

GREATNESS

Open The Door 



Wide Open Spaces

August 29, 2021 Message Notes

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

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“Our God is a God who saves.”

PSALM 68:20

“I am the Lord, and besides me there is no Savior.”

ISAIAH 43:11

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

LUKE 19:10

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

“This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

“The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance...”

2 PETER 3:9

What does it mean to be “saved”?

Saved = become roomy, broad, spacious.

In contrast to being confined, constricted, and oppressed.

Deliverance comes to the rescue and moves us out into God’s ‘wide open spaces’.

Salvation is a person you know (Jesus), not a transaction you make. It's not just a point of decision; it's a process of development. It's not just a status; it's a journey.

Our Savior is the Living God and the salvation he gives is alive.

It's a thing of the past, of the present and of the future all at the same time.

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“By grace you have been saved...”

EPHESIANS 2:8

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Our salvation is grounded in the unique, unrepeatable, once-for-all life, death and resurrection of our Savior.

“The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

“We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved...”

2 CORINTHIANS 2:15

I'm a work in progress. I have been saved and I am being saved, and becoming more delivered every day.

“Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”

ROMANS 13:11

“We are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...as the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.”

1 PETER 1:5, 9

“The last time” refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ and our eternal destiny.

“Since we have already been justified (past), we now have peace with God (present) and... boast in the hope of the glory of God (future).”

ROMANS 5:1-2

We are saved from a penalty, saved for a purpose, and saved by a person.

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“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



“You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”
MATTHEW 1:21

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
JOHN 1:29

Sin is the danger to which God responds in offering salvation.

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.”
EPHESIANS 1:17

“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”
HEBREWS 10:17

We are saved from the penalty of sin, which is guilt, death and hell.

We are buried with Christ in his death when we are baptized; we rise to walk in newness of life by his Spirit's power, in freedom from the domination of sin.

“The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to those there, ‘take off the grave clothes and let him go.’”
JOHN 11:44

Victory is coming when Christ returns and silences every weapon of the enemy. Evil will be banished forever and our eternal destiny in Christ will begin.

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“Not by works of righteousness that I have done but according to his mercy he saved me.”
TITUS 3:5

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”
ROMANS 8:18

God wants us to “...participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world.”
2 PETER 1:4



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Jesus was tested in every way we are but never broke, never yielded to sin.

Christ put his Spirit in us to bear fruit, to overcome evil, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The next time Jesus comes He will be exalted... “to the highest place with the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father.”
PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

“When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”
1 JOHN 3:2

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Called:	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification

What does it mean to be saved? It means stepping through the doorway of Christ into greatness, into wholeness - out of your stuck place and into God's open space. You turn from yourself to go God's way and trust Jesus as the door to your future.

“The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”
MARK 1:15

