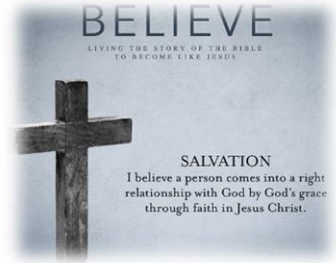


Key Belief: Salvation

Ephesians 2:1-10

Message Notes for October 3, 2021



Last week's: Key verse:

Psalm 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Week 3: Key verse:

Ephesians 2:8-9 – By grace you have been saved through faith and this not of yourselves it is a gift of God, not by works so no one can boast.

What are different ways people try to connect with God personally?

Ephesians 2:1-4 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Where do we stand with God apart from Christ?

1. Dead in _____.
2. Deserving of God's _____.

What hope does this leave someone about enjoying salvation?

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1. The _____ of salvation is _____!

...not by _____

- *Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

...it is a _____ of God.

- *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son...*

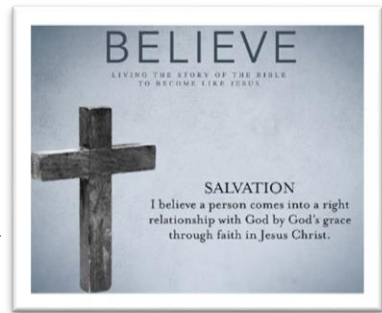
2. The _____ to salvation is _____.

- *3rd Article of the Apostles’ Creed “I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel...and kept me in the true faith.”*
- *Romans 10:17 “Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”*

3. The _____ of salvation is _____.

- *2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed: “He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessed ness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.”*
- *Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

REFLECTIONS:



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Do your own study this week: S.O.A.P.

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

Ephesians 2:8-9 – By grace you have been saved through faith and this not of yourselves it is a gift of God, not by works so no one can boast.

Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*