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 Greeting to all and may the grace of God be upon you. Well, we are out of the Summer season and into the Fall. I am one of the fortunate persons who have experience the beauty of God’s creation of the beautiful color of the leaves when I get to visit the New England states. I wish we had the same here in California.

 Now for the **Bible Scripture Letter** for this month. The topic is **“Can people be saved during the Tribulation?”** This topic I ponder early in my Christian life. Prior to the computer age, I would visit our neighborhood Christian used book store for books on this topic. I accumulated many notes but couldn’t come up with satisfactory answers to my question. So, I put it aside till many good reputable sources on the Internet became available. I selected those sources that provided scripture with their writings. I do not like to get information from anyone including pastors, Christian teachers, theologians and the like if their writings don’t include scripture as their reasoning to the topic.

I do have many sources about this topic and I have tried my best to condensed this **BSL** as I’ve done in the past. Also, I encourage you to let me know if I left out scripture reverent this this topic. So, let’s see what scripture has to say about **“Can people be saved during the Tribulation?”**

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**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**“Can people be saved during the Tribulation?”**

**Bible Scripture Letter #30**

 Let me first start by saying that there are many good sources via the internet on this topic that I will do my best to make this topic easy to understand. I will include exerts from articles at hand and if need be make comments with additional scripture.

Why do people ask this question **“Can people be saved during the Tribulation?”.** There are two thoughts to this question. One – the Rapture (Pretribulation theory) has occurred therefore the Holy Spirit is not in earth anymore. Two – Some people use **2 Thessalonians 2:7** there answer of the removal of the Holy Spirit during this time period.

In the Pretribulation theory where the Rapture is said to occurred prior to the Tribulation, some people believe just because the Christians are Rapture in which the Holy Spirit indwells us, that the Holy Spirit will also leave at the time of the Rapture. In **2 Thessalonians 2:7** it says

***7***  *For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.*

Verse 7 tells us three things:

1. The “*lawlessness is already at work”* Who is this lawlessness one – Satan. He has been at work since Adam and Eve but through Jesus Christ our redeemer has brought us the “Holy Spirit” against this influence.

2. The “*one who now holds it back will continue to do so* - Who is the one restraining the lawlessness – The Holy Spirit.

3. *“till he is taken out of the way” - he* isreferring to the Holy Spirit. Note, it says *“till he is taken out of the way”* does NOT say removed or leaves the earth but just the restraining influence the Holy Spirit has on Satan up to that time will be removed. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that the Holy Spirit will not be present on earth after the Rapture. The Holy Spirit is currently limiting Satan. The above message is that He will no longer be restraining Satan. That does not mean men and women will not be able to become Christians. The Holy Spirit will still be at work just as He was in the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit has been here since the beginning of time. Remember, He is part of the Trinity. In the Old Testament, the Spirit Ministry is mention numerous times such as in **Genesis** 1:1-2, **Numbers** 11:16-26, 24:1-6. **Judges** 3:9-10, 6:34, 11:29, 13:25, 15:14. **1 Samuel** 10:6-10, 16:13-14, 19:20-23. As for the New Testament, there are also numerous places but there are two that stands highly on my mine which are **Matthew** 4:1-11- *Satan tempting Jesus in the desert* and **John** 14:26 – *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

Our God is a gracious and loving God. Even during the tribulation, He will continue to reach out to people, wanting them to turn back to Him. [The gospel](http://www.askbible.org/trust-in-jesus/) will be preached through the two witnesses - **Revelation** 11:3, through the 144000 Jews - **Revelation** 7:4, the Tribulation Saints –

**Revelation** 13:15 all these will be saved during the Tribulation period and through the rest of the Gentile believers who will believe during that time. God will also send His angel to preach the gospel to the whole world. “*Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”*

 - **Revelation** 14:6-7. There is no time ever that God present was without Him and His desires all men to believe in His Son Jesus Christ. “*who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”* – **1 Timothy 2:4** 14:6.

In conclusion, it’s safe to say “yes, those who go through the Tribulation can be saved but why go through all that suffering when they can except Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be at His presents and all His glory.

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