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THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God had a plan for our redemption long before we even knew we needed it.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is holy and just. God is love.
<i>Good Works</i>	Learn to hold on to our salvation by reading the Bible, keeping God’s commandments, and holding on to our faith with the power of the Spirit.

A. An Overview of Sin

1. *How sin entered the world:* Adam and Eve’s disobedience alienated them and their descendants from God. Their choice to disobey brought sin into the world, which became a barrier between us and God (Gen 3:22–24).
2. *The consequences of sin:* Sin’s entry into the world made it impossible for us to have eternal life because “the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:20–23).
3. *What is sin?* Sin is anything that goes against God’s will or command. When we transgress against God’s law of righteousness, we have sinned. But being born into sin, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23).

B. God’s Redemptive Plan

God is holy and just. He cannot simply overlook our sins. But He is also love, so He wants us to live. Blood must be shed for the forgiveness of sin, and for the sins of all mankind, the sacrifice had to be sinless. So, God Himself, the only righteous being in existence, had to fulfill the righteous requirement. Through Adam, we were made slaves to sin, but through Jesus Christ, we have been freed from death.

C. The Meaning of Salvation

1. *Deliverance from Satan (Eph 2:1–3):* We now belong to the realm of God.
2. *Deliverance from sin (2 Cor 5:21):* We are no longer bound by sin and its evil desires.
3. *Deliverance from death (Rom 6:23):* We have been given the living hope of eternal life.
4. *Deliverance into God’s kingdom (Col 1:13):* We will one day unite with our Savior in His kingdom.

D. Taking Hold of Salvation

Just as we have freely been given salvation, God has charged us to freely share this blessing with others. Unlike the beliefs of those around us, the Bible teaches us the complete and correct path to salvation.

Life Application: How to Keep Your Salvation!

We have been given salvation, but we have to determine to hold on to it. If we allow our sinful natures to control us, we will no longer be guaranteed a home in heaven with the Lord.

1. Read the Bible daily
2. Keep God’s commandments
3. Hold firm to your faith and pray with the power of the Holy Spirit
4. Confess our sins if we slip and yield to temptation
5. Live a life that is pleasing to God

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Lesson 9 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Ephesians 2:8–9):

1. Why is it important to remember that we did not “earn” our salvation?
2. Why is sin such a serious problem for us? What is sin?
3. Why can’t God simply overlook our sins?
4. Why was Jesus, and Jesus alone, the necessary answer for our freedom?
5. Of the steps to keeping our salvation, which do you need to work on the most? Explain.
6. Write a letter to the Lord. What would you say to Him about His act of dying in your place?