

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

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PART 3: SAVED BY GRACE

This chapter is the cornerstone in our understanding of salvation that has been used by Christians for centuries to affirm that man is saved by grace, not by works.

EVERY UNBELIEVER IS CONTROLLED BY THE DEVIL

Paul begins by reminding the church in Ephesus that they were citizens in the kingdom of Satan before they were born again. **Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 1:13**

Jesus was very forceful when telling unsaved Jews that their father was the Devil. **John 8:42-45**

Satan is a master of deception and has created thousands of religions on the earth. **1 Corinthians 11:13-15**

Jesus warned people for trusting in religion. **Matthew 7:15-23**

GOD IN HIS MERCY HAS SAVED US FROM ETERNAL DAMNATION

While man still was dead in his sins, God reached out and offered salvation to those who would receive it. **Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 5:1-11**

THE STATUS OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

The saved person is elevated to the honor of being able to sit with Christ in the very throne room of God. **Ephesians 2:6-7; Romans 8:14-18; Hebrews 10:15-23**

SALVATION BY GRACE – NOT BY WORKS

After laying the foundation, Paul boldly proclaimed that a person is saved by grace, not by works. **Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16; Romans 3:20-28; 10:6-13**

THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST IS BORN AGAIN TO WORK FOR GOD

A person is saved by grace, and as a result, he will do good works because he is saved, not to be saved. **Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:12-14; Matthew 5:14-16**

GENTILE BELIEVERS HAVE BECOME PART OF SPIRITUAL ISRAEL

In Ephesus, the majority of the believers in Christ were Gentiles and the Jewish leadership had made it very clear that they had no part in the God of Abraham,



Isaac and Jacob. Paul felt that it was necessary to tell the Gentile Christians that at one time they had no inheritance with Israel, but through Christ they had been brought in under the new covenant. **Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 8:5-13; Galatians 3:13-17, 26-29**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?