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“Growing Together in God’s Word”



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This week’s featured study

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Ephesians 2:8–9 (KJV)

**“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of
God:**

Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome once again to The Favored 1 Magazine, where we continue Growing Together in God's Word. Over the past several weeks, we have been taking steps in our journey of faith. We have learned to trust God, live like Christ, stand firm in our faith, walk in the Spirit, walk with Jesus, grow through prayer, trust God in the waiting, and remain faithful when our faith is tested. This week, we're going back to the foundation. Before we can fully understand what it means to grow in Christ, we must understand what it means to be saved through Christ. Salvation is a word we hear often in Christian conversations, but what does it really mean?

Why do we need to be saved?

What is repentance?

What does it mean to believe in Jesus Christ?

What does God require of us?

And what does Scripture mean when it says that a person becomes a new creature?

These are important questions, and God's Word gives us answers. This week's study isn't about what someone else says salvation means. We're going to open the Scriptures and allow God's Word to guide us. My prayer is that whether you have followed Christ for many years, are returning to Him, or are simply seeking to understand what salvation means, this study will encourage you to look deeper into God's Word and draw closer to Jesus Christ. May the Lord richly bless you as we continue...

Growing Together in God's Word.

In Christ,

Johan

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♥ From My Heart

Over the years, I have heard the word salvation many times. But the older I get and the more I study God's Word, the more I realize just how important it is to understand what salvation truly means. Salvation isn't simply something we say we have. It is God's gift to us through Jesus Christ and receiving that gift changes the direction of our lives. I've learned that coming to Christ requires more than simply knowing who Jesus is. It requires us to recognize our need for Him, turn from our old ways, trust Him, and allow Him to lead our lives. The more I understand God's grace, the more grateful I become for what Jesus has done for me. I don't want to take salvation for granted. I want my life to reflect the One who saved me. Becoming a New Creature is an important part of what salvation begins in our lives. We are to turn from who we were, for salvation to truly shine in our lives, that's what Jesus came to do. To save us and turn to Him and leave the old us behind so we may have eternal life with Him. It's not easy and we can and will still SIN but we must repent in order that those sins to be forgiven as well as the prior life we lived before Him.

📖 Weekly Bible Study

Understanding Salvation

Introduction

Every person eventually has to answer an important question:

What am I going to do about Jesus Christ? The Bible tells us that every person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Our sin creates a separation between us and God, and we cannot fix that separation through our own goodness. But God did not leave humanity without hope. He provided a

way of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Salvation is God's gracious work of rescuing us from sin and bringing us into a restored relationship with Him. But salvation isn't simply about escaping punishment. It is about being reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and beginning a new life with Him. This week, we're going to examine four foundational truths about salvation.

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:23–24, Romans 6:23, and Ephesians 2:8–9, They establish three things we need to understand:

Our problem — sin

God's provision — Jesus Christ

God's gift — salvation by grace through faith

Four Study Points

1. We Need Salvation Because We Have All Sinned. The Bible doesn't divide humanity into “good people” and “bad people.” It tells us that all have sinned.

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

We cannot save ourselves by comparing ourselves to someone else.

Our standard isn't another person.

Our standard is God's righteousness.

Thought: Before we can appreciate salvation, we must first recognize our need for a Savior.

2. Repentance Means Turning Toward God. Repentance deserves its own place in this study. Repentance isn't simply feeling bad about something we've done. It involves turning away from sin and turning toward God.

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...”

God doesn't call us to remain trapped in our old ways.

He calls us to turn to Him.

Thought: Repentance isn't running away from God because of our sin. It is turning toward God and allowing Him to change us.

3. Salvation Is Through Jesus Christ. We cannot earn salvation through good works. We cannot purchase it. We cannot become good enough to deserve it. Salvation is God's gift, made possible through Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

And:

Ephesians 2:8–9 (KJV)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith...”

Our hope is not in ourselves.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ.

Thought: Salvation isn't something we accomplish. It is something God provides through Jesus Christ.

4. Salvation Begins a New Life - This is where I think Issue 9 can really connect with all the issues we've already written. Coming to Christ isn't simply adding Christianity to our existing life. Something begins to change.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Being a new creature doesn't mean that we suddenly become perfect. It means that Christ begins a new work in us. Our desires begin to change. Our priorities begin to change. Our relationship with sin begins to change. Our desire to know God's Word begins to grow. And we begin learning what it means to follow Jesus.

Thought: Salvation changes more than where we're going—it begins changing who we are.

Reflection Questions

- **Do I truly understand why I need salvation?**
 - **What does repentance mean in my own life?**
 - **Am I trusting in Jesus Christ or relying on my own goodness?**
 - **What does God's grace mean to me personally?**
 - **What areas of my life need to change as I follow Christ?**
 - **Can others see evidence of Christ changing my life?**
 - **What does being a “new creature” mean to me?**
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This Week's Challenge

The Salvation Reflection Challenge

Set aside some quiet time this week to read:

Romans 3:23–24

Romans 6:23

Acts 3:19

Acts 4:12

Ephesians 2:8–9

2 Corinthians 5:17

Then ask yourself:

“What has Jesus Christ saved me from, and what is He calling me to become?”

Spend time in prayer.

Thank God for His grace.

Thank Him for sending Jesus.

Ask Him to reveal anything in your life that needs to be surrendered to Him.

And if you have never truly placed your faith in Jesus Christ, don't simply read these Scriptures and move on. Stop and consider what God is calling you to do.

Closing Encouragement

Salvation is not something we should take lightly.

We need it because we have all sinned.

We cannot earn it because our righteousness is not enough.

God provided it because He loves us.

Jesus made it possible through His sacrifice.

And when we come to Him in faith and repentance, He begins a new work in us.

The Christian life doesn't end at salvation.

That's where the journey begins.

From there we learn to pray.

We learn to trust.

We learn to obey.

We learn to walk with Christ.

We learn to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

We learn to become more like Jesus.

And when we stumble, we get back up and continue walking with Him.

You don't have to be perfect to come to Christ.

You need to come to Him.

He is the Savior.

Closing Scripture

John 14:6 (KJV)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

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