

# “The Gospel Triads”

## **Tenses Of Salvation**

**Justification - Past**

**Sanctification - Present**

**Glorification - Future**

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**Trinity In Salvation**

**The Father - Plans**

**The Son - Provides**

**Holy Spirit - Performs**

# “Remind Them”

**“It is not adequately understood  
that men more often need  
reminded than instructed.”**

**(Samuel Johnson)**

# Titus 3:3-8



To encourage maturity, Titus is to remind Cretan believers of where they were, where they are, and where they should be.

# I. Our Past Condition (3)

**“For We Ourselves Were Once...”**

I Timothy 1:12-14

I Corinthians 6:9-11



**SIN**

**WILL TAKE YOU FARTHER  
THAN YOU WANT TO GO,  
KEEP YOU LONGER  
THAN YOU WANT TO STAY,  
AND COST YOU MORE  
THAN YOU WANT TO PAY.**

**UNKNOWN**

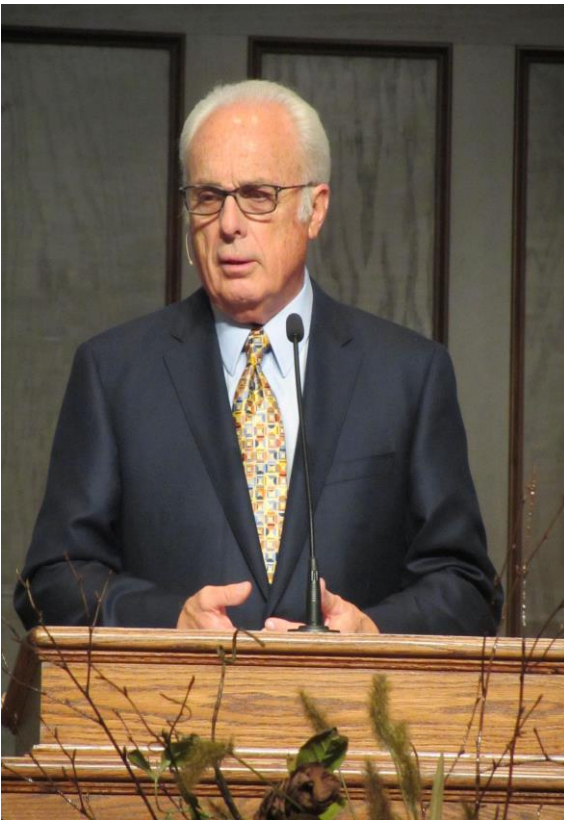
# A. Foolish

**Obstinate Toward Understanding, To  
Be Ignorant, Unintelligible**

**Romans 1:21 And Ephesians 4:18**



# John MacArthur



**“No matter how advanced a person’s education and intellectual accomplishments may be, if he does not recognize God and trust in Him for deliverance from sin, he is foolish concerning the most important truth regarding himself. With God, even the wisdom of God is foolishness.”**



## B. Disobedient

**Unpersuaded And Non-Compliant**

**“Disobedient To Parents”**

**“Disobedient” Of False Teachers**

# C. Deceived

**To Stray, Wander, Roam, Or Be Seduced**

**Jeremiah 17:9**

**Proverbs 14:12**

# D. Enslaved

**Serving And Mastered By, In Bondage**

1. Passions
2. Pleasures

**Romans 6-7 and John 8:33-34**

# E. Malice

**Malignity, Ill-Willed, Or Wicked**

**I Corinthians 5:8**

**I Peter 2:1**



## F. Envy

**Prompted To Greed For What Others Have**

James 4:5

# G. Hate

**To Pursue With Detest**

**I John 2:9**

## II. Our Present Conversion (4-7)

**“But When” - God’s Intervention**

**“But God shows His Love For Us In That While We Were Still Sinners, Christ Died For Us” (Romans 5:8).**

## A. God The Father (4-5a)

**He Was Proactive - He Appeared**

**“For the grace of God appeared”  
(Titus 2:11)**



# 1. His Motive

## a. Kindness - Moral Goodness or Benignity

Romans 2:4 and Ephesians 2:7

## b. Love - Philanthropy

Acts 28:2 and John 3:16

## 2. His Method

**“According To His Own Mercy”**

**Propitiation - Satisfaction Of Wrath**

**Ephesians 2:4, 8-9 and Isaiah 64:6**

## B. The Holy Spirit (5-6a)

### 1. Regeneration - Born Again

John 3:5-6 and Ephesians 1:13-14

### 2. Renewing - A Renovation

Ephesians 5:26

## C. Jesus Christ (6b-7)

1. Justification - Declared Righteous  
Romans 3:24-26
2. Inheritance - Heirs Of That Is His  
Romans 8:17
3. Assurance - Hope Of Eternal Life  
I John 5:13



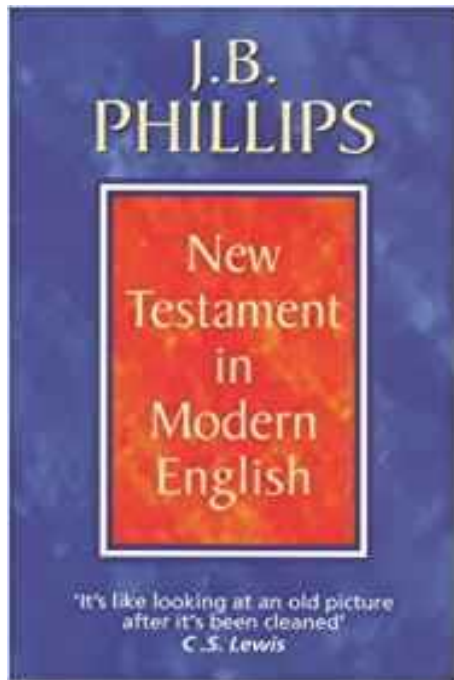
# III. Our Future Conduct (8)

**Fifth “Trustworthy” Saying**

Devote - To Engage or Give Attention

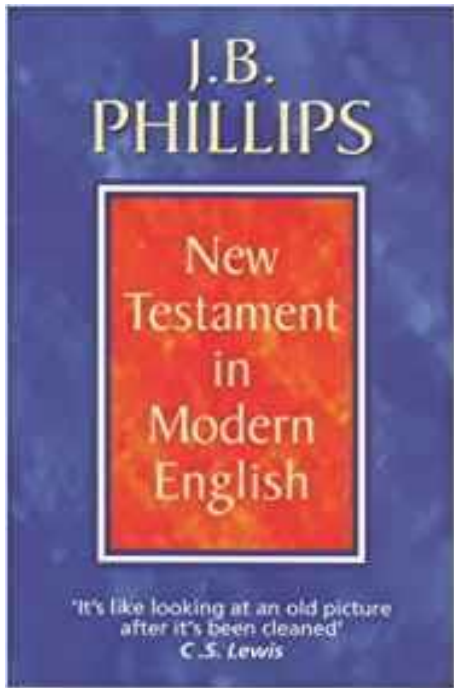
**Ephesians 2:10**

# Romans 12:1



**“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him.”**

# Romans 12:2



**“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”**

# SALVATION

Salvation is a free gift by faith. In order to grow in that faith, we must “continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose” (Philippians 2:12b-13).