

Jump Start Class Schedule

1. *Saved by God*
2. Living by God's Ways
3. Listening to God
4. Talking to God
5. Meeting with God's Family
6. Meeting the World
7. Living in Hope

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Core Seminars—Jump Start **Class 1: Saved by God**



Introduction

Core Seminar Objective: Introduce the main themes of the Christian life.

Main Question: How do I live as a Christian?

I. Introduction

Why do we begin with this topic?

II. The Bad news about us vs. the Good news of the Gospel

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 sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

Apart from Christ, we are:

Titus 3:3, “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.”

Before our conversion, we are described as:

Summary: Apart from Christ, we are...

- Enslaved to sin (Romans 6:17; John 8:34)
- Blinded in your mind so as not to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (II Corinthians. 4:4)
- Deceived (Titus 3:3)
- Hard-hearted and rebellious against God (Ephesians 4:18) (Romans 8:7)
- In our minds, an enemy of God (Colossians 1:21)

III. Salvation is a work initiated by God

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.”

Titus 3:4-5, “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.”

Summary: “BUT GOD... These two words, in and of themselves, in a sense contain the whole of the gospel.” – ML Jones

IV. Salvation is carried through to completion by God

Romans 8:29-30, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”

Summary: God initiates and completes the work of salvation.

V. Salvation is for God’s glory according to His own purposes

Why God does not save us:

- Our righteousness (Titus 3:4-5)
- Our inherent worthiness or qualities (Duet.7:7-8)

God saves us:

- To glorify Himself (I Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:4-6, 11-12,13b-14)
- According to His purposes (II Timothy 1:9, Eph. 1:4-5)

VI. Practical Application

- Humility (Galatians 6:4, Romans 11:6)
- Assurance of salvation (I Thessalonians 5:23-24, Philippians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 1:8, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
- Works motivated by love, not fear/pride (Eph. 2:8-10)