

Being Saved

Feast of Tabernacles



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Sabbath Church of God

From our Overview of Beliefs:

The festivals are commanded in Leviticus 23. Christ observed the Passover, replacing the lamb with bread and wine, which represented His body and blood (Matthew 26:17-28). The apostles observed Pentecost (Feast of Firstfruits) after Christ's resurrection (Acts 2:1-4).

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Two definitions of “save”

1. Save from death

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. To preserve

The process of salvation

1. "Justification," which is forgiveness of sins that are past because Jesus paid our penalty, thus justifying -- or vindicating -- us. "Saved" in the past and present tense. Then,
2. "Sanctification" meaning, separation; a setting apart for holy use or purpose. This is a continual process. "Saved" in the present progressive tense. And, finally,
3. Salvation by resurrection to eternal life. "Saved" in the future tense.

“Saved” in the past tense

Romans 8:22-25

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For **we were saved** in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, **we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**

2 Timothy 1:8-9, 13

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 **who has saved us** and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, .. 13 **Hold fast** the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

“Saved” in the past tense

Titus 3:3-8

3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us**, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become **heirs** according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to **maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable to men.

“Saved” in the present tense

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved [KJV and Interlinear: **are saved**]), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved [KJV and Interlinear: **are saved**] through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

“Saved” in the present progressive tense

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved** [Interlinear: being saved] it is the power of God.

2 Corinthians 2:15

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are **being saved** [Interlinear: being saved] and among those who are perishing.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved [Interlinear: **being saved**], if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

“Saved” in the present progressive tense

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**."

Isaiah 55:6-8

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked **forsake his way**, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

John 14:15

If you love Me, **keep My commandments**.

“Saved” in the present progressive tense

Philippians 3:11-14

11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 **Not that I have already attained,** or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 **I press toward the goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

“Saved” in the future tense

Matthew 24:13

But he who endures to the end **shall be saved**.

Romans 5:6-10

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we **shall be saved** from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we **shall be saved by His life**.

“Saved” in the future tense

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and **we shall be changed.**

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who **will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,** according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

We might be asked a question

Q: Are you saved?

A: I am in the process of being saved.