



Reflecting on "Salvation is Something Amazing"

Dear ECC Family,

I hope this email finds you well and still reflecting on Sunday's powerful message.

**Summary:** Bishop Jackson's sermon, "Salvation is Something Amazing," delved deep into the nature and process of salvation. He explored how salvation flows through grace and faith, emphasizing that it is a gift from God, not something we can earn. The sermon highlighted the significance of Jesus' sacrifice, the role of baptism, and the importance of living faith. This message reminds us of the incredible gift we have received and challenges us to live out our faith actively.

**Takeaways:**

- Salvation comes through God's grace and our faith, not by our works. It is a gift that we cannot earn but must believe in and accept.
- The blood of Jesus is central to our salvation. It cleanses us from sin and gives us eternal redemption.
- Baptism is an important act of obedience and a public declaration of our faith, though it does not save us in itself. It is the "answer of a good conscience toward God."

As we move forward this week, let's remember the amazing gift of salvation we've received. Let's live out our faith actively, sharing this incredible message with those around us. Remember, Bishop Jackson encouraged us to share this sermon with friends and family who might be seeking to understand salvation.

May God's grace continue to work in and through us all.

In His service,  
ECC Communications

**Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the transcription:**

### **Day 1: The Amazing Gift of Salvation**

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Devotional: Today, we reflect on the incredible gift of salvation. As we read in Ephesians, we were once dead in our transgressions, but God, in His rich mercy and love, made us alive with Christ. This salvation is not something we could ever earn - it is purely a gift of God's grace. Take a moment to marvel at this truth. How does knowing that your salvation is a gift, not based on your own works, change your perspective on your relationship with God? Today, let your heart overflow with gratitude for this amazing gift. Consider ways you can live out your faith as a response to God's grace, not as an attempt to earn it.

### **Day 2: Faith that Transforms**

Reading: James 2:14-26

Devotional: James challenges us to examine the nature of our faith. He teaches that true faith is not merely intellectual belief, but a transformative force that compels us to action. Reflect on your own faith journey. How has your belief in Christ changed the way you live? Are there areas where your actions don't align with your professed faith? Today, ask God to strengthen your faith and show you practical ways to demonstrate it. Remember, our works don't save us, but they are evidence of the saving faith within us. Consider one tangible way you can put your faith into action today, whether through an act of service, forgiveness, or sharing God's love with someone.

### **Day 3: The Power of Christ's Blood**

Reading: 1 John 1:5-10, Hebrews 9:11-14

Devotional: Today we focus on the profound significance of Christ's blood in our salvation. The Old Testament sacrificial system pointed to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. His blood doesn't just cover our sins temporarily, but cleanses us completely. How does this truth impact your view of forgiveness and redemption? Take time to confess any sins you've been holding onto, knowing that Christ's blood is powerful enough to cleanse even the deepest

stains. Let this lead you to a renewed commitment to walk in the light, as He is in the light. Thank Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice that allows us to approach God with confidence.

#### **Day 4: Baptism - A Public Declaration of Faith**

Reading: Romans 6:1-11, Acts 2:37-41

Devotional: Baptism symbolizes our identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It's a powerful public declaration of our faith and a beautiful picture of the new life we have in Christ. If you've been baptized, reflect on that experience. How has your life changed since then? If you haven't been baptized, prayerfully consider taking this step of obedience. Regardless of where you are in your journey, meditate on what it means to be "dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." How can you live out this reality today? Ask God to help you continually "count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God."

#### **Day 5: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit**

Reading: Acts 1:4-8, Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional: Jesus promised His followers the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to be His witnesses. This same Spirit dwells in every believer today. Reflect on how you've experienced the Holy Spirit's presence and power in your life. Are there areas where you've been trying to live the Christian life in your own strength? Today, consciously yield to the Holy Spirit's guidance and power. Ask Him to produce His fruit in your life - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As you go about your day, practice being aware of the Holy Spirit's presence, seeking His wisdom and strength in every situation.