

IDENTITY CRISIS
FINDING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST
I AM SAVED
Ephesians 2:1-10

LESSON AIM-To help believers recognize and appreciate what salvation in Jesus Christ means.

WE HAVE BEEN SAVED- Ephesians 2:5, Romans 8:24

Through Christ death on the cross we are positionally righteous before God.

WE ARE BEING SAVED-1 Corinthians 1:18

Even though we struggle with sin, we are being made new and like Christ daily.

WE WILL BE SAVED-Romans 5:9

We have hope as Christians, that one day we will be perfect like Christ.

SAVED FROM WHAT?

- **In Christ, We're Saved From Sin and Death v. 1**

Death is first and foremost the penalty for sin. Because of sin, death entered the world and spread to all.
Genesis 2:15-17

- **In Christ, We're Saved From a Pattern of Worldly Living v. 2**

Consider who you would be and what your life would be like had God not saved you. What patterns of thought and action would you have had if Christ had not been in your life?

- **In Christ, We're Saved From Satan v. 2**

"Prince of power of the air"=Satan
"power of the air"=spiritual realm

On Calvary Jesus conquered Satan. Jesus rules above Satan and demons and has defeated their hold on us through his sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, and exaltation to the throne.

- **In Christ, We're Saved From Our Old Nature v. 2**

SAVED BY WHOM? vv. 4-5, 8-10

God saves us through Jesus as an act of mercy, love, and grace. Paul's emphasis is that all of salvation is a gift. Jesus's name means God saves. We can't save ourselves. Jesus alone is the only Savior, and apart from Him no one is saved!

SAVED FOR WHAT? vv. 7-10

Once we are saved, the natural question is then, "Now, what?" After establishing our victory in Christ, Paul gave us the reasons why God does this for us. God desires to "show the exceeding riches of His grace that He has toward us (v.7). As Paul expounded on the concept of God's grace in verses 8-10, he ended the whole section by talking about how we are God's workmanship, saved for good works.