**Sermon Series Title: The Gifts of a Christ-mas Based Salvation**

**Sermon Title: The Gift of Grace for Christ-mas Based Salvation**

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to a view of grace based salvation, that encourages and empowers the believer in daily life.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 6 aspects of the gifts of grace based salvation.**

**Introduction:**

**Romans 1:7-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:1-2; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; Philippians 1:1-2; Colossians 1:1-2;1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2; 1 Timothy 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:1-2;**

**Titus 1:1-4; Philemon 1:3; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:2; 2 John 1:3; Jude 1:1-2; Revelation 1:4**

“Trials are God’s unannounced exam to see how we are doing in the school of faith.” Steve Lawson

**I. The gift of the rich mercy of God. V.4a**

**II. The gift of the great love of God. V.4b**

**III. The gift of new life from God. V.5**

**IV. The gift of the kindness of God. V.7**

**V. The gift of salvation from God. V.8-9**

**VI. The gift of service for God. V.10**

**I. The gift of the rich mercy of God. V.4a**

 Salvation is for God’s glory, by putting on display His boundless mercy for those who were spiritually dead because of their sinfulness.

 **John 15:13** "Greater love has no one than this, thanto lay down one's life for his friends.

**II. The gift of the great love of God. V.4b**

 Salvation is for God’s glory, by putting on display His boundless love for those who were spiritually dead because of their sinfulness.

 **John 3:16-17** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**III. The gift of new life from God. V.5**

 A. He has raised us up. V.6a

 B. He has seated us together in heavenly places. V.6b

 Salvation by the gift of grace, means a spiritually dead person is made alive by God.

 **Romans 6:1-7** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, **6** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. **7** For he who has died has been freed from sin.

 **Romans 6:11-13** Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. **13** And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

**IV. The gift of the kindness of God. V.7**

 We glorify God for bestowing on us His endless and limitless grace and kindness.

**V. The gift of salvation from God. V.8-9**

 A. by grace

 B. through faith

 C. for His glory

 “Contentment is found in reaching the place that says, ‘Even when I cannot understand, still I can trust.’” – Alistair Begg

 **Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

 **Galatians 2:16** "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**VI. The gift of service for God. V.10**

 Service and good works cannot produce salvation, but they are the fruit of salvation which God Himself empowers and provides evidence of our salvation. Prepared before time began. (**James 2:16-26**)

 **John 15:8** "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

 **Philippians 2:12** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

 **2 Timothy 3:17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

 **Titus 2:14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

 Quote from John MacArthur: “Whenever a believer is not fresh in the Word of God every day, so that God is in His mind and heart, then Satan mows into the vacuum and plants worry. Worry then pushes the Lord even further from our minds.”