

Seven Truths Revealed in Ephesians 2:8-9

A. The **CONTEXT** of Ephesians 2:8-9

1. Man's _____ (2:1-3)

📖 **Ephesians 2:1-3** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

2. God's _____ (2:4-7)

📖 **Ephesians 2:4-7** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

B. The **CONTENT** of Ephesians 2:8-9

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

1. Salvation from the Penalty of Sin occurs at a _____ in Time – “For...you have been saved...”

📖 **John 5:24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

2. Salvation is by _____ Alone – “... by grace...”

📖 **Romans 3:23-24** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

3. Salvation is through _____ Alone – “... through faith...”

📖 **Romans 4:5** But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness

4. Salvation is NOT obtained by _____ – “... not of yourselves...”

- 📖 **Isaiah 64:6** But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.
- 📖 **Titus 3:3-5** For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit
- 📖 **Ecclesiastes 7:20** For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

5. Salvation is a _____ provided by God Alone – “... it is the gift of God...”

- 📖 **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 📖 **Romans 11:29** For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
- 📖 **John 10:28-29** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

6. Salvation is NOT attained / maintained by _____ – “... not of works”

- 📖 **Romans 4:2-6** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works

7. Salvation Eliminates all Boasting of _____ – “... lest anyone should boast.”

- 📖 **1 Corinthians 1:27-29** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.