



# SCRIPTURE READING:

**II THESSALONIANS 3:6-12**

**How Did We Get Here?**

**The Study of Satanic Attack and the Armor of God**

**We are about to analyze God's defense against Satanic thought-attacks as recorded in Ephesians 6:10-17.**



**First, we need to refresh ourselves by reviewing how we arrived at this point. We need to step back for a moment and distinguish 'the forest from the trees.'**

That is, we need to look at our salvation as a whole and see the specifics of our defense against Satanic attack .

## **INTRODUCTION**

## Initial salvation

- “I have been saved” Eph 2:8

## Future-tense salvation

- “I will be saved” Rom 5:9-10

## Present-tense salvation

- “I am being saved” I Cor 1:18, II Cor 2:14-15
- cf Phil 2:12-13 “work out your own salvation”

## The Widest View of Salvation

# The Narrower View of Salvation (Present-tense Salvation)

- **The time for growth**

- II Pet 3:18; cf I Cor 13:11, Heb 6:1

- **The stages of growth**

- **Child** = teknon = 'born one'
  - Rom 8:16
- **Newborn babe** = brephos = recently saved Christian
  - II Pet 2:2
- **Babes in Christ** = napios = 'babblers' (a baby Christian, stunted in growth)
  - I Cor 3:1-3, Heb 5:12-13
- **Son** = huios = mature one (made a son by HS baptism into our position in Christ at the moment of our initial salvation)

# A Narrower View of our Present-Tense Salvation

- The 3 enemies that attempt to interfere with the growth experience of the Christian
  - **The sin nature**
  - **Satan**
  - **The world system**

# CONCLUSION

- From understanding the totality of our salvation at-a-glance, to focusing on the three spiritual enemies of the grace believer, we can now begin to look at, and understand our God-given defense against Satanic lusts in [Ephesian 6:10-17](#):
  - “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood...”