

BACK TO THE BASICS

"Salvation"

Ephesians 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. Biblical Morals and Values are under attack.
 - a) But God's Word never changes!! Never.
2. *John 3:1-7*
3. *Ephesians 2:1-10*

I. THE NECESSITY OF SALVATION (This deals with our past)

A. WE WERE DEAD

1. Vs 1-3

- a) "**dead**" - is the absence of life.
 - 1) Paul is talking about spiritual death.

2. We are a trichotomy:

- a) **Body** - environment conscious
- b) **Soul** - Self conscious
- c) **Spirit** - God conscious

3. Because of sin, we were spiritually dead and unable to have fellowship with God.

4. *Ephesians 4:18*

- a) "**alienated from the life of God**"

5. *Psalm 51:5*

- a) "**brought forth**" - to be born
- b) "**iniquity**" - is sin

6. *Ephesians 2:1*

- a) "**and you were dead in trespasses and sins**"
 - 1) to trespass is to step over the line.

7. *Romans 3:23*

- a) "**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**"
 - 1) To fall short is to miss the mark of God's righteous standard.

B. WE WERE DECEIVED

1. Vs 2

a) ***"in which you once walked following the course of this world"***

- 1) That's living by the worlds values and beliefs.
- 2) A world dominated by Satan

b) ***"the prince of the power of the air"***

- 1) Satan can sure make sin look good...and normal.

2. Yet we know that God is sovereign and in charge, but has allowed Satan to be in charge for a time.

a) ***"following the prince of the power of the air"***

- 1) ***2 Corinthians 4:4***
- 2) ***Ephesians 6:12***
- 3) ***Revelation 12:9***

3. There is evil in the world, and we were part of that system before Salvation.

a) ***Jeremiah 17:9***

C. WE WERE DISOBEDIENT

1. Vs 2

a) ***"the sons of disobedience"***

2. ***Romans 3:19-20***

3. God's Moral Law is found in the 10 commandments.

4. There are only 2 families in this world:

- a) God's family
- b) And Satan's family

D. WE WERE DEFILED

1. Vs 3

a) ***"passions"*** - refers to unbridled desires

- 1) Unrestrained desires for self and not for the glory of God.

E. WE WERE DOOMED

1. Vs 3

a) ***"and were by nature children of wrath"***

2. ***Ephesians 1:9***

II. THE PROVISION OF SALVATION

A. HE IS RICH IN MERCY

1. Vs 4

a) *"But God"*

b) The reason I am on my way to heaven is because God is rich in Mercy.

1) Mercy is God NOT giving us what we deserve.

2. **Very Powerful** - God took the punishment we deserve and gave it to His Son.

a) We could never experience Salvation without God's Mercy.

1) *1 John 4:10*

2) *1 John 2:2*

3) *2 Corinthians 5:21*

4) *Isaiah 53:4-6*

B. HIS LOVE IS GREAT

1. Vs 4

a) *"because of the great love with which he loved us"*

2. God's love is the reason for our Salvation.

3. *John 3:16*

4. *Romans 5:8*

a) *"while we were yet sinners"*

5. *1 John 4:9-10*

C. HE IS RICH IN GRACE

1. Vs 5-8

2. Grace is God *GIVING* us what we don't deserve.

3. **GRACE** - God's Riches At Christ's Expense

4. *1 Timothy 1:12-15*

D. IT'S A FREE GIFT

1. Vs 8

a) *"it's the gift of God."*

2. The **ONLY** way to be saved is to receive the "Free Gift" of salvation offered by God.

a) You do nothing for a gift.

E. RECEIVED BY FAITH

1. Vs 8

a) "*Through faith*"

2. Vs 9

a) "*not the result of works*"

b) "*so that no one may boast.*"

3. Salvation is FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

III. THE BLESSINGS OF SALVATION

A. GOD GETS ETERNAL GLORY

1. Vs 7

a) "*so that in the coming ages*"

b) "*he might show the immeasurable riches of His Grace*"

2. One million years from now you will be a trophy of God's grace.

B. WE DO GOOD WORKS

1. Vs 10

a) "*workmanship*" - Gk - poiema = meaning a masterpiece.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT** - We are not saved **BY** good Works!! We are saved **FOR** Good Works.

a) *John 15:8*

b) *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

c) *Titus 2:14*

d) *James 2:20*

3. **WOW!!!** What does the world see in you?