

EASTER

The HEART of the CROSS

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SALVATION = “to deliver someone from impending danger.”
Only a sick person needs a doctor. Man is desperately ill.

Matthew 9:12 When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.”

Isaiah 1:6 You are battered from head to foot— covered with bruises, welts, and infected wounds— without any soothing ointments or bandages.

Only an accused person needs a lawyer.

Man stands condemned in God’s court of law.

Romans 3:10,19 As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous— not even one. ¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

Only a drowning person needs a lifeguard.

Man finds himself flooded by the waters of sin.

Psalms 69:1, 2 Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. ² Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can’t find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me.

Jesus is ABLE to save!

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Jude 24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

Jesus is WILLING to save!

1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Video presentation - “What was on His Mind?”

SALVATION is always...

...by blood

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

...through a person

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on

us.

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Hebrews 5:9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

...by grace

Ephesians 2:8, 9 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.

SALVATION by grace...

...preceded by the sinner's faith

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

...followed by the Savior's peace

Romans 1:7 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.