

Foundations – Week 3

Last week, we looked at who Jesus is, in that, according to John 14:6, He is “The way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father *except* through Christ.” Going farther in this reality regarding Christ as the *only* way to the Father, we must also take into account what Acts 4:12 says, in that, “there is *salvation* is no one else, for there is no other name under heaven *given* among men *by which we must be saved*.”

To understand *salvation*, we must first understand *the problem*, and the *problem* is: sin, and as Romans 3:23 clearly says, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”, and further, in Romans 6:23 that says, “For the wages of *sin* is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life *in* Christ Jesus our Lord.” Sin isn’t merely breaking a list of rules; *sin* is humanity’s rebellion against God. The good news however; is God’s grace, in that God did not leave us in our sin. Jesus *acted* by dying on the cross in our place, as Isaiah 53:5 says, “But He was *pierced* for our transgressions; He was *crushed* for our iniquities.”

What is Salvation?

- We are saved from sin by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Scriptures: Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 5:6-11; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Ice-Breaker Question: If someone asked, “What does it mean to be a Christian?” how would you answer?

3 Foundational Truths: 1) *Salvation is a Gift* 2) *Salvation is not Earned* 3) *Only Jesus Saves*

Discussion Questions

- 1) What is sin?
- 2) Why can’t good works save us?
- 3) What does grace mean?
- 4) What’s the difference between believing facts about Jesus and trusting Jesus?
- 5) What does repentance look like in everyday life?
- 6) How would you explain the gospel to a friend in two minutes?

Practice this week:

Share the Gospel by using this simple framework:

God – God created us and loves us.

Sin – We have rebelled against God.

Jesus – Jesus died and rose again to make forgiveness possible.

Faith – We respond by repenting and trusting Jesus.

Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9