

# The Gospel: Rescue or Self-Help?

Series: What is the Gospel?

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Ephesians 2:1-10 • April 22, 2018

<sup>1</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

It is important to accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.

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<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)

There is \_\_\_\_\_ available for you.

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<sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

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<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

The good news is \_\_\_\_\_ that you did good enough.

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<sup>10</sup> For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Are you living in this \_\_\_\_\_?

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## This Week

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

7:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Men's Group	Mont Vista 2
8 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Group	Lower Garage
	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Focus Group	Bellevue Lower
	Faith Still Matters	Bellevue Upper
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Group	Lower Garage
	The Gathering	Mont Vista 2
6:30 p.m.	DivorceCare	Mont Vista 2

### Monday, April 23

10 a.m.	Monday Mornings with Marnie	Coffee House
7 p.m.	Heart to Heart	Mont Vista 1

### Tuesday, April 24

9 a.m.	Mom to Mom	Garage
6:30 p.m.	Core Beliefs Class	Garage

### Wednesday, April 25

6:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Men's Group	Molly's Souper
9:30 a.m.	Wives of Badges	Bellevue House
6:30 p.m.	Radiant	Bellevue House
7 p.m.	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Wednesday Night Men's Study	Room 102
	Women at the Well	Room 105

### Thursday, April 26

6:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Men's Group	Chick-fil-A
9 a.m.	God's Design for Women	The Garage
7 p.m.	College/Post College Group	Garcias' Home
	A Quilter's Prayer	Room 104
	Griefshare	Room 102
	Thursday Night Men's Group	Bellevue House

### Friday, April 27

7 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery	The Garage
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Interested in joining one of these groups? Sign up online at [lbfnextsteps.church](http://lbfnextsteps.church) and a group leader will contact you.

## Pray

1. Pray for God's powerful work in those who are at the Men's Retreat this weekend.
2. Pray for God to bring you greater freedom and joy in light of the gospel.

## Giving Update

Fiscal Year July 2017-June 2018 **Total Budget: \$2,320,000**

	Budget Goal	Giving Received	Over/Under
February	\$172,504	\$177,333	\$4,829
March	\$190,829	\$214,593	\$23,764
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Fiscal YTD	\$1,709,905	\$1,790,130	\$80,225

## DEBT REDUCTION FUND

	Giving Received
February	\$4,085
March	\$4,910
Fiscal YTD	\$67,155

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- Offering boxes located at each exit