

Almost

Everything You Need to Know

A Systematic Study of God

God's Motives for Salvation

We Deserved _____

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- The _____ (1 John 2:15-17)
- The _____ (1 Peter 5:8)
- The _____ (Romans 7:18-24)

God does not owe you salvation. You deserve damnation, but he provides salvation.

Billy Sunday

Salvation Demonstrates _____

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

The greatest of all motives which actuates God in the exercise of His saving grace is the satisfying of His own infinite love for those ruined by sin. In this may be seen the truth that the salvation of a soul means infinitely more to God than it could ever mean to the one who is saved, regardless of the glorious realities which constitute that salvation.¹

¹ Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, vol. 3 (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 7.

Salvation Displays _____ Eternally

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6-7)

Salvation Mobilizes _____

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God also wanted a people who would do good works in this life and thus give the world a glimpse, albeit imperfect, of God who is good.

Charles Caldwell Ryrie

Coming up in our study of Soteriology...

- The Meaning of Christ’s Death
- The Results of Salvation
- Election & Predestination
- The Security of Believers