

## Undivided: Message Four

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[1 Corinthians 1:18–19](#) (NLT) “The message of the cross is foolish to those who are *headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know* it is the very power of God. <sup>19</sup> As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”

Jesus said that there are only TWO roads to be on in life...

- The road to destruction...
- The road to life everlasting in heaven...

[Matthew 7:13–14](#) (NLT) “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through *the narrow gate*. The *highway to hell* is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. <sup>14</sup> But the gateway to life is very narrow and *the road* is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

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#### **A closer look at the word “Destruction” and the words “Being Saved”...**

#### **FIRST: DESTRUCTION**

Greek = Destruction = *apollymenois*

- Means = To perish - To be lost - To be utterly destroyed

## SECOND: BEING SAVED

### THREE EXPERIENCES OF SALVATION FOR BELIEVERS:

#### FIRST: THE ONCE-FOR-ALL EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION

#### SECOND: THE CONTINUOUS EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION

### THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD IS WORKING IN OUR LIFE EVERY DAY TO...

1. Guide you and teach you and deliver you through all the trials and problems in this life...

[John 14:16–17](#) (NLT) “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”

2. Fill you with a heart full of love, joy, and peace...

[Galatians 5:22–23](#) (NLT) “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

3. Conform you more and more into the image of Christ...

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#) (NLT) “So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”

4. Be a powerful witness of our Lord to the world around us...

[Acts 1:8](#) (NLT) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

### **THIRD: THE REDEMPTIVE EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION**

[Romans 13:11](#) (NLT) “This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

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