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— The Remarkably Incredible Extremes —

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From #sal-9—

That "getting 'saved'" phenomenon was created by 19th-Century revivalists who perceived the need for a 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" thing also started then.

We think you are going to be shocked to discover the nature of those strange things that started happening in April, 1830. Hang tight, though. That is our very next topical series...

Per 1 Thessalonians 5:8, what believers who actually follow Christ have is the HOPE of eternal salvation. It is likely that Paul had that in mind when he wrote this—

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

Calvinists are correct (on the surface) when they say that eternal salvation can't be gained and then lost. But maybe they have overlooked the scriptures

that tell us very clearly that that eternity (for those who are to be saved) starts on Judgment Day. What follows is a few of those New Testament scriptures...

> "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved (a FUTURE PERFECT condition) by his life."
—Romans 5:10

> "And that, knowing the time, that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now [is] our salvation nearer (a FUTURE PERFECT condition) than when we believed."
—Romans 13:11

> "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine' continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself (a FUTURE PERFECT condition), and them that hear thee."
—1 Timothy 4:16

Because Timothy was pastor of that flock most church folk I know would be surprised to learn that his Salvation was also a FUTURE PERFECT thing.

> "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and for an helmet, the HOPE of salvation (a FUTURE PERFECT condition)."
—1 Thessalonians 5:8

> "But he that lacketh [the fruits of the Spirit] is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his OLD sins."
—2 Peter 1:9

You may, now, recall our lovely Sunday School teacher

from the first two editorials in this topical series...

At some point, she said, "I've gotta be home by 8:00." He didn't think to ask why until they had almost overslept: "Why 8:00?"

"Today's Sunday. I've got to teach Sunday School for my high school girls."

"...a Sunday School teacher? How do you reconcile that with what we've been doing all night?"

"It's like I teach the girls in my class: Jesus loves us unconditionally. He died...to forgive us of...our sins—past, present and future!"

The abundantly clear Bible message is this: When a person yields to Christ as Lord and Master of his life and his lifestyle, he has taken the first important step on a journey toward his FUTURE PERFECT salvation.

Given the above scriptures and the exceptionally strong warning of 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 11,12, many sincere folk who will have taken that first step will NOT complete the race that might've yielded eternal Salvation.

This is how Jesus described that scenario...

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have [sufficient] to finish it? Lest, haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish [it], all that behold [it] begin to mock him, Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or

what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, when the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

Luke 14:28-32

Hebrews 6 is the nemesis of all who claim otherwise. (I once heard a renowned Bible expert make a fool of himself while trying to teach a gathering of pastors how to spin that.)

Why not read Hebrews 6 and then Ezekiel 18:20-32 for Old Testament confirmation. Keep in mind that the God of the Bible is unchanging.

"...For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." —2 Corinthians 5:9,10

Jesus made it really clear that only those who endure to THE END will be saved. (See Matthew 24:10-13 and Mark 13:13.) How must we define that word, "endure?"...and "to the end" of what?

