



Soul Salvation

Part Two

Renewing the Mind and Walking in Partnership with the Holy Spirit

I. The Soul in Scripture — A Deeper Meaning

We often speak of the salvation of the spirit as though it is the end of the journey. But Scripture reveals that God has a destination far beyond that — one He desires every believer to reach in this lifetime, before entering the Kingdom. That destination is the salvation of the soul.

1 Peter 1:3–9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope... for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

To understand this passage rightly, we must pause at each verse:

Verse 4: Speaks of the inheritance — and inheritance belongs to children. As a born-again believer, you are a child of God, and your inheritance is kept in heaven.

Verse 5: Speaks of the new birth and God's protection over those who are His. The King Himself guards you by His power.

Verse 7: Speaks of the salvation of the body — meaning genuine faith has an effect on the physical body itself.

When Peter reaches the word "souls" in verse 9, he uses the Greek word *psyche*, which means:

The Soul = Mind + Intellect + Will + Emotions

The salvation of the soul, therefore, is the salvation of your thought life, your intellect, your emotions, and your will. It is not a mere religious feeling — it is a deep and comprehensive renewal of everything that happens within you.



Quick anger is evidence that we have not yet fully received the mind of Christ — for Christ passed through everything we face, and far more, ten times over.

II. Renewing the Mind — The Unconquerable Weapon

If the soul is the battlefield, then the Word is the weapon. This is why Paul calls us not to mere behavioral change, but to the renewal of our minds:

Romans 12:1–2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The renewing of the mind is true worship. And it is the only path to experiencing the complete will of God in your life. Paul then shows us the practical face of this renewal:

2 Corinthians 10:4–5

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

"Taking captive every thought" is specific and deeply practical. When a thought of worry, fear, or despair arrives, you do not leave it to roam freely through your mind. You take it immediately to the Word and ask: what does God say about this?

Example: If you are sick, the Word says we are healed by the wounds of Christ. If you are afraid, the phrase "do not fear" appears in Scripture 366 times — once for every day of the year, including leap years.

Key Questions About Taking Thoughts Captive

Question: Does this mean we should never think these thoughts at all — or that we bring them to God's Word when they come?



Answer: Do not lean on your own thinking alone. If you follow every thought to its natural end, the enemy has a skilled way of convincing you. The solution is not to suppress thoughts — it is to arrest them and bring them before the Word the moment they arrive.

Question: What about real situations I can see and am living through right now?

Answer: The righteous shall live by faith. Peter was in prison under heavy guard, threatened with execution — immediately after James had been killed. And yet he was sleeping soundly. The Church was praying fervently, and God sent an angel to wake him from his deep sleep. The Holy Spirit says to you in your darkest moment: "You are shielded by God's power."

III. Girding the Mind — The Belt That Protects You

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

"Gird up the loins of your mind" is a military image. A Roman soldier tightened his belt before battle so his garments would not hinder his movement. So it is with your mind: bind it with the Word of God, so that wrong thoughts cannot enter and slow your walk with Him.

A True Story: Faith in the Face of the Storm

In the depths of the 2007 economic recession, when the news brought new names of the unemployed every day, one believer's wife was giving birth to their first child in the hospital. At that very moment, his phone rang: his employer, with short, sharp words — "You're fired."

He closed his phone, walked into his wife's hospital room, and welcomed his newborn child. The next day he went to church as usual. A visiting speaker from another country was teaching that morning, and in the middle of his message he stopped, pointed to this man, and said: "Let's say, for example, that this person lost his job today — without anyone even knowing. What should he do?" The speaker said: "He would not worry, because the Lord is the one who provides." No one in the room understood the weight of those words — except



the pastor, who knew what had happened, and who realized in that moment he was witnessing something deeper than an answer.

Three months passed without a salary, with a newborn at home. But at the end of every month, something happened that could not be explained by logic alone. Friends from here, people from the church from there — each giving what they could, with no coordination and no agreement — and when the amounts were added together at the end of each month, the number was exactly the same, every single time: the exact salary he used to receive.

This man did not have a backup plan. He had something else — a faith that was not shaken by the hardest moment of his life. And that was enough.

Psalm 37:25

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Most family crises are rooted in financial pressure — which is itself one of the primary causes of mental and psychological illness. But a mind girded with God's Word is not destabilized by material crisis.

IV. Impatience and Pride — The Other Face of Danger

Many believers begin with great enthusiasm, but over time that fire dims and grows cold. This is what can be called "smallness of soul" — and its hidden source is pride.

Ecclesiastes 7:8

The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.

The end of a matter is better than its beginning — because whoever reaches the end is the one who conquered themselves. And pride in the Word does not only mean outward arrogance; it means self-sufficiency — the person who does not want to depend on the Lord, who believes they can do it alone.

Pride will lead you to brokenness, and the enemy will destroy your life.

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'



Many believers whom God called to great callings never completed them because of their spiritual pride. The calling was real — but the soul had not been saved enough to carry its weight.

A Warning for Raising the Next Generation

God wants us to uproot rebellion and defiance from our children while they are young. The small sprout in a child's mind is easy to pull out — but if left unaddressed, it becomes a palm tree deeply rooted, nearly impossible to remove. The child becomes unteachable and uncorrectable. This is exactly what happened with Saul — his story with Samuel is a lesson for every generation.

Remember: not everyone who is called will complete the calling.

V. The Rapture — For Those Who Walk in Partnership with the Holy Spirit

The Lord Jesus Christ took the curse on the cross through the crown of thorns on His head, stripped the enemy and his followers of their authority, and gave that authority to us. This is the foundation. But this authority is exercised in partnership — not in separation from God.

Philippians 2:12

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

The salvation of the soul cannot be completed apart from daily partnership with the Holy Spirit. And the Rapture is not an automatic guarantee for every born-again believer — it is for those who live in daily obedience:

1 Thessalonians 5:2–4

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

Who Is the Believer Living in Darkness?



It is the believer who refuses to sit with the Lord every day and live in real partnership with Him. The Word is clear:

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:5–9

You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober... For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warned us not to be consumed by the worries of life or the deceitfulness of wealth. God wants us successful — but not proud. Because of pride, some will go to church one day and find no one there, because the Rapture came and passed them by.

Three Steps to the Rapture: A Lesson from Revelation

Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

First: I looked — spiritual alertness and constant watchfulness.

Second: I heard — the ability to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from all other voices.

Third: I obeyed — immediate response without hesitation.

When someone calls you for the first time, you will not recognize their voice. But when someone you speak with every day calls, you know them instantly — without even looking at the screen. This is exactly the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Rapture. If you are not in daily partnership with Him and do not know His voice, you will not obey when He calls. But if you are in constant fellowship with Him, you will hear and obey — because you know Him.

Conclusion: What Is the Salvation of the Soul?



After all of this teaching, we can summarize the salvation of the soul in four practical signs in the life of a believer:

1. You have the mind of Christ — a renewed mind that takes every thought captive to the obedience of God's Word.
2. You have steadfastness in teaching and daily devotion — you do not waver and you do not stop.
3. You have mastery over your emotions, feelings, and anger — they do not control you; you govern them.
4. Your life is marked by continuous humility — you accept rebuke, correction, and teaching with an open heart.

The saved soul is the soul that lives in daily partnership with God, awaiting the call of the Holy Spirit to rise to where He has prepared.

