Soteriology 101 - God Saves Us from the Presence of Sin

God Saves Us from the Penalty of Sin ("Past")

Our Problem:

- a. We have sinned and we are guilty. We deserve eternal punishment from a Holy God. (Rom 3:22b-23)
- b. There is nothing we can do to remove the guilt & punishment of this sin. (Rom 3:20)
- c. We are condemned and separated from God (spiritually dead), and await eternal death (eternal separation from God). (Rom 5:12; Rev 21:8)

2. God's Solution:

- a. God Sent Jesus to Die in Our Place As Our Sin Sacrifice (Jn 1:29; 2 Cor 5:21)
- b. God Put Our Sins on Jesus, and Punished Him with Our Punishment (Rom 3:24-25)
- Our Decision:
 - a. Believe on Jesus as My Savior, My Sin-Payer (Jn 3:16-18; 3:36; Acts 16:30-34)

4. God's Transactions:

- a. Jesus' Perfect Righteousness Is Imputed to Us (Put on Our Account) (Rom 4:5,19-25)
- b. We Are Justified (declared right) and Saved through Jesus (Rom 5:6-10,17-19)

God Saves Us from the Penalty of Sin ("Present")

1. The Proof of Ongoing, Present Salvation

1 Cor 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Cor 15:2 by which also you are saved (~), if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain.

2. The Process of Ongoing, Present Salvation (Romans 6)

- a. Know what has been accomplished on the cross (1-10)
- b. Apply what has been accomplished on the cross (11-12)

¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

c. Yield your members to God, not to sin (13-23)

¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

3. The Terms Related to Ongoing, Present Salvation

- a. Sanctification the process of making one holy
- b. Separation the posture of being holy while in the world

God Saves Us from the Presence of Sin ("Future")

1. God will save us from the Presence of

Heb 9:26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Heb 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

2. God will save us from the Presence of Sin's

Rom 8:20-22 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (2 Pet 3:10-13)

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3. God will save us from the Presence of

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

4. God will save us from the Presence of

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it [the New Jerusalem] anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

5. God will save us from the Presence of Sin's

Rev 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

6. God will save us from the Presence of Death's

1 Cor 15:54-56 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.

7. God will save us from the Presence of Sinful

Rom 7:24-25a O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God-- through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

Rom 8:23 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.

1 Cor 15:50-53 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. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. (see 1 Cor 15:42-44)

Phil 3:20-21 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.

1 John 3:1-3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Rom 8:29-30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (Eph 1:18)