

TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE

We Are Saved

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- **Open in prayer.**
- **Introduction.**
 - o Describe the multi-ethnic church at Rome.
 - o What do you think about when you hear the Christian term, “Are you saved”?
 - o Why was this an important discussion for the church at Rome? (HINT: Jews and Gentiles)
- **Read Romans 10:6-13.**
- **Salvation is about His righteousness.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 9:30-32 and Romans 10:6-7.**
- The multi-ethnic church consisted of both Jewish and Gentile (everyone else) Christ-followers.
- Paul is clarifying that salvation isn’t about keeping the law, but about what Christ has done.
 - o What happens when you make your salvation “law-based” instead of “grace-based”?
 - o Discuss the statement, “Christianity isn’t about what you’ve done, what you do, or what you’re going to do...it’s about what Christ has done, what He’s doing, and what He’s going to do in and through you”.
- **Salvation is a journey of faith.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 10:8-11.**
- Paul makes it very clear what it takes to be saved—to become a follower of Christ.
- Discuss the following two statements:
 - 1- Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live, died the death we deserved, and came alive again.
 - 2- He conquered death, hell, and evil.
 - o What “performances” beyond “confess and believe” do people try to add to salvation?
 - o Have you ever struggled with a “measure-up list” in your own life? Expectations of others?
 - o What happens when we try to live a “measure-up list” life?
- Discuss what happens when we’re saved.

o Justification	I have been saved from the penalty of sin.	Past
o Sanctification	I am being saved from the power of sin.	Present...day by day
o Glorification	I am going to be saved from the presence of sin.	Future
- o How does the statement, “The more you marinate on the truth the sooner you’re transformed by that truth” apply to the above description of salvation in your everyday life?
- o How does understanding “sanctification—I am being saved from the power of sin” change the way you look at your own Christian journey as well as the journey of others?
- o Have you ever found yourself saying, “A good Christian wouldn’t do that”? What results from that statement?
(Allow someone in your group to share their story.)
- o Discuss Pastor Paul’s statement, “Stop allowing things and events in our culture to divide us and start allowing Christ to use them as opportunities to invite us into conversations with others so we can infuse our world with His love as we’re on mission with Him”.
- o What does it mean to “speak the truth in love and grace”?

- **Read Romans 8:1, 31, 38-39 and Philippians 1:6.**
 - o When you realize salvation is a journey of faith, how does that change the way you look at your past, present and future?
- **Salvation is for everyone.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 10:12-13 and John 3:16-17.**
- This was challenging for the Jews...to realize that God's love extended beyond them to everyone...even the Gentiles.
 - o Why was this difficult for the Jews to accept?
 - o Who is the "Greek" in your life?
 - o How can you be "on-mission" with Christ to share His love with others? (Practical ways)
- **Soul Tattoo:** Celebrate your salvation.
Share His love with others.
- **Close in prayer.**