SALVATION: "THE GIFT OF GOD" Ephesians 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

A. Salvation is **BY** Grace, **THROUGH** Faith, **IN** Christ Jesus.

o "8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph 2:8-9).

In this message, we will study Salvation based on four conditions:

- I. THE CONDITION OF THE PAST (vv. 1-3)
 - A. Dead in Trespasses and Sins (v. 1b)
 - **B.** Spiritually Dead (1 John 5:12; John 6:53)
 - C. The Unbeliever Walks According to the Course of this World (v. 2a; Gal 5:19-21)
 - D. The Unbeliever Walks under the Power of Satan (v. 2b)
 - E. Before Salvation, the Believer Lived a Life of Disobedience (vv. 2c, 3,)

II. THE CONDITION OF THE PRESENT (vv. 4-5)

- A. "And You Hath He Quickened" (v. 1a)
- **B.** Sinners are Saved (made alive) by the Grace of God (v. 5, 1 Tim 1:12-17)
- C. The Great Love of God (v. 4; John 3:16; Rom 5:8)
- D. MADE ALIVE

III. THE CONDITION IS PROMISED (vv. 6-7)

- A. The Result of Salvation is to be Raised Up With Christ and to be Seated with Him in Heavenly Places (v. 6; Rom 4:3; Gal 3:6).
- B. Christians have been raised with Christ and are urged to "seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God." (Col 3:1-2)
- C. Christians have been rescued from Spiritual Death and given Spiritual Life in order to be in Christ and to be with Him in the Heavenly places which is the supernatural place where God lives.
- **D.** God is going to show Believers the riches of His Grace, which was demonstrated in Christ throughout all the ages to come for Eternity (Eph 1:7; 1 Tim 1:14).

IV. THE CONDITION OF THAT PROMISE (vv. 8-10)

- A. It is God's Grace that Saves us and not we ourselves. We cannot save ourselves.
- B. Grace is the Favor and Kindness of God it is undeserved, unmerited and unearned.
- C. God's Grace is available to All. God's Grace is a gift which a person can refuse just as we can refuse gifts from others (Rom 5:6, 8, 10).
- D. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (v. 10; John 3:3; 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:24)
- E. We are created to do Good Works. God Saves us <u>For</u> Good Works <u>Not By</u> good works (v. 10).

CONCLUSION:

- A. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN
- B. Salvation is a Free Gift that is available to all mankind (Rom 5:15; 6:23; Eph 2:8-9)
- C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"...the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).