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By Grace Are You Saved

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* Eph. 2:1-10. You CAN be saved! God has power!
* 1:17, 19-23. Power to RAISE Jesus... and YOU!!!

I. WE ARE/WERE DEAD IN A CHRIST-LESS LIFE!!! SIN!!!
A. Two views:
B. Three fatal effects of sin in our lives:
1. Kills our innocence. Never to be regained!

II. PAUL LISTS SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF A LIFE WITHOUT JESUS: Spiritual death!!!
2. Operates in Satan's world. Goal is doom.
3. Operates in disobedience to God. God-less.
4. Operates on human passion & desire.
5. Operates on man's lower-nature: the flesh!!
6. Is a life which deserves the WRATH of God.
   * Rom. 1:16-18. Pending Spr. death forever!

III. CHRIST HAS/WILL MAKE US ALIVE THROUGH A RESURRECTION FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DEATH.
1. Jesus cannot restore original INNOCENCE: He cannot remove all scars, nor erase the Consequences nor the memories of SIN.
   HE CAN REMOVE THE GUILT, THE PENALTY & THE PAIN!!
   GRACE REMOVES GUILT & PAIN.
2. Jesus cannot restore lost IDEALS. That time gone, wasted, lost.
   HE CAN REKINDLE THE SPARKS OF DYING DREAMS, JOYS, VISIONS AND HAPPINESS. GRACE REMOVES THE PAIN.
   III. American ferry-boat engineer. Boat, engines, seats, floors dirty-grimy. One day all cleaned, scrubbed & polished. Asked why the CHANGE???"I've got a GLORY. I've been told about Jesus. II Cor. 5:17. "Said, 'ALL THINGS' BECOME NEW!!" A Glory!!

3. Jesus cannot restore blessings lost because of lost INITIATIVE. These gone forever!
   HE CAN REVITALIZE THE HUMAN INITIATIVE!!
   Grace removes the Pain.
III. Woman in Edinburg, Scotland very poor. Rented house. Lived in cellar. Dark, dismal, and dirty! Heard GEO. MATHESON preach Jesus Later he visited her. Not find her in cellar NOT IN CELLAR. In attic: Clean, cheerful & comfortable—Initiative in life! "Like the Gospel Story. Makes you want to be SOME BODY!!!" God's love lit a Fire. GRAPE REMOVES THE PAIN.

IV. THE PARADOX OF YOUR SALVATION: Vs. 8-10. 3 parts!

A. Saved by GRACE.8. That's God's part: Kindness. God is Perfection and no man attains perfection and is therefore never fit to be in God's presence........WITHOUT A GIFT !!! John 3:16! GRACE GIVES MAN A GIFT!

B. Saved through FAITH. That's man's part: Surrender * Mark 16:15-16. Faith ACCEPTS God's GIFT !!! Grace without Faith is Dead. Faith without Grace is Dead. Boat: ONE oar !!!


INV: TO THE UNSAVED: What do you feel GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR? Another chance? This hour, moment REMEMBER: GRAPE REMOVES THE PAIN!

TO MY BROS. & SIS.: Are you living in the Cellar or in the Attic??? God's love lights the fire!!!!

GRACE CALLS YOU TO GLORY THIS MORNING!!!!!
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I. Both are Possible!
   A. John 10:10, Abundant Life.
   B. Ephesians 2:11-10 Eternal Life.
   God has the POWER. 1:17, 19-20.

II. Paul Explains:
   A. You ARE WERE Dead in trespasses and sins. Two of things.
      1. Expelled - Stepped over God's line of permission. Drunk, cursed.
      2. Sinned; Missed the Mark!
   B. Few here likely guilty of Major sins! Murder, Rape, assault.
      Plenty guilty of lesser sins.

   Question: Degrees of Sin?

   Ans. Degrees of punishment: Few:
      Stabbed. 5 talent men. 5+.
      Degree of reward: 2 talent men. 2x+.
D. Lesser sins dangerous: Eph. 5:25. Take them for granted, too busy for them! Ignore them, neglected them. MISSING the MARK??? SIN!

Titus 2:4. Mothers love children. Don't!!! Don't study THEM. Their NEEDS. Not busy with SELF! School work, church work, club work, etc.

REPORT CARD! Section: Comments. Found most: “I wish my mother would sit down and TALK to me sometime!”


Three possibilities:
1. Parent teach nothing. Leave child to SELF! Want it? Deut. 29:15, Mother to shame.
3. Child tries! to listen! Learn!


To challenge RIGHT is SIN!!
III. Sin Kills Three Things.

1. Innocence. Never possible again as before.

II. Jesus Resurrects us from a Spr. Death.

1. Jesus cannot restore us to our original innocence.
   He can remove the guilt and pain of sin. By grace.
   Eph. 2:8-9.

2. Jesus cannot restore us to our original idealism.
   He can revitalize our hope.
   All American Ferris–boat engineer. All changed! Why?
   "All got a glory!" II Cor. 5:17.

3. Jesus cannot restore our blessings lost through sin
   and slothfulness.
   Grace can remove the pain?
He can give new reasons for having initiative in life...


Verse removes the pain of sin.

God keeps a report card on each of us.

Revel 20:15.

1. To the Un-saved:

Want to be free of sin, guilt + pain? Need the grace of God.

1 Pet. 5:8. Need to clean up the petty boil. Life.

2. To my Brethren:

Are you living in the Cellar or in the bright, clean, cheerful attic of LIFE. Your choice.

Childhood.