

Genuine Salvation

(Ephesians 2:1-10)



Part 1 of 12

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Introduction

- "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'" (Matthew 7:22-23)
- "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." (1 Timothy 4:16)
- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3)

1. P_____ for salvation by God in eternity past (v. 1a)

- "Just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **He predestined** us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, . . . also we have obtained an inheritance, **having been predestined** according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will." (Ephesians 1:4-5,11)

God Ultimately Responsible	Man Ultimately Responsible
God's choice unconditional	God's choice dependent on man's choice.
God chose in eternity past	God's choice determined by present events
Fallen man cannot choose God	Fallen man can choose God
Faith is a gift of God	Faith is possible for all men
Justice is found in God's character	Justice is found in equal opportunity

- "You did not choose Me, but I chose you." (John 15:16)
- "Because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation." (2 Thessalonians 2:13)
- "For though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose according to His choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." (Romans 9:11-13)
- "No one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father." (John 6:65b)

2. The P_____ of Sin; Without Christ, You Were Dead (vv.1-3)

"Men apart from God are spiritual zombies. They are the walking dead, who do not know they are dead. They go through the motions of life, but they do not possess it." John MacArthur

Three Direct Facts About Sin:

- Who you are: "you were dead **in** your trespasses and sins"
- Acts violating God's laws: "you were dead in your **trespasses** and sins"
- Missing God's perfect design: "you were dead in your trespasses and **sins**"

Four Painful Outcomes of Sin:

- Going with the flow of the world (v. 2a)
"in which you formerly walked according to the course of this **world**"
- Following the lead of God's enemy (v. 2b)
"according to the **prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience."
- Enslaved to your own strong feelings and warped thinking (v. 3a)
"Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the **flesh** and of the **mind**,"
- Under God's judgment (v. 3b)
"and were by nature **children of wrath**, even as the rest"

Total depravity: unable to comprehend, believe or embrace spiritual truths

- "You did not choose Me, but I **chose you**." (John 15:16)
- "There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who **seeks** for God;" (Romans 3:10-11)
- "I came that they might have **life**, and might have it abundantly." (John 10:10b)
- "No one can come to Me, **unless** the Father who sent Me **draws** him; and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:44)
- "Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally **drag** you into court?" (James 2:6b)
- "They seized Paul and Silas and **dragged** them into the market place before the authorities." (Acts 16:19)

3. God's P_____; Through Christ, You Were Made Alive (vv. 4-6)

4. God's P_____; In Christ, You Have a Great Future (vv. 7-10)

i. For His Glory and Our Good (v. 7)

"The purpose for which God saved us was not primarily to keep us out of Hell, we were saved primarily so that God could shower His grace and kindness on us." John MacArthur

ii. For Our Dependence, Not Our Doing (vv. 8-9)

- "Peter ... to those who **have received a faith** of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus." (2 Peter 1:1)
- "For to you it has been **granted** for Christ's sake, not only **to believe in Him**, but also to suffer for His sake." (Philippians 1:29)
- "Who are you, O man who answers back to God. The thing molded will not say to the molder. Why did you make me like this will it?" (Romans 9:20)

- iii. As His Masterpiece, To Accomplish His Pre-Selected Tasks (v. 10)
- "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." (John 15:8)

Application

1. When training, proclaim the _____ gospel
 - "And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:48)
 - "Lydia, ... the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul." (Acts 16:14)

2. When training, expect a heart to _____ Christ
 - "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (John 10:27)

3. When training, _____ out what Christ has already put in

4. When training, both trainee and trainer need _____

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