

Series: Bible Doctrine

“The Doctrine of Salvation – Part 2”

(Sunday Morning April 7th, 2019)

Passage: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gal 1:8 “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!”

Acts 15:10-11 “10 Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”

The Protestant Reformers called this “S _____ F _____” meaning “Faith Alone,” and that was shorthand for “Faith in Christ alone results in salvation.”

I. We Have Been Saved F _____ Sin

1) We Were D _____

1 Cor 2:14 “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised”

2) We Were D _____

1 John 5:19 “...the whole world lies in the power of the evil one”

3) We Were D _____

Rom 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Matt 5:48 “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

4) We Were D _____

Rom 7:18 “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; ...”

5) We Were D _____

Ps 51:5 “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me”

II. We Have Been Saved b _____ Grace

1) God’s M _____

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”

1 John 2:2 “and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world”

Eze 33:11 “...’As I live!’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live...’”

1 Tim 2:4 “... (God) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”

A strict Calvinist cannot walk up to a person and say “Jesus died _____ for you _____;” instead, he has to say, “If you are one of the elect, Jesus died for you.”

John 4:41-42 “41 Many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD’”

2) God’s Mercy _____

The word “mercy” represents God not _____ giving _____ to us what we deserved.

Ps 103:10 “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.”

Ps 130:3 “If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?”

3) God’s Method _____

God’s method, of course, is grace, and grace is different from mercy in that grace represents God giving _____ to us what we did not deserve.

2 Cor 5:21 “He (Meaning God the Father) made Him (Meaning God the Son - Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (Emphasis Added)

III. We Have Been Saved Through _____ Faith

1) Salvation is Received _____ as a Gift _____

Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the FREE GIFT of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”

Rom 11:6 “But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace”

Acts 16:31 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,…”

John 6:47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life”

This whole idea of “Sola Fide” or “Faith Alone” was a major point of contention between Catholics _____ and Protestants _____ during the Protestant Reformation.

2) Salvation Will Result _____ His Gift _____

Rom 9:23 “And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy,…”

IV. We Have Been Saved from _____ Good Works

1) God’s Purpose _____ for Us

Phil 2:13 “for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure”

The Protestant Reformers used to say it like this; the Protestant Reformers used to say, “It is from _____ a _____ that saves, but the _____ that saves is never a _____.”

2) God’s Purpose _____ to Us

Rom 8:30 “and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified”

James 2:19 “You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.”