

“Our Great Salvation” (Part 1)  
2 Tim 1:8-9 & Eph 1:3-5

Our Salvation comes: **From** the Father (1 John 4:14, Jam 1:17) **Through** the Son (Titus 3:4-6, John 10:9, Acts 4:12, John 14:6) and **By** the Spirit (Rom 8:11, Titus 3:5).

2 Tim 1:8-9 - God's **Purpose** and **Grace**

The plan of Salvation (along with everything God does) is *purposeful and intentional* (2 Tim 1:8-9, Eph 1:11). Nothing that God has purposed to do can be thwarted (Job 42:2, Isa 14:27).

- Our Salvation is no exception. The Lord will complete the work He started in us - Phil 1:6

The desire for God to save us comes forth out of His love and grace towards us. Grace is a **gift!** Otherwise it would not be grace! - Eph 2:4-9

The Father is: The God of all grace - 1 Pet 5:10

The Son: exhibits grace through Himself - John 1:17

The Holy Spirit is: The Spirit of grace - Heb 10:29

Eph 1:3-5 - God's choosing (**Election**)

We do not seek after God ourselves (Rom 3:10) If God didn't choose us, no one would be saved. We are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God. (1 Pet 1:2). To be foreknown means to be fore-loved. (Gal 4:9, Matt 7:21-23, Ps 1:6).

- Election in scripture never separates God's sovereignty from man's responsibility. (Eph 2:1, 3, 10)
- Understanding the doctrine of Election properly should keep us humble. We did nothing to deserve the grace we have been shown.

The Christian had to make a decision at one point to accept the gospel. You were not saved from the moment you were born (Eph 2:1-3) God has **called** you. He providentially weaves together the offering of the gospel, along with your circumstances and experiences, to bring you to a place where you make a *real* decision to repent of your sins and submit to Christ. (1 Thes 1:5, 5:23-24, 2 Pet 1:10)

**Faith**

“Faith is the unlimited willingness to let God do all the saving.” The object of our faith is **Christ**, and it is also shown in scripture to be a **gift** (Eph 2:8-9, 2 Pet 1:1, Phil 1:29)

It is not enough to intellectually assent, we need both intellect and emotion, the head and the heart. - **Rom 10:9-10**

This faith is impossible to have without the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor 12:3

Faith is sustained in us by the power of God - 1 Cor 2:4-5

This eliminates any boasting we would have in our salvation. (Rom 3:27)

**Announcements:**

+ **DONATIONS:** *THIS* Sunday is the last day that we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vicki Bobb, they are one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. They are currently serving in Cambodia, where they live and serve and meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in that region. For information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the bulletin board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs.

+ **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner ***THIS*** Sunday, July 30th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!