

DISCOVERING WHAT WE BELIEVE: Week 5 | *STUDY GUIDE*

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

VIDEO LINKS

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INTRODUCTION

This week we discuss the concept of salvation, emphasizing its deeper meaning beyond mere escape from hell. He reveals that "salvation" highlights the transformative restoration of individuals by God's love and grace. Salvation is a gift activated through faith, changing our past, present, and future in profound ways.

TERMS + DEFINITIONS

Salvation - salvage

ICE BREAKER

Name something you have worked hard to earn in the past.

Group Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to you that God loves everyone and not just certain groups of people, as mentioned in [John 3:16](#)?

Read [1 John 4:10](#) and [Romans 5:8](#). How can recognizing God's love for everyone change the way you treat others in your daily life?

- Read [Ephesians 2:8-10](#): In what ways does understanding salvation as a "gift" rather than something earned change how we view our relationship with God?

In verse 8, what do you think is the relationship between "grace" and "faith" in our salvation? How do these two elements work together?

- Why do you think faith is described as the 'activator' of salvation?

In your own experience, how can you actively participate in your faith to deepen your relationship with God?

- Read [2 Timothy 1:9](#) and [1 Corinthians 1:18](#). How does understanding that salvation changes your past, present, and future affect your view of mistakes you've made?

Can you identify a moment in your past where you felt God's forgiveness, and how does that influence your current challenges?

- What is the significance of saying that salvation is a process, as noted by the pastor when discussing being 'saved' and 'being saved'?

How can you incorporate spiritual practices in your daily life that help you grow in your journey of faith and salvation?

- In what ways do you think salvation is about 'bringing heaven and earth back together' as discussed in the sermon?

How can you act as a bridge between heaven and earth in your community, based on this understanding of salvation?

PRAYER

- Ask for prayer requests and include them in your thoughts.
- Pray for guidance in applying the teachings on salvation throughout the week.
- Ask God to help share the good news with others through love and grace.
- Seek strength to live in obedience and faith as a reflection of our salvation.