

## INTRO: DO WE LIVE LIKE THIS IS TRUE?

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1. FOR BY <u>GRACE</u>
YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH.
WHAT ARE WE SAVED FROM?

<sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:6-8 (ESV)

40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

Matthew 25:40-43 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)

2. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR
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- In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

  Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  Romans 5:8 (ESV)

- <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
  <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

  Titus 3:4-6 (ESV)
- ¹ Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? ² All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

  Isaiah 66:1-2 (ESV)

3. "FOR WE ARE HIS
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CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD
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WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM"

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3 (ESV)

CONCLUSION: WE HAVE NO OTHER HOPE THAN THE GREAT LOVE OF OUR GOD. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE WORTH LIVING FOR. OUR LOVE DEPENDS ON RECEIVING THE LOVE HE OFFERS.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

