

The Saving Lord

I. A new creation (2 Co. 5:17).

A. In Christ.

1. The old is gone.
2. The new has come.

B. Based on the death of Christ (“Therefore...”).

C. The message of reconciliation.

1. Committed to us.
2. We are Christ’s ambassadors.
3. He became sin for us.
4. The time is now (6:2).

II. No other gospel (Gal. 1:8).

A. Only the gospel of grace.

1. Received from Christ himself.
2. Validated by the apostles.

B. A different gospel.

1. Is not the good news.
2. Who preaches it is justly condemned.

C. Makes Christianity different from all other religions.

D. No one can be justified by works (2:15-16).

III. Sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14).

A. The seventh blessing of being in Christ.

B. The Holy Spirit himself.

1. A deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.
2. God’s possession.

C. Significance of a seal in the Roman Empire.

D. By the grace of God (2:8-9).

1. A gift.
2. Not of works.

IV. Carried to completion (Phil. 1:6).

A. God began the work in us.

B. He will complete his work.

1. As he did with Creation (he rested).
2. “It is finished.”

C. Until the day Christ returns.