



Born Totally Depraved

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 8:37-47; Romans 5:6-11

So Great A Salvation (Hebrews 2:1-3)

- ALL GRACE! AMAZING GRACE!
- **MANIFOLD WISDOM of GOD.** (Ephesians 3:10)
- Warning of neglecting our GREAT salvation!

God's Eternal Purpose and Me – SO FAR

- God's eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 3:11)
- Grace given to us before time began. (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:1-2)
- GOD, the King, **DECREED** that certain people would be His special people for all of eternity. He chose His people. (Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:30; 11:5-6; Acts 13:48; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9)
- GOD, the King, recorded the names of His people before time began. (Luke 10:20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; 21:27)
 - ★ GOD, the Father, gave those persons to GOD, the Son, in **covenant to live and die** as their **SUBSTITUTE** and **SURETY**.. (John 6:37-39; 10:27-29; 17:2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 22, 24; Isaiah 53:5-6; Hebrews 7:22)
- GOD, the King, then **PREDETERMINED** all of HISTORY! (Isaiah 46:9-11; 14:24-27; Eph 1:11; Acts 15:18; **13:48**; Heb 1:3; Rom 8:29-30) **MEDITATE!**
- GOD, the King, **PREDETERMINED** the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of His Son **before** the foundation of the world. (1 Peter 1:19-20; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)
- GOD, the King, according to the "counsel (plan, desire, decree) of His will" (Ephesians 1:11; Acts 15:18) **CREATED** (Gen 1:1) from NOTHING —
 - ☆ **SPACE** - Zechariah 12:1; **TIME** - Hebrews 1:2 ("worlds" = "ages" – "all of history"); **MATTER** - Jeremiah 32:17; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11.
 - ☆ **EVERYTHING!** – Revelation 4:11; Proverbs 16:4

- GOD, the King, CREATED Adam in His image to be ALL MANKIND's representative (federal head). (Genesis 1:26) **God decided!**
- **GOD, the King, CREATED man DEPENDENT upon Him, to LOVE Him with his WHOLE heart (mind, will, emotions), to LIVE in TOTAL SUBMISSION to Him, to OBEY Him supremely, and to WORSHIP Him.**
- GOD CREATED us with a **MIND** to KNOW Him, **EMOTIONS** to LOVE Him, and a **WILL** to SUBMIT to Him. And He saw that everything that He had done was "VERY GOOD"! (Genesis 1:31)
- "and he ate" (Genesis 3:6) – "**we** ate"! – **AT THAT MOMENT SIN AFFECTED every part of our being!!!!** (Romans 5:12)
- GOD, the King, EXECUTED His Law – "... the day you eat you shall surely die" – "... through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, **because all sinned** ..." (Romans 5:12; 3:23; Galatians 3:22)
- GOD, the King, PROMISED a SAVIOR. (Genesis 3:15)
- **4,000 years later GOD** sent His Son and crucifies Him for His ELECTED PEOPLE. (Galatians 4:4; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:1-3; 6:38; 39; 1 John 4:9-10; Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 20:28)
- **Over 2,000 years ago GOD**, the Son, entered the Holy of Holies in Heaven and presented HIS BLOOD and obtained eternal redemption for His people (Matt 1:21; Heb 9:12; John 10:27-28)

ALL THIS HAPPENED BEFORE ANY OF US WERE BORN!

2,000 Years Later - We Are Born (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- Each of us are born in the image of ADAM – a sinner. (Genesis 5:1-3)
 - Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Isaiah 48:8; Genesis 8:21; Job 14:4; Eph 2:1-3.
- Each of us are born "children of wrath" because we are born "condemned already" and God's wrath abides on us before we are born again. (Ephesians 2:3; John 3:18, 36; 1 John 5:19)

We Are Born "Children of the Devil" (John 8:44; Eph 2:2; 1 John 3:10)

- ✗ We were born with **MINDS** (understanding) that were **DARKENED** and without any ability to KNOW God. (Ephesians 4:18; 1 Cor 2:14; Rom 3:11; 2 Cor 4:4)
- ✗ We were born with twisted **EMOTIONS** in that we love EVERYTHING else above God.
- ✗ We were born with **WILLS** in **BONDAGE** to sin, the world, and Satan.
- ✗ We were born with **NO ability** to **DO anything GOOD**. (Romans 3:12)
- ✗ We were born with **NO ability** or desire to **SEEK God**. (Romans 3:10)
- ✗ We are born with **NO ability** or desire to **PLEASE God**. (Hebrews 11:6)
- ✗ We are born **SINNERS, REBELS, TRAITORS** against GOD! We are born **ENEMIES** of God. (1 John 3:4; Genesis 6:5; Romans 5:10; Col 1:20-21)
- ✗ We are born **IN DEBT** and add to that DEBT with EVERY SIN we commit! (1 Kings 8:46; Eccl 7:20; Matt 18:21-32; Rom 6:23a)

