



E-Mail Newsletter Bringing The Word of Life

"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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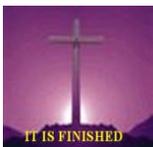
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THE "NOW'S" OF THE BIBLE Text: Ephesians 2:11-13

The little word "**now**" is a very interesting word. The word means, "*at the present moment of time; or without any further delay.*" The Holy Spirit moved the writers and translators of the Bible to use that little word quite often throughout the Bible. The word "**now**" is used exactly **1355** times in the KJB. I am going to take you to at least seven places where these "**now's**" can be found in the Bible.

1. [The "Now" of Sacrifice \(Heb. 9:26\).](#)



It is just during these last 2000 years which began with the 1st coming of Christ that we have known that He came down to earth to be the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Christ's sacrifice doesn't need to be repeated because it is completed and perfected once for all (**Heb. 10:10, 12**). It is only through Christ's Person and finished work at Calvary that we can approach the Father in heaven. There is no other way.

2. [The "Now" of Safety \(Jude 1:24\).](#)

The Bible says that Christ is able to keep the believer from falling and failing. We are secure in God's care, through the powerful cleansing blood of Christ, and through the Spirit's sealing and indwelling. If you are a real Christian, your soul does not have to wait until you die and leave your body to get a sense of safety. We are safe in the arms of the Father and Son whether we live or die on earth (**John 10:28-29**). The protection of the soul is a present privilege of every believer.

3. [The "Now" of Serenity \(Rom. 15:13\).](#)



We are told in this verse that God fills us with joy and peace as we believe Him. There is divine joy, peace and hope from God that every child of God can still enjoy even in the midst of the most difficult of circumstances. Only trust the Lord; He is the God of peace. The peace from God gives you hope that all will eventually be well in Lord's timing because He is God Almighty who is in His throne and still in control (**Isa. 26:3**).

4. [The "Now" of Surety \(Heb. 11:1\).](#)

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Faith is the believer's "second pair of eyes" that sees and believes the invisible (**Heb. 11:27; Eph. 1:18**). Faith understands what can hardly be known by the natural man. It is a fruit of the Spirit and comes by hearing God's word (**Rom. 10:17**).

5. [The "Now" of Sonship \(1 John 3:2\).](#)

We are told that we are NOW the sons of God. Thank God we can know that we have been born spiritually and that we are children of God. The testimony God's Spirit is the main reason why we can be assured of divine sonship at the present time (**Rom. 8:15-16**). Friend, do you have assurance of sonship now?

6. [The "Now" of Salvation](#) (2 Cor. 6:2b).



One is not wise to procrastinate or put off personal salvation. He can wait until it is too late to be saved. He should be saved NOW because life is passing and because Jesus is calling. Every time a person rejects Jesus, it will probably be harder for him to be saved at a later time. That is why God says through the Apostle Paul, "NOW is the day of salvation." If you are not yet saved, may your prayer be the psalmist's prayer for God's mercy and salvation in **Psa. 69:13**.

7. [The "Now" of Stubbornness](#) (2 Tim. 3:8).

This refers to Pharaoh's chief magicians – Jannes and Jambres (Exo.7). These men withstood Moses to the face. Note that when they fought God's man who only spoke the truth to them, it was just as though they were fighting God Himself, when they fought God's messengers – Moses and Aaron – and rejected God's serious message (**1 Tim. 6:5a**).

Conclusion: So, what does a believer in Christ have that an unbeliever does not have? At least six things that we have seen today – SACRIFICE, SAFETY, SERENITY, SURETY, SONSHIP, and SALVATION. However, if you are a real believer in Christ, it is better not to have STUBBORNNESS at all. My friend, if you are still unsure of salvation, you can be 100% certain right where you are, even right NOW! *Rodelio Mallari*

Lord Save Me!

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou; bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come.



*And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. **Matthew 14:23-33***

Lord save me! – 6 facts Peter knew

- He knew he needed to be saved
- He knew that he couldn't save himself
- He knew who could save him
- He knew how he could be saved
- He knew that he wanted to be saved
- He knew he wanted to be saved – now!

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Salvation cannot be found in:

- ▶ Good deeds ▶ tears ▶ Church attendance ▶ baptism ▶ religious festivals
- ▶ sacraments ▶ prayers ▶ charitable gifts ▶ or anything else.

It is only found in the person of Christ.

SAVED TWICE

Many years ago a young English lad was on a visit to a rural part of Scotland. He set out to enjoy a swim in a small lake. Seized with cramp while some distance from the shore, he shouted for help. A young farm boy in a nearby field heard his cry, ran and plunged into the lake and brought him to the shore. Years passed before the two met again. The city youth came again to ask the boy who saved his life what plans he had for the future. He told him it was to study medicine. So the youth's parents who were wealthy give the young farm lad the money for his education. The farm lad graduated and embarked on a career of scientific research. In 1928 he found that a new drug called penicillin killed all germs. The name of the lad was who became a famous Doctor was Alexander Fleming.

The London youth had also risen to fame. He went to the Near East to meet Roosevelt and Stalin during the Second World War. And was stricken down with pneumonia. His condition was critical, so penicillin the drug discovered by Alexander Fleming was flown out to the sick man and his life was saved for a second time. The man he saved was Winston Churchill then Prime Minister of Britain.

Point to Ponder

Life is too short for us to do everything we want to do; but it is long enough for us to do everything God wants us to do. Anon

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