

# God's Work of Salvation (Ephesians 2:1-10)

Intro: We live in a "you must do this" kind of time,  
and my heart breaks for the weight and burden this puts on people.

At the core of the Christian life...

It is ultimately not about what we have done,  
*but* about what God has done for us.

- 1) What God is like, (v. 4)  
For is our focus, being rich in mercy because of His great love.
  
- 2) What we are like, (v. 1-3, 5)  
For we are spiritually dead, following the way of the world and Satan, with all that is inside us, like the rest of humanity.
  
- 3) What God has done, (v. 5-6)  
For He has made us alive, raised us up, and seated us with Him.
  
- 4) What is the result, (v. 7-10)  
For He is glorified, we are saved by grace through faith, and prepared for good works.

Closing thoughts...

John 3 – Nicodemus vs. John 4 – Samaritan Woman

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What must I "do" to be saved? (Note the impossible statements Jesus gives from Mk 10:17, Matt 19:16, and Lk 10:25)
- 2) If I am already a Christian, why do I need to be regularly reminded of the Gospel?
- 3) Is 'faith' the trust I chose to put in Christ's work on the cross so that I can be saved OR is 'faith' a result of God saving my life and thus a gift from Him & not myself?
- 4) How am I humbled by the human condition described in Eph 2:1-3? How are these verses eye-opening with how they are described?
- 5) How am I filled with joy knowing about what God has done for me? How is this joy heightened by what I know about myself?
- 6) How am I being called to glorify God in my life? How should this be a delight and not a drudgery?
- 7) Do I see myself more like Nicodemus (thinking I should already be qualified for salvation) or like the Samaritan woman (thinking I am nowhere near qualified for salvation)?