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SALVATION THEOLOGY — The Remarkably Incredible Extremes —

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From #sal-8—

On Judgment Day, we will each be declared "Saved" or "Not Saved." Millions of very sincere believers will be angry with preachers who assured them that they were already Saved. But God will hold each of us accountable for making sure that we are aligned with the First-Century Gospel of REPENTANCE unto Salvation.

...now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now [is] our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Romans 13:11

Among our surprises was the discovery that all of the Old and New Testament scriptures are consistent in their characterization of "Saved" as a FUTURE PERFECT condition—never PAST PERFECT or PRESENT PERFECT or PRESENT PROGRESSIVE.

How the *experts* of the Calvinist and Arminian camps (both of them!) missed that glaring and easy-to-confirm Bible fact is anybody's guess! So how did our Link1™ Bible Research Team discover it?

The youngest member of the Link1™ team was the catalyst for prompting that discovery: During one of our brainstorming sessions, he said something like, "This process would be a lot easier if we could just know the tenses and voices of the verbs and predicate phrases in those scriptures that the competing theologians cite."

For me, that was a major "Ah ha!" moment: I promptly remembered the seventh-grade English class where I learned exactly how that's done. I went home and created a chart that was to guide us in accurately determining those tenses and voices.

While I was doing that, others of our group worked feverishly on collecting all the scriptures that theological operatives in each of those extreme camps cite. Did we find them all? There may be a few more, but the collection is impressive!

On the surface (i.e.: before we had applied *The Basic Rules of Language* to their objective analysis), many of those scriptures appeared to lend reasonable support to one or the other of the extreme views.

Subsequently, though, there can be no intelligent debate among those whose primary goal is to gain and then share the objectively-derived truth about the promise of eternal

Salvation to those who follow Christ.

Because I know you are curious, here's a sneak preview:

At John 3:16, the KJV word "believeth" is in the PRESENT PROGRESSIVE Tense and the Active Voice. Some sectarian "experts" would have you believe that it's in the PAST PERFECT Tense.

Not even remotely possible or intelligently debatable!

Those guys clearly didn't excel in high school or college English. Dang!

Curiously, the Calvinist and Arminian "experts" both teach their followers that "Getting 'Saved'" is an event! Calvinists perceive it as a once-upon-a-time event. Arminians treat it as an event that a believer must repeat often.

But, then, you know, those dumbed-down versions of the Gospel message sound so much "more religious" than the First-Century version of it.

Right here may be a good place to refresh your memory on something we referenced earlier in the series...

Search as long and as hard as you will and you'll never find any indication that 1st-Century

people who heard and believed the Gospel message ever "got 'Saved'." Instead, they repented. They CONFESSED their sinful lifestyles and REPENTED of them.

To *confess* is to admit that one is guilty of wrongdoing. To *repent* is both to resolve and to promise to discontinue a sinful lifestyle and to replace it with a lifestyle that is righteous by the measure of scripture.

That "getting 'saved'" phenomenon was created by Nineteenth-Century revivalists who perceived the need for a marketable catch phrase by which to captivate the uninformed masses in the early 19th Century. They were salesmen at heart...needing a tool with which to "close the sale."

The popular "altar calls" and "the sinner's prayer" phenomena also started in the early 19th Century.

Lots of really strange things started happening in The Spring of 1830 – on *both* sides of the Atlantic Ocean. That is our **next topical series**. Our long-time readers are still wondering why that's not taught "in church!"

