

Series: Foundational Truth

Title: Salvation

Text: (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We believe salvation of a sinful man is by grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9).

It is faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross, and repentance of our sinful condition (Acts 20:21).

We believe that this is the only way for a man to go to Heaven (Acts 4:12).

We believe that once a person accepts Christ, his salvation is eternal and can do nothing to lose his salvation (Jn 10:28-29)

The Problem: Man's Sin

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(Gen. 1:26) *An God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:...*

(Gen 1:27) *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created hr him; male and female created he them.*

(Gen 1:31) *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.*

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(Gen 2:15-16) God's Instructions to Adam.

(Gen 3:6) The Transgression

(1 Tim 2:13-14) Eve was deceived; Adam chose to sin.

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(Rom 5:12) *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

We are All Sinners, who deserve Hell:

(Rom 3:23) *All have sinned & come short of the glory of God.*

(Rom 6:23) *For the wages of sin is death,*

(John 3:17) *Condemned already...*

The Solution: Substitutionary Atonement of God's Son

We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ; that His suffering and death is substitutionary for all mankind and is effective for all those who believe.

(Rom 1:16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Gospel~Good News (1 Cor 15:1,2-3)

God, Himself was our Substitute:

(Heb. 2:9) *But we see Jesus, who made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

(Rom 5:8)

(Rom 1:16) *to everyone that believeth;*

(1 Pet 2:24) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed.

The Application of the Solution: Repentance & Reception of Grace Through Faith

(9) We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and that regeneration requires repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Mark 1:15) "Repent and believe the Gospel" - 2 parts
Repentance is NOT A WORK WE DO!*

Repent: is to sorrow or be pained for our sin,
Sorry we violated God's holy law,
Sorry we dishonored His character and government
Sorry that we disgraced the person who loved us most
Not sorry for getting caught, or punished by circumstances.
Its a complete change of heart toward Our Sin & God
"This message doesn't apply to me, I am saved?"

What did you repent of? Sin? What Sins? All my Sins?

How did you feel about them?

Many times people don't feel like it was much of a sacrifice for God to forgive us, like it would be for the sins of others.

The Really BIG Sinners, the #10 sinners.

Do you realize how Holy God is? As We Grow in our understanding of God's Holiness, we start to see how sinful we are.

Do you Really understand how Sinful you are?

ITS AS IF God bankrupted Heaven to pay for our sin.

Illus: Bail Bonds, Kid gets into trouble, parents go bankrupt paying for his defense attorney.

(1 John 2:2) And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Propitiation ~ The Acceptable Payment that satisfies the account fully. ***Paid in Full!***

Repent (In sorrow, turn from our sin unto God & Believe the Gospel: (Rom 1:16)

(1 Cor 15:1-4) - The Death Burial and Resurrection of Jesus.

Repenting of our Sin & Believing the Gospel is about us having the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus ***as the object of our Faith, Hope, and Trust.***

When we realize what He endured this for Us, We call upon Him to save us. (Rom 10:9-10, 13)

How does this happen?

(Titus 3:5) Explain Mercy: not getting what we deserve.

Illus: The Cop and the Doughnut!

Yes, You deserve Hell. God doesn't give us that.

(Eph 2:8-9) Explain Grace: Getting what we Don't deserve.

(Rom 4:5) Belief, Not Works

It is a Work that God does to Us! (John 3:3) New Birth

Illus: Salvation is illustrated in Childbirth. God does all work

(1 John 5:1) at the point of Belief we are *Born of God.*

(Eph 2:1) *"And you hath He quickened"* (Made Alive)

Some belief Christ +Baptism, + Tongues, +Good works.

It's a Work God does to us through His Word:

(1 Cor 4:15) *"for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel"*

(1 Pet 1:23) *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."*

(John 1:12-13) *But as many as received him, (Our Part) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, (God's Part) even to them that believe on his name: (Our Part) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (God's Part)*

**It is though the Word of God we understand the Sacrifice
God made for your sin and mine.**

Are you Saved? Not Baptized, Church member,.

HOW did you get Saved?

The Bible does not teach salvation is something you earn!

Communion, Confirmation, Sacrament,

When did you get Saved? New Birth, like child birth.

When is your 2nd Birth-Day?

Illus: You are either Heaven Born or Hell Bound!

When did you realize your sin,
and in Sorrow, turn from your sin to God,
confessing your believe in Jesus Sacrificial death,
and Asked Him to forgive you of your sins, & Save you?

The Eternal Promise: Eternal Security

(10) We believe that a person saved by the Grace of God and born again has eternal salvation which can never be lost.

(John 3:36) *He that hath the son hath everlasting life...*

(John 5:24) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

(John 10:27-31) *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.*

(I Pet. 1:5) *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

(Jude 24) *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

(Eph. 4:30) *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Are you Saved? How? When?

Either God Can or Can't

Either God Has, or He Hasn't

Either you will agree with God here on earth, or face to face in Heaven. Which will it be?