What does it mean to be saved?

Pastor

Core Beliefs: Understanding the Truths That Make Us Christian

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We're all about Jesus

We are a community of Jesus followers, inviting people to journey with Jesus, grow deep friendships, and go make disciples for the glory of God

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Spiritual Blessings in Christ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

💩 Come Be Known

Our youth are a valuable part of our church. Crosswalk's youth leaders love getting to know our students and hearing about their journey with Jesus.

Spiritual Growth

Junior High and High School are spiritually critical years for students as they begin to make their faith their own. We want to support them during this season.

Fun and Fellowship

Our youth program gives students the opportunity to experience Christian community with their peers while also enjoying a time of fun during the busy week.



6:30 - 7:45pm At Crosswalk Free pizza at 6pm!

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Journey Notes

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Here's how I break it down:

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(2) To be saved is to desire God above all else so that one can say, Jesus completes me

(3) To be saved is fully obey God when he speaks to you

It is impossible to have the right beliefs about God without God. He is the one who eradicates our false beliefs, wrong desire, and sinful actions. Therefore, to be saved is to go from enmity with God to friendship.

For more on this, read Ephesians 1:1-14 and John 3 then give God thanks for saving you!

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