

The Grammar of Salvation

Read each passage below and tell whether salvation is...

Past (*have been saved*)

Present (*are being saved*) or

Future (*will be saved*)

If you have any problems, you may want to consult a more literal version like ESV or NASB.

Ephesians 2:5

Ephesians 2:8

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 15:2

2 Corinthians 2:15

John 10:9

Acts 11:14

Acts 15:11

Acts 16:31

1. In what sense have we been saved in the past?
2. In what sense can you say we are being saved in the present? What does being saved consist of? Why does he describe it in this way?
3. As to the future, you may have noticed that some of the verses refer to salvation in the future because the person may not have responded to Christ yet, but if they do they *will* be saved (like Acts 16:11). The future tense in that case refers to the fact that they will be saved as soon as they respond. But in Acts 15:11 someone who is already a Christian is talking (Peter) and says "we believe we *will be saved*." So in that case, someone who already has been saved in the past says he will be saved in the future. In what sense will we be saved in the future?
4. What do you think is the relationship between these three ways of referring to salvation?
5. How could it be helpful to you to think about each of these three different aspects of salvation?

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