**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“Back to the Basics Part II”*

* **WHAT WE WERE SAVED FROM: OUR PAST (Eph. 2:1-3)**
* **WHAT WE WERE SAVED BY: HIS LOVE (Eph. 2:4-9)**
* **The attribute of His love**

The reason He loved me – Because He is love (I Jn. 4:8)

*1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

*“You will never look into the eyes of a person that God does not love”*

* **The activation of His love**

 *“But God…”*

*Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,* ***while we were yet sinners****, Christ died for us.*

*1 John 4:10 Herein is love,* ***not that we loved God****, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

*I John 4:19 We love him,* ***because he first loved us****.*

*Definition of genuine love – To meet the* ***needs*** *of another at a* ***cost*** *to self with no guarantee or* ***expectation*** *of* ***gaining*** *anything from the recipient.*

* **The aspects of His love**
* **God’s love manifested through His mercy**

*Ephesians 2:4 But God,* ***who is rich in mercy****, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

*“mercy” –* ***compassion*** *or pity;* ***Not******getting*** *what you deserve*

 *It is God’s free will decision to be kind and forgiving to those who deserve His judgment.*

* **God’s love manifested through His grace**

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

*Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

*8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

“grace” – **unmerited** favor; receiving what you **don’t** **deserve**

* **The accessing of His love**

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye* ***saved through faith****; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

*Acts 16:31 And they said,* ***Believe*** *on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

*John 3:15 That whosoever* ***believeth in him*** *should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that* ***whosoever believeth in him*** *should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.*

*18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,*

*19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:*

*20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,*

*21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks,* ***repentance*** *toward God, and* ***faith*** *toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Repentance – change of **mind** resulting in a change of **life**.

*You will never see a need for believing in God as long as you believe in yourself.*

*Romans 5:1 Therefore being* ***justified by faith****, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

*2 By whom also we have* ***access by faith*** *into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*