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Sunday, October 6, 2013

**“BEGINNING A RELATIONSHIP TO GOD”**

(Ephesians 2:8-10)

Today in our *Back to Basics* series we go to the core of our belief. What does it mean to begin a relationship to God? How can we know we have eternal life in heaven? At the close of the worship time, we will celebrate life in Christ through the observance of the Lord’s Supper.

*“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23, NIV).

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8, NASB).

*“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit”* (1 Peter 3:18, NLT).

*“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 6:22-23, NIV).

**1. We are saved \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8a).**

**2. We are saved \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8b).**

**3. We are saved \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9).**

**4. We are saved \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10).**

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*“So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:7, NLT).*

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, NASB).*

*“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18, NLT).*

*“And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17, NIV).*

*“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12, NIV).*

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*“Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29, NIV).*

**1. We are saved by grace (v. 8a).**

2. We are saved through faith (v. 8b).

3. We are saved apart from works (v. 9).

4. We are saved for works (v. 10).