

Forth Study – Part 1 Salvation Through Christ

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

Where do you see yourself spiritually right now? Christian or not? Lost or saved?
What is your spiritual time line? (draw a time line) When were you saved?

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 depth 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.

1 Peter 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.

We now see how our sin separates us from God and that the only way for that sin to be forgiven is through the grace of God demonstrated by the cross.

The message of the cross deserves a response.

- **Acts 2:22-24** All of our sins put Jesus on the cross. We must take personal responsibility for the crucifixion. What is the righteous response to the cross?
- **Acts 2:36-41** "cut to the heart." *Taking* responsibility.
"what shall we do?" eagerness to respond to God's call

In our next study we will take a look at both of these!

