

Teaching Orthodoxy...using Bible Verses Lesson 13

Salvation in the PRESENT tense: we cooperate with God's ongoing process of saving us on a daily basis

Present: [We are **being saved** day by day. With the Help/Grace of the Holy Spirit, we **cooperate** (“**synergize**”) with Christ's **ongoing saving work** in our heart to make us God's Holy Temple, as each day we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ (Matt. 16:24).]

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is **God** Who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Phil. 2:12-13

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:33

But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty **and continues in it**, and is not a forgetful hearer but a **doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25

Therefore, brethren, be **even more diligent to make your call and election sure**, for **if you do** these things you will never stumble. 2 Peter 1:10

So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I **discipline** my body and **keep** it under control, **lest** after preaching to others **I myself should be disqualified.** 1 Corinth. 9:26-27

I keep under [*control*] my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself **should be a castaway.** 1 Cor. 9:27

Let us, therefore, **make every effort to enter that rest**, so that no one **will perish** by following their example of **disobedience**. Heb. 4:11

The kingdom of heaven **suffers [allows] violence**, and the **violent take it by force**. Matt. 11:12

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **holding fast** the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have **not run in vain or labored in vain**. Phil. 2:14-16

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have **need of endurance**, so that **after you have done** the **will of God**, you **may receive** the **promise**. Heb. 10:35-36

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, **live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear**. 1 Peter 1:17

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does **not bridle** his tongue but **deceives** his own heart, **this one's religion is useless**. **Pure and undefiled religion** before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:26-27

But **exhort one another every day**, as long as it is called "**today**," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Heb. 3:13

Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and **it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

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. 2 Cor. 3:18

Baptism, which corresponds to this, **now saves you**, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21

If we say that we have no sin, we **deceive** ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, He** is faithful and just and **will forgive us our sins** and purify us [*cleanse us*] from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the **Blood** of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us from all sin**. 1 John 1:7

Do not **labor** [*work*] for the food which perishes, **but for the food which endures to everlasting life**, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him. John 6:27

[*The "Food" Jesus is referring to is His Body--the Holy Eucharist.*]

For this very reason, **make every effort to add to your faith goodness**; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will **keep you from being ineffective and unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

[KJV: "*you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful*"]

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. **Continue** in them, for **in doing** this **you will save both yourself** and those who hear you. 1 Timothy 4:16

Now the just shall live by faith; but **if** anyone **draws back**, my soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. 10:38-39

Therefore **lay aside all filthiness** and overflow of wickedness, and **receive** with meekness the implanted word, which **is able to save your souls**. James 1:21

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness** of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God. 2 Corinth. 7:1

Little children, let no one deceive you. He **who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. The one who **practices sin** is of the **devil**. 1 John 3:7-8

In this the **children of God** and the **children of the devil** are manifest: Whoever does **not practice** righteousness is **not of God**, nor is he who does **not love** his brother. 1 John 3:10

My little children, **let us not love in word** or in tongue, but **in deed and in truth**. 1 John 3:18

Whoever **has been born of God** does **not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:9

By this we know what **love** is: **Jesus laid down His life for us**, and **we ought to lay down our lives** for our brothers. 1 John 3:16

Beloved, let us **love one another**, for **love is of God**; and everyone who loves is **born** of God and **knows God**. He who **does not love** does **not know God**, for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

Nevertheless **we**, according to His promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth** in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, **looking forward** to these things, **be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless**...You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware **lest you also fall** from your own steadfastness, being **led away with the error of the wicked**; but **grow in the grace and**

knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:13-14, 17-18

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of **righteousness** which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Phil. 1:9-11

To this end **I also labor**, striving according to His working [*energy*] which **works** [*energizes*] in me mightily. Col. 1:29

Therefore we also, since we are **surrounded** by so great a **cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:1-2

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, **I press toward the mark for the prize** of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phi. 3:13-14

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD. Hosea 6:3

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly** in the present age, **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:11-13

and consider that the **longsuffering** of our Lord **is salvation**—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you. 2 Peter 3:15

[Consider also that our **Lord's patience brings salvation**, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom God gave him. 2 Peter 3:15]

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but **one** receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may obtain it.** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, **but we for an imperishable crown.** 1 Corinth. 9:24-25

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But **rejoice**, inasmuch as ye are **partakers** of Christ's **sufferings**; that, when **his glory shall be revealed**, ye may be **glad** also with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4:12-13

Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, **if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.** Rom. 8:17

Rejoice always, pray **continually**, give thanks **in all circumstances**; for **this is God's will for you** in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober**, and rest your **hope** fully upon **the grace that is to be brought to you** at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13