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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 03.09.25 Pulpit Curriculum

The Glory of Salvation

Main passage: 2 Peter 1:1-4

1) Salvation Belongs to Our God (v. 1, 2)

- God is the source, owner, and possessor of salvation, and it is only through His sovereign work that salvation is complete. Monergism means that there is one worker in salvation; God alone saves. Salvation is a gift granted by God, and it isn't something that can be earned but is bestowed through God's grace. (Ps. 3:8; Ps. 62:1; Rev. 7:10; Ps. 25:5; Titus 3:8; Phil. 1:29)
 - When speaking of salvation, we should be cautious about our language, ensuring that we place the proper emphasis on God's work in salvation. Scripture rarely portrays man as the active subject when it comes to salvation. More often, God is the one performing the action, with man as the direct object of that action (e.g. "God rescued..."). Our words inform our theology, and our theology should bring glory to God. (John 1:12, 13; Rom. 10:9)
- A. What do the verses in Psalms and Revelation say about the ownership of salvation? How do these verses reinforce the idea that salvation belongs to God?
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- B. How does understanding that salvation is a gift granted by God, rather than something earned, affect your personal relationship with God?
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- C. What are some changes you can make in the way you speak about salvation to ensure you are giving glory to God for His role in it?
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2) Gifts of God's Salvation (v. 3, 4)

- Our salvation is accomplished in Christ and our reliance must, therefore, be on Him. Believers have a new identity in Christ as we are sharers in the divine nature, having been immersed in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5; 2 Cor. 13:13) and we are in union with Christ. Our new identity is founded on the following blessings:
 - His divine power
 - All things pertaining to life
 - All things pertaining to godliness
 - Full knowledge of Him
 - Called to glory and excellence
 - Precious and very great promises
 - Partakers of the divine nature
 - Escaped the corruption that is in the world



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D. If you lack assurance of salvation, what areas are you focused on self rather than on Christ and His work?

E. What is the significance of having “full knowledge of Him” in the context of salvation? How does this knowledge impact the believer’s life?

F. What is the highest intention of your life? How have you been equipped to live in glory and excellence?

3) **Justification by Faith Alone** (Romans 3:23-26)

- Justification is the grace of God to unworthy sinners that forgives us of all our sins and gifts us with Christ’s righteousness. It is not something earned through good deeds or human effort but is granted freely by God’s grace. God, as the righteous Judge, declares sinners righteous, not because of anything we have done, but because of Christ’s finished work on the cross. (Rom. 4:5,6; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 1:30-31)
 - Our identity in Christ (justification) leads to our activity with Christ. Because we have been justified, we are called to live righteously and demonstrate Christ’s love, power, and grace in the world. Our salvation is entirely of God’s grace, and we have nothing to offer except our faith in Christ. Our boasting is not in our efforts, our worthiness, or our accomplishments but solely in Christ’s sacrifice and righteousness.
- G. How does understanding your identity in Christ affect the way you live and interact with others? What behaviors or attitudes need to change to align more closely with Christ’s righteousness?

H. How would you describe salvation to an unbeliever? Articulate the gospel to someone in your life group.

I. How can you guard against the temptation to boast in your own efforts or accomplishments, and instead, consistently point to Christ’s work as the source of your salvation?
