

Salvation

Fieldstone 2/8/26

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What we believe shapes how we live... how we see ourselves... and how we relate to God. Salvation is not just a church word; it answers the most important question a person can ask... How can we be restored to God? The Bible teaches that salvation is God's gracious rescue of humanity through Jesus, and understanding it helps us live with freedom, confidence, and hope.

Ice Breaker

Think about a time you underestimated how serious something really was...a mistake, decision, or situation you thought you could "work around," only to realize later it mattered a lot more than you expected. What happened?

Big Ideas from the Sermon

- Salvation means rescue, freedom, and restoration through God
 - Every person is separated from God because of sin
 - Salvation is a gift of grace received through repentance and faith in Jesus
 - Jesus alone provides the way to reconciliation with God
 - Believers can have assurance and security in their salvation
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Discussion Questions

Discussion

1. Read **Romans 3:23**. What does it mean to "fall short of the glory of God"? How does this shape how we view ourselves and others?
2. Joe's message described **sin as pride and choosing our own way** instead of God's. Where do you see this struggle show up in everyday life?

3. Read **Romans 6:23** and Ephesians **2:8–9**. What do these passages teach about the consequences of sin and the role of grace in salvation?
4. Why do you think it can be difficult for people to accept that salvation is a gift rather than something earned?
5. Read John 14:6 and Acts 4:11–12. What makes the claim that Jesus is the only way both challenging and hopeful?
6. Read 1 John 5:13. How does knowing we can have assurance of salvation affect the way we live and follow Jesus?
7. Practical Application: What helps you personally trust God's grace instead of trying to earn His approval?
8. Practical Application: Who in your life might need to hear the message of salvation... and what is one simple way you could share hope with them this week?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, thank You for rescuing us through Jesus. Help us fully trust Your grace and not rely on our own effort. Open our hearts to understand the depth of Your love and give us courage to share that hope with others. Amen.