

Jesus Saves - Part 4

Jesus Saves Through Grace

Big Picture

Jesus saves us, but His salvation is not only about our rescue from sin and death. He transforms our lives and gives us a new identity as His ambassadors, so we can share His message of love and redemption with others.

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

Ephesians 2:1-3

Discussion

Not only are we saved through Christ, but we have something to live for! With a new identity, we walk through life as an example of what happens when someone is revived from spiritual death. There are three applications in Ephesians 2 that we can apply to our life as an ambassador for the Kingdom.

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3 - Remember where it started
What were the circumstances that led you to Jesus?

2. Read Ephesians 2:4 - Declare your confidence
When sharing the gospel, what areas do you need to declare confidence in? Are you shy about giving your testimony? Do you hesitate to invite people to church? How can you begin to walk more confidently in God’s strength?

3. Read 3 Ephesians 2:8-10 - Recognize your new identity
We are being transformed by Christ on a daily basis. Do you ever struggle with your “Christ identity” and seeing yourself as God sees you? When do you struggle with this the most? Do you ever believe what the enemy is telling you? If so, let this scripture speak to your heart and mind: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The **old** has gone, the **new** is here!” [2 Corinthians 5:17]

Next Step

When it comes to salvation, nothing is earned, only received and Jesus didn’t just save us, He has transformed us! He wants us to be His ambassadors of LIFE, to throw out the buoy of salvation to those drowning in sin and pull them onto the boat with us. We can do this, if we walk daily in HIS confidence and strength.

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Pray

Thank God for His salvation and His love and for you. Take a moment to remember where you were when He rescued you from a life of sin and death. Ask Him to give you confidence to boldly proclaim His salvation to others and to be an ambassador for His Kingdom.