

September 6, 2026

Digging deeper: 1 Corinthians 2:10-3:4 (Mature in Christ)

Tom, can you put the graphic below on the board you use for sermons? That way, the picture is up, and the Slide #1 questions will be on the big screen.



Slide 1: 10 minutes

Match the scriptures below with the correct phase of Salvation (Phase 1, 2, or 3).

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-53
- Titus 3:4-7
- Philippians 2:12-13
- Next, discuss what occurs at each phase of salvation.

Slide 2: 10 min

- Give a *personal* example of what it looks like when you are “controlled by” your sinful nature.
- *IF* you have a *personal* example of what it looks like when you are walking by the Spirit, please share with your group.
- What practical reminder can you use this week to “take off” your sinful nature?

Slide 3: (10 min)

- If we can be honest with one another, discuss where you are in your spiritual walk right now (no walk, a little walk, or a big walk).
- What methods *are* you taking (or can you take) to grow in your walk with Christ?
- Can any of you help one another on this journey?

Observations:



Slide 1: 10 minutes

Match the scriptures below with the correct phase of Salvation (1, 2, or 3).

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (phase 3 glorification)
- Titus 3:4-7 (phase 1 justification)
- Philippians 2:12-13 (phase 2 sanctification)
- Next, discuss what occurs at each phase of salvation. (In phase 1, this is where a nonbeliever *becomes* a believer and receives new life through the Holy Spirit by believing in Jesus Christ for salvation/eternal life. The penalty of sin has been forever removed from the person. Then, in phase 2, as we walk obediently with Christ and in His Word (making Him Lord), the *power* of sin begins to decrease. Last, in phase 3, at death, the very presence of sin will be forever removed, and believers will receive bodies that have sin removed.)

Slide 2: 10 min

- Give a *personal* example of what it looks like when you are “controlled by” the sinful nature. (angry outbursts, snapping at family members, rude remarks to others, jealousy, rivalry, etc)
- IF you have a *personal* example of what it looks like when you are walking by the Spirit, please share with your group. (sensing the Lord having me speak up and share Christ with others, or simply encourage another believer)
- What practical reminder can you use this week to “take off” your sinful nature? (Write a meaningful scripture on a 3x5 card and keep it in my view, to help me control my flesh.)

Slide 3: (10 min)

- If we can be honest with one another, discuss where you are in your spiritual walk right now (no walk, a little walk, or a big walk).
- What methods are you taking (or can you take) to grow in your walk with Christ? (There are many ways we can grow in our walk, including being IN God’s Word every day. There are even free apps, like the *Holy Bible* app on our cell phones. There are free plans, including a 1-year plan through the Bible. Find someone to either disciple you or begin to disciple someone else!)
- Can any of you help one another on this journey? (Seek to have a more mature Christian disciple you or help hold you accountable.)