



#3 New Life

“Saved” = Greek = σώζω “To rescue from danger of destruction”

Question #1: What Are We Saved From?

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, Ephesians 2:1-2

Sin = Greek = ἁμαρτία = To miss the mark

Trespasses = Greek= παράπτωμα = To Slip or Fall

“Sin Is The Failure To Be What We Ought To Be And Could Be As Human Beings.”

- Sin Kills RELATIONSHIPS
- Sin Kills INNOCENCE
- Sin Kills IDEALS
- Sin Kills The WILL

Agents That Enslave Us

1. The World

following the course of this world, [vs2]

2. The Devil

following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience [vs2]

3. The FLESH

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [vs3]

- The Human Heart Is Profoundly SELF-CENTERED

“Homo incurvatus in se”

“Our nature is so deeply curved in on itself, that it wickedly, curvedly and viciously seeks to use all things, even God, for it’s own sake.” ~Martin Luther~

Question #2: What Are We Saved Too?

- A Life Filled With GRATITUDE

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8

“Salvation Is A Gift From God.”

- A Life Filled With Meaning & PURPOSE

For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2: 10

Question #3. What Are We Saved Through?

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:4-6

“*The Essence Of Sin Is Us Substituting Ourselves For God. The Essence Of Salvation Is God Substituting Himself For Us*” ~John Stott~

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

- Are there words or phrases that you have heard at church or from other Christians but are unsure what they really mean? Describe a few.
- What comes to mind when you hear the word “saved”?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

- How does Paul answer the question; “What Are we saved from? [vs 1-3]
- What three agents does Paul we are following or being mastered by?
- Which one of these three do you feel is most evident in your life?
- How doe Paul answer the question; “What are we saved to? [vs.8-10]
- Have you ever found yourself boasting in things other than Jesus?
- How does it feel to know that you are God’s “masterpiece”?
- Discuss the quote from John Stott: “*The essence of sin is us substituting ourselves for God. The essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for us.*”

Read Romans 5:6-11

- In what ways does this passage echo the message of Ephesians 2:1-10?
- Pray Ephesians 1:15-23 over each other.
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Source:

Timothy Keller “Ephesians - Who is the Church?” <https://gospelinlife.com/>
William Barclay “Daily Study Bible”

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