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Salvation: God Saves

I. Ephesians 2:8,9

8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast.

Question: What are the three key elements of these two verses?

_____ : God's free gift to us; the unearned and unmerited treasure of his loving, sacrificial kindness

_____ : the act of completely, sincerely believing; the complete investment of one's well-being into the object of belief

_____ : our efforts, attempts, and false belief systems

Question: Let's consider the following acrostic:

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

Think about and discuss each word. What *really* is involved here?

Question: Can you tell someone how to be saved by using this?

Application: How about trying some role playing? Form into pairs. Now allow one person to assume the role of seeker and the other the role of evangelist. After a few minutes, reverse roles.

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II. Why is the biblical message of salvation in and through Jesus not intolerant?

A. His identity: _____

i. John 1:14

14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Word become flesh is _____

ii. John 1:1-3

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The Word was _____

The Word is _____

The Word is the _____

Remember: John was Jewish. He was not advocating Greek philosophy, but Hebrew theology. God and God alone is both the creator and eternal.

B. His work: _____

Read John 1:29-34

III. Practice John's One Way Road

Once again, form into pairs. Or, if your group is more comfortable staying together, someone volunteer to go first.

Using the following passages from John's Gospel, move briefly and thoroughly through the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

John 1:1-4 (Jesus: the Word of God; 2nd person of the Trinity)

John 1:14 (God became man)

John 3:16-19 (believe in him for eternal life)

John 14:6 (there is no other way)

John 20:30,31 (summary)