



# WE ARE SO *Excited*

about this decision you've made to place your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life! We truly believe this is the most important decision you will ever make, and we want to be sure to help you understand what it means as well as give you some information to help get you started in your relationship with Jesus. Please know that our church celebrates you and is here to walk with you in this journey of following Christ!

# WHAT DOES SALVATION MEAN?

Salvation means that through a relationship with Jesus we are saved from our sin, which leads to death and eternal separation from God and we are saved into fellowship with God which lasts for all eternity. This salvation is called the Gospel, which means **“good news”**. But what makes the Gospel good?

**“IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, 'JESUS IS LORD,' AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.” -ROMANS 10:9**



## CHARACTER OF GOD

It starts by first understanding the character of God. He is the Creator of all things and God is Holy in all He does. That means that he is set apart (different from us) in that he has never sinned or made a mistake. He created us to share in eternal fellowship with Himself.

## SINFULNESS OF MAN

Unfortunately, this perfect eternal fellowship was fractured by the sins of man all the way back to Adam and Eve. Sin fractured the relationship between a holy, perfect Creator God and his people. Because of their sin, they had to leave the presence of God. We have inherited sin from Adam and Eve, our ancestors. Because we are born sinful, we are separated from a relationship with God.

## **THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST**

I think we can all agree that none of us are perfect and no matter how hard we try, we continue to mess up and do things that are wrong. Sin is defined as missing the mark of God's perfect standard. As sinners, we will be judged by God for our sin. This is difficult news to hear, but it's foundational in understanding the Gospel. He sent His Son Jesus to come and die in our place. Through faith with Him, we are saved from our sin and brought back into fellowship with God.

## **REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

You may be thinking, "that sounds good and all but that's only what Jesus did, but what am I supposed to do?" It's a good question with a clear answer: we are called to repent and believe. Repentance means "to turn from". It's an acknowledgement that we have sinned, messed up and have lived a life that has missed the mark of God's perfection and what He wants for our life. We then turn from a life lived for self and toward a life lived in pursuit of God. Faith is simply the trust and belief in what Jesus has done for us on the Cross. We do not earn forgiveness, we receive it and when we receive it, our lives will begin to change.

# IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

## YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” [2 Corinthians 5:17]

## YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” [1 John 1:9]

## WALK IN THIS NEW LIFE DAILY

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” [Ephesians 4:22-24]

