

Facts About "Salvation" in James

James*

The Greek verb *sōzo* ("save") is found five times in the book of James. There are many who believe and teach that in four of those occurrences the word refers to initial salvation (justification). In fact, many boldly proclaim that James 2:14 and the other uses of *sōzo* in James proves that good works are a necessary partner with faith for justification. We will see today that those making that claim simply do not pay attention to all the facts.

—the first use of *sōzein* —'save' (1:21)

—the second use of *sōzein* —'save' (2:14)

—the third use of *sōzein* —'save' (4:12)

—the fourth use of *sōzei* —'restore' (5:15)

—the fifth use of *sōzein* —'save' (5:20)

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Salvation "Salvation is from the Lord." (Jonah 2:9)

Definition: The work of God rescuing man from his lost estate and the condition of man who has been saved and who is vitally renewed and made a partaker of the inheritance of the saints.

The Three Tenses of Salvation (Titus 2:11-13)

	"I was saved!"	"I am being saved!"	"I will be saved!"
TENSE	Past Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5; 2 Timothy 1:8-9	Present Hebrews 7:25	Future Romans 5:9-10
NAME OF TENSE	Justification "declared righteous" Regeneration "impartation of divine life, salvation, once for all time"	Sanctification "separation to God" a. positional (1 Cor. 6:11) b. progressive (2 Cor. 7:1) c. perfect (1 Thes. 3:12-13)	Glorification "realization of Christ-likeness"
TENSES DEFINED	Legal & Formal Acquittal Romans 3:24-26; 8:1	Separation to God by the Word John 17:17,19	Act of bringing believers to a condition fit for heaven
ACTION OF TENSE	Point Action (positionally before time) Ephesians 1:4	Period of Time (continuous) 2 Timothy 2:15	Point Action (believer's hope) 1 John 3:1-2
SAVED FROM:	The Penalty of Sin Romans 8:1	The Power of Sin Romans 6:1-13	The Presence of Sin 1 John 3:1-2

NOTE:

All 3 tenses *have been* accomplished **POSITIONALLY** (Rom. 8:29-30).
The present tense *is being* accomplished **PRACTICALLY** (Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13)