

Salvation

purpose: To show that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, to the glory of God alone and to give the hearer of this study the opportunity to accept that salvation.

Problem

- Genesis 1:31
 - Everything was good in the beginning.

- Genesis 3:8
 - Contrast with Genesis 1:31
 - Saddest verse in Scripture- the fall of man
 - Fleeing in shame from God, they hid themselves
 - Guilt, shame, condemnation, disloyalty
 - **Transition:** Was this just an isolated event that took place thousands of years ago?

- Romans 5:18a,19a
 - No, it was not an isolated event.
 - One man's offense opened the floodgates of sin on all humanity.
 - Principle of representation: Adam was our representative on earth ("Adam" means mankind). Use the illustration of the Olympics. Flag is lowered and national anthem is sung of the country of the winner. When Phelps wins, America wins by extension. If Phelps loses, we lose.

- Romans 3:23
 - For all have sinned and [continue to] come short of the glory of God.

- Romans 6:23
 - Consequence of sin is death!
 - **Transition:** Why? Isn't God being overbearing?

- John 1:1-4a
 - In him was life
 - God is the source of life, the life-giver.
 - Appliance/outlet illustration.

- Isaiah 59:1,2
 - Sin separates.
 - Who is causing the separation? Us! (Use illustration of pushing yourself away from a wall.) God is the seeker.

- Close part one: Man is facing 2 problems: sin and death. Man has a two-tiered problem, God has a two-tiered solution.

Solution

- John 3:16,17
 - Which part of the sin problem is solved by verse 16? Death.
 - How does He solve the sin problem? By not condemning us.
 - **Transition:** How can He proclaim us uncondemned?
- Matthew 20:28
 - Jesus gave his life a ransom for man.
 - Ransom means "price". He paid the price for man's life.
- 1 Peter 1:18,19
 - The price paid for our sin is the precious blood of Jesus.
 - Blood represents 1) life and 2) death.
 - Creator giving His life for the created.
- Romans 5:10
 - According to this verse by what reconciles us to God? His death.
 - According to this verse, how are we saved? By His life.
 - Illustration: \$1,000,000,000's club. If you were \$1 billion in debt, a gift of \$1 billion wouldn't let you into the club, but would only take you out of debt. Now you need another \$1 billion. Jesus death was the \$1 billion that paid the debt. His life is the \$1 billion that gets us into the club.
 - Jesus died the death that I deserved, thus paying my penalty. Jesus lived a life that I have not lived, thus recommending me to God and saving me.
- Ephesians 2:8-10
 - Acc to v 8 *what are we saved through?* Saved by grace.
 - *Can I earn it?* No, it is accepted by faith.
 - **Ask:** Will you choose now to receive this gift?
 - **Transition:** How do I receive it?
- 1 John 1:9
 - Confess our sins- confess that we need the gift.
- Acts 2:36-39
 - Repent (to turn to God)
 - Is it easier to turn away from sin *or to turn to God?*
- John 1:12; 6:37 (**after prayer**)

* Note: Don't do the appeal before making sure that the study was clear. Make sure they know what they're accepting.

Appeal: Do you want to accept this gift of salvation? Will you do that right now? You can accept it in a SNAP.

- S- sinner
- N- need
- A- accept
- P- power