✗ We were born **DEAD – NOT WEAK – NOT SICK – BUT DEAD!** (Ephesians 2:1, 5; Col 2:13; Ezek 36:26-27)

★ A **DEAD** man **CANNOT**:

- ① **See** Christ. (John 3:3; 12:40; Deut 29:4; Jer 5:21; Matthew 16:17; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 2:9)
- ② **Hear** the Word of God. (Romans 10:17; **John 8:43, 47**; 6:45-46; 10:27-28)
- ③ **Come** to Christ. (Matthew 11:28-30; John 6:44; **6:37**; 7:37)
- ④ **Confess** "Jesus is Lord". (Romans 10:9; Matthew 10:32-33)
- ⑤ **Understand** the things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- ⑥ Be **profitable**. (Romans 3:12; Matthew 25:30)
- ⑦ **Do** *anything* good. (Romans 8:7-8; 3:12)
- ⑧ **Do** *anything* to please God. (Heb 11:6; Rom 8:7-8; Eph 2:8-9)
- ⑨ **Believe!** (John 3:16)
- ⑩ **Follow Christ**. (Luke 9:23; John 10:27-28)

✗ We are born with **NO ABILITY** to save ourselves! (Romans 5:6)

IMPOSSIBLE

✗ Christ taught that it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for man to do anything to save himself.

✗ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for man to do anything to save himself. (Luke 18:23-27; Matthew 19:23-26)

✗ A man can wash himself with lye and much soap and yet his sins would remain before God. (Jeremiah 2:22; Job 9:29-31)

✗ Just as an Ethiopian cannot change his skin or a leopard his spots, so, too, man can only do evil! (Jeremiah 13:23)

✗ Repentance and confession do not and cannot save any man!



What Is Needed?

❶ Fallen man **NEEDS LIFE BEFORE** he can do anything! Man is **DEAD** and has no life in himself! Man cannot raise himself from the dead.

❷ Man **must** be born-again (born from above). (John 3:1-8; John 1:12-13)

❸ Fallen man is corrupted through and through (Genesis 6:5; 8:21) and is in **NEED** of **RE-CREATION!** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10)

❹ Fallen man is in **NEED** of a **COMPLETE PARDON** for **ALL** of his sins.

✗ Man **CANNOT** pardon his own sins or the sins of others. (Psalm 51:4)

- ⑥ Fallen man is in **NEED of RIGHTEOUSNESS**. Man must be as righteous as God to enter heaven.
- ✗ Man's righteousness is likened to "filthy rags" in the courtroom of God. (Isaiah 64:6)

IMPOSSIBLE

BUT GOD!

(Ephesians 2:1-5; Luke 18:27; Matthew 19:26)

The Gift of God (Romans 6:23b)

- It takes the "exceedingly greatness of the Almighty's power" to save any sinner. (Ephesians 1:15-20)
 - God's **GIFT** is **LIFE** (ETERNAL) **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord. (1 John 5:11-12; Romans 6:23b; John 17:2)
 - ✓ God **gives** His gifts – **He does not offer them!** What makes you **DIFFERENT** from the "just as the others"? (1 Corinthians 4:7)
 - ✓ ETERNAL LIFE is found **only** in Jesus Christ our Lord
 - GOD, not us, put all our sins (past, present, future) sins on Christ and then He, God, crucified Him as our Substitute! (Isaiah 53:6, 10)
 - BECAUSE of Christ, God **BLOTTED** our His people's sins **for His name sake!** (Isaiah 43:25)
 - God **PARDONED** our sins and threw into the "**depth** of the sea". (Micah 7:18-19; Jeremiah 50:20)
 - God has removed our sins as far as the **EAST is from the WEST**. (Psalm 103:12) - NOT north and south!
 - Christ came to save His people from their sins and on the Cross He declared, "**IT IS FINISHED.**" (John 19:30)
 - God has promised **NOT TO EVER REMEMBER** our sins again. (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:10-12)
 - God gave us the ability to believe all of this by giving us, as a gift, faith. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- ★ **TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!**

LET'S REMEMBER!