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Reading: Ephesians ch 2 v 1-10

The theme of this passage is Salvation. There are four main points:

- 1 - v1-3 Salvation is required
- 2 - v4-7 Salvation being revealed
- 3 - v8-9 Salvation being received
- 4 - v10 Salvation's results

Salvation Required

Paul describes them as being “dead in trespasses and sins”. This is one reason why salvation is required. This is not the idea of physical death but of spiritual death due to sin in our lives. An example in the bible of someone being physically alive but spiritually dead is the story of the prodigal son. He was lost then found and was spiritually dead then alive again (Luke 15).

“The hour is coming and now is when dead shall hear the voice of Son of God and they that hear shall live” (John 5)

Not speaking of the future but the present when the spiritually dead shall hear the Son of God.

This could happen tonight someone who is spiritually dead can hear the Son of God through the scriptures and be made alive.

“times past walking according to the course of this world”. They were on the wrong course. It was leading away from God.

“according to the prince of the power of the air”. This is a description of Satan. “the prince of this world cometh” (John 14).

“God of this world blinded the minds of them that believe not”

After Calvary Satan was referred to as the God of this world. The people were acknowledging their allegiance to him having turned their back on God. They were under the wrong control and being dominated by the evil one.

“children of disobedience”. They had the wrong conduct. They were being disobedient to Gods demands, law and gospel. The bible speaks of obeying the truth and obeying the gospel.

“What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?”

“Taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel”

Salvation Revealed

Salvation has been revealed by heaven - Revealed by God.

Gods love, grace and mercy allowed Salvation to be revealed.

Paul speaks of the greatness of Gods love.

Great in love.

Plenteous in grace - God offers to us His kindness

Rich in mercy - Gods ability to hold back His wrath

How many of us are recipients of Gods love?

Can we be sure of Gods love?

Creation sometimes doesn't display the love of God. Personal circumstances don't display the love of God. His love is demonstrated at Calvary in the sending of His son to bear our sin.

Salvation Received

“for by grace are ye saved through faith”

How is Salvation offered?

As a gift. We can't work our way into Salvation. A gift which is unmerited, undeserved and extended by grace.

“The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life”

God offers Salvation freely now.

Stretch out the empty hand of faith and receive Salvation.

We cannot do anything to get it.

Some don't have the assurance of Salvation.

Gods promise is true (Romans 4)

What is excluded?

“not of works lest any man should boast”

“no flesh shall glory in His presence”

No one will be able to sing their own praise in heaven.

By undeserved kindness are ye saved.

Salvation Results

“we are His workmanship”

v2 - was time past

V10 - was the present

There walk in the present was different. They were on the right course. On Gods chosen path for them .

Recreated in Christ Jesus. They were now under the right control. They had a new master in their lives. We can't serve two masters. Walking as God has ordained for them controlled by the Lord Jesus.

Good works - Don't feature in our Salvation but we are saved unto good works. Doing the right conduct.

Life is changed with Salvation.

Salvation leads to good works they are the outcome of Salvation.