

God's _____ by _____

WHY God saves us . . .

God's salvation is rooted in God's _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

WHAT God does when He saves us . . .

1. He makes us _____ with Christ.

2. He exalts us to _____ in Christ.

3. He will _____ us forever in Christ.

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Saved by God

Ephesians 2:1-7

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Ephesians 2 reminds us that our condition apart from God is way worse than we imagine, but also that God's salvation is way better than we ever dared hope.

Our _____ by _____

1. _____

- Trespasses: We've jumped God's _____. We've crossed God's _____.
- Sins: We've missed God's _____. We've fallen short of God's _____.

2. _____

- The _____
- The _____
- Our Selfish _____ and _____

3. _____

"by nature children of wrath" = _____ deserving God's _____

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NEXT WEEK
Saved by Grace for Good Works
Ephesians 2:8-10



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Ephesians 2:1-7

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Growth Group Interaction Guide

Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

Growth Group time is family time! This week, reflect on and share one thing for which you are thankful.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Here at Grace Central Coast we try not to ask, "How did you like the message?" but rather, "How did you come under God's Word in the message?" What was thing you learned or thought about or felt through the message this week?
2. What is "scientific materialism?" Does scientific materialism, the dominant worldview in the West today, acknowledge the brokenness and evil of our world? If it does, how does scientific materialism explain that brokenness/evil?
3. When you go to the doctor, do you want him to tell you how it is or tell you what you want to hear? How does Paul tell us "how it really is" in Ephesians 2:1-3? Why is this so hard to hear and swallow?

4. There's a strong pivot point in Ephesians 2:1-7 Where is it? What does it communicate? Why is God's salvation even beyond our wildest hopes? Can we even begin to fathom what it means "that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus?"

5. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** Part of the spiritual battle we constantly face is the struggle to believe what God says in His Word. How does gathering as a Growth Group help? What are practical ways your group can link arms to support and uphold one another in the struggle to believe?

6. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** God is rich in mercy, love, grace and kindness toward dead, captive and condemned sinners! As He acted to save, so He calls us, whom He has saved, to share the Good News of salvation with others. How can your group creatively leverage the holiday season to do that? (God's Storehouse Thanksgiving Bags, Christmas Choir Concert on December 7, throw a holiday party and invite some neighbors, go caroling, make and give away cookies, or . . . ?)

Praying Together

- Give thanks and praise for the tremendous truths taught in Ephesians 2:1-7.
- Pray by name for the salvation of "not-yet-Christians" in your circles of influence and for opportunities to share your faith.
- Pray for group needs.