

Third Study – Part 1 Salvation Through Christ

Review question: *What did you learn from the last study and your journal?
Do you have any questions?*

Reminder: 1Jn. 4:9-10 God sent his Son into the world and to the cross so that we might live through him. He was the sacrifice for our sins.

To really understand the depths of God's love, we must first understand the depth of man's problem.

A. Sin is Our Problem

Isaiah 59:1-2 Sin separates us from God

Romans 3:23-24 ALL have sinned / ALL separated from God / ALL guilty!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 Sins of the heart. How we think.

Galatians 5:19-21 Sins of commission. What we do.

James 4:17 Sins of omission. Failure to do what we should do.

These sins will destroy your relationship with God. What gives you the greatest struggle?

Romans 6:23 Sin = Death, Christ= eternal life.

1Peter 2:9-10 Sin puts us in the darkness. God has a plan to bring us into the light.

B. God's Grace is Our Solution

Ephesians 2:1-10 Grace is the only way to get there. By grace we are saved. We are dead in sin but made alive in Christ. Grace is a gift, unearned and undeserved. Our good works should be a natural *response* to God's love for us.

Titus 2:11-14 Grace teaches us to say NO to sin and

YES to righteousness! Grace is the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us.

Romans 5:6-8 When did Christ die for us? Why did he do it? (When we were powerless to give us a chance)

Ephesians 1:7-8 Redemption (forgiveness) through His blood.

All because of grace he lavished on us.

The best way to understand grace is to understand the cross.

Matthew 27:26-31 The Physical Pain of Jesus. (Look at what he went through!)

Matthew 27:32-44 The Emotional Pain of Jesus. (Insults, deserted, humiliated)

Matthew 27:45-54 The Spiritual Pain of Jesus. God turned his back on Jesus. Why?

John 21:15-17 After the crucifixion, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you truly love me?"

What is *your* response to the question?

Our next study will focus on the response to the offer of grace.

Assignment: Read Isaiah 53, If possible, watch "The Passion of Christ" or read the Medical Account of the crucifixion.

Pray that God will open your heart to the cross and to his grace.

