

## The Great Divide

### The 4 Electric Fences:

(a) The situation before Jesus' death:

	>	Slavery to sin nature	<	
Mankind	>	Personal sins	<	Fellowship with God
	>	Penalty of sin	<	
	>	Adam's sin (dead human spirit)	<	

#### Slavery to sin nature

##### **Redemption and Ransom:**

**Redemption:** the actual release of a believer from the slave-market of sin.

**Ransom:** the price paid to release, potentially, all in the slave-market.

#### Personal sins

##### **Atonement and Imputation:**

**Atonement:** personal sins covered.

**Imputation:** the righteousness of Jesus credited to us.

#### Penalty of sin

##### **Expiation and Propitiation:**

**Expiation:** Jesus paid the penalty for the sin of the world.

**Propitiation:** God's righteous demands satisfied (appeased).

#### Adam's sin (dead spirit)

##### **Regeneration - the new birth:**

Believers spirits given divine life and therefore able to be in a relationship with God.

With this barrier now demolished by Jesus' death, He stands in it's place as the door for the sheep (John 10v7)

The sin of the world is taken away by the Lamb of God (John 1v29), and all anyone need do for salvation is trust in Jesus as their saviour, and therefore walk through Him, by faith, into salvation. The outcome is safety from the coming judgement of a holy God on those who reject Jesus and the offer of salvation.

(b) The situation after Jesus' death:

Mankind	>	Jesus - <i>the door for the sheep</i>	>	Fellowship with God
		<i>(Entered into by faith)</i>		

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life." John 3v16*

## Salvation - Past, Present and Future

"But we ought always to thank God for you brothers, loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved (**Justification - past**) through the sanctifying work (**Sanctification - present**) of the Spirit and through belief in the gospel. He called you to this through our gospel that you might share in the glory (**Glorification - future**) of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thess 2v13-14 - Greek word for salvation: *sozo* - to save, rescue, or deliver. Does not just mean to be saved from eternal judgement (i.e. Past Salvation). Meaning ascertained from the context of it's use in any given passage. So: to be saved, rescued, or delivered *from whatever*.

**Justification** - Rom 5v1, 9

Gk: *Dikaiosis* - to deem to be right or righteous.

**Past** salvation - once and for all.

Freedom from the **penalty** of sin.

By Jesus' **death**.

Righteousness **imputed**.

Judgement as **sinner**s. (Rom 5v8-9)

**Sanctification** - 1 Thess 4v3, Rom 5v10

Gk; *Hagiasmos* - separation to God and from evil.  
The word *saint* comes from this.

**Present** salvation - ongoing, moment-by-moment.

Freedom from the **power** of sin.

By Jesus' **life** (i.e. His resurrection)

Righteousness **imparted**.

Judgement as **sons**. (Discipline - Hebrews 12v4-11)

**Glorification** - Phpps 3v20-21, 1 Jn 3v2

Gk: *Doxazo*: from *dokeo* - to seem. Hence the idea of how a thing appears.

**Future** salvation - at death and completed at the Rapture.

Freedom from the **presence** of sin.

By Jesus' **return**.

Righteousness **perfected**.

Judgement as **servants**. (Works judged at the Judgement Seat of Christ - 2 Cor 5v10, Rom 14v7-12)

Through Jesus' **death** the sin problem is dealt with, and His righteousness credited, or **imputed**, to the believer. We are therefore justified (i.e. declared righteous: '*Just-if-I'd* never sinned.') before a holy God, and saved from the **penalty** of sin. This is **past** salvation in that it occurs when someone believes on the Lord and it becomes, therefore, a once and for all, never to be repeated, historical event in our lives. This is the answer to God's judgement on us as **sinner**s.

Because Jesus lives in the believer, His own indwelling **life** and holiness is therefore **imparted** and shared. He actually lives through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. To the extent we daily surrender to Him in death to self and sin, we are separated *to* God and *from* our sinfulness, our sinful natures being controlled and overridden by the new nature within us. The result is the believer being systematically saved from the **power** of sin, this being an ongoing thing. Hence it is **present** salvation, a continuing moment-by-moment process. This is God's fatherly disciplinary judgement on us as **sons**.

Lastly, at the Lord's coming both those believers who are already in Heaven, along with those who are alive when it happens, will be given glorified bodies like Jesus' which do not have a sinful nature. At this future time we shall have been saved from even the **presence** of sin, being then destined to spend eternity in a newly created universe that will have never known sin, rebellion or evil of any kind. This will be by Jesus' **return**, and we shall subsequently be **perfected** in every possible sense of that word. It is therefore **future** salvation. Our works will also be assessed in Heaven after the Rapture, this being God's judgement on us as **servants**.