit’].”**

# The Three Parts of a Human Being: Body, Soul, and Spirit



**Eph. 2:1, “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,  
Eph. 2:2, “in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.”**



**Eph. 2:3, “Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”**

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<b>Character Of God</b>
<b>Penalty Of Sin</b>
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