

## SAVED by GRACE and SECURE ~ Ephesians 2:8-10

→Scripture Reading Eph. 2:8-10, John 5:24, John 10:27-30

### INTRODUCTION

We are all BORN with a Sin NATURE - we quickly learn to Sin by CHOICE

**Romans 6:23** (NIV) For the WAGES of sin is DEATH...

...but the GIFT of God is eternal life **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2 Samuel 12:13-14. 22-23** (HCS) David responded to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Then Nathan replied to David, "The LORD has taken away your sin; you will not die. [14] However, because you treated the LORD with such contempt in this matter, the son born to you will die."

[22] ...While the baby was alive, I fasted and wept because I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let him live.' [23] But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I'll GO TO him, but he will never return to me.

### Saved BY Grace THROUGH Faith ~ Ephesians 2:8-9

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**John 3:16-18** (NIV) For God so loved the world that He GAVE his one and only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him shall not perish but HAVE eternal life. [17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE the world through Him. [18] Whoever BELIEVES in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not BELIEVE stands CONDEMNED already because he has NOT BELIEVED in the name of God's one and only Son.

**To BELIEVE** is more than intellectual agreement that Jesus died for us. It means to put our TRUST and CONFIDENCE in HIM that ONLY He can SAVE us. LASB

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For it is **BY Grace** you have been SAVED, **THROUGH Faith** - and this not from yourselves, it is the GIFT of God - NOT by works, SO THAT no one can boast.

[8] God SAVED you BY His GRACE - WHEN you BELIEVED. And you can't take credit for this; it is a GIFT from God. [9] Salvation is NOT a REWARD for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. (NLT)

Saved **BY GRACE** alone -**THROUGH FAITH** alone

**John 3:14-15** (NIV) Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be LIFTED UP, [15] that everyone who BELIEVES in him may have eternal life.

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#### How can we be SAVED?

- ACCEPT the Fact you deserve to DIE
- RECOGNIZE that Jesus DIED in Your Place
- BELIEVE Jesus Died for you

### IMPLICATIONS

→Salvation is God's GIFT to ALL who will Receive it

→Salvation came at a HEAVY PRICE

**Isaiah 53:5** (NIV) But **He was pierced** for OUR transgressions, **He was crushed** for OUR iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

## Safe and SECURE ~ John 10:27-30

**John 10:27-29**(NIV) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can SNATCH them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; NO ONE can snatch them out of my Father's hand. [30] I and the Father are ONE

**John 5:24** (NIV) I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and BELIEVES HIM who sent ME HAS eternal life and will NOT be condemned; he has crossed over from DEATH to LIFE.

**Philippians 1:6** (ESV) And I am sure of this, that HE who BEGAN a GOOD work in you WILL BRING IT to COMPLETION at the day of Jesus Christ.

**CONDITIONAL** Promise - IF you BELIEVE in Jesus Christ then you WILL BE saved

**UNCONDITIONAL** Promise - God who STARTED this work in you **WILL FINISH IT**

**When we BELIEVE we...** GotQuestions.org

- are a NEW CREATION - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- are REDEEMED - 1 Peter 1:18-19
- are JUSTIFIED - Romans 5:1
- are ADOPTED - Galatians 4:4
- HAVE Eternal LIFE - John 3:16
- are MARKED by God and SEALED by the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:13
- cross Over from DEATH to LIFE - John 5:24

For a Christian to REJECT or LOSE his Salvation, God would have to erase His mark, withdraw the Holy Spirit, cancel the Deposit, break His Promises, revoke the Guarantee, keep the Inheritance, un-adopt us, un-redeem us, take away His GIFT of salvation, declare us Guilty once more, take us from LIFE to DEATH. GotQuestions.org

## IMPLICATIONS

→ God Keeps His PROMISES

**Malachi 3:6** (NET) "Since, I, the LORD, DO NOT go back on my promises, you, sons of Jacob, have not perished.

→ The Security of my Salvation is BASED on God's PROMISES - Not my FEELINGS

## TAKE AWAY??

**Romans 8:28-39** (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. [29] For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

[31] What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

[33] Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who JUSTIFIES. [34] Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also INTERCEDING for us.

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? [36] As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

[37] NO, in ALL these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.