



what we

**BELIEVE**

sunday  
morning  
series



## **We believe:**

1. Salvation is a gift from God to mankind.
2. Salvation cannot be earned by what we do.
3. Salvation is only by trusting in Jesus Christ and His offer of forgiveness.
4. Salvation and eternal life begins from the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life through faith.



## What does the word 'Salvation' mean?

Old Testament:

God saved His people in Egypt - Isaiah 43:11

*"I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior."*

New Testament:

Sozo, "To rescue or to deliver."

Definition: "God's way of providing deliverance from sin and death." (Tyndale)



## 1. Spiritually dead, by sin alone

Ephesians 2:1-3

*"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath."*



## 2. Spiritual life, through Christ alone

Ephesians 2:4-5

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved."*



### 3. Spiritual life, by grace alone

Ephesians 2:8a

*"For it is by grace you have been saved"*

2 Timothy 1:9-10

*"Who has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."*



#### 4. Spiritual life, through faith alone

Ephesians 2:8b-9

*"...through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."*

*"God creates faith in the human heart the same way that He created the world. He found nothing and created something." (Luther)*

Romans 11:6

*"And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."*