



"A Time for Salvation"

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Lynn Haven United Methodist Church

Introduction

"Today...there has been born for **YOU** a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11 NASB) Salvation is the deliverance from sin, self and hell. Salvation is God giving us true freedom, purpose and life. It includes your past, your present and your future.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean when someone says, "I have been saved"?
2. What do we need to be saved from?
3. Read Psalm 118:5. Another word for salvation is "freedom." Jesus gives us freedom from our past, bitterness, resentment, the expectation of others and many more things. Why do people so often not accept God's freedom through salvation?
4. Jesus came to save you for a purpose. Rick Warren said, "Significance comes from giving your life away for a purpose greater than yourself." Why is this purpose in life so hard to live out in our own lives?
5. Read Mark 8:35. Discuss the irony of losing your life to gain it.
6. Rick Warren wrote, "Religion is man's attempt to please God. Religions are based on the word 'do.' Salvation is based on the word 'done.'" Why do people so often try to work their way into salvation?
7. Jesus came to save YOU by HIS grace. What does it mean to you that Jesus came to save you, and all you have to do is accept it by faith?

Conclusion

YOU were saved by God's grace. You didn't deserve it- none of us did. Salvation is accepting His grace by faith.