



What We Believe Matters

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What is the dictionary definition of Salvation?

Preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

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Romans 5:19: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

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2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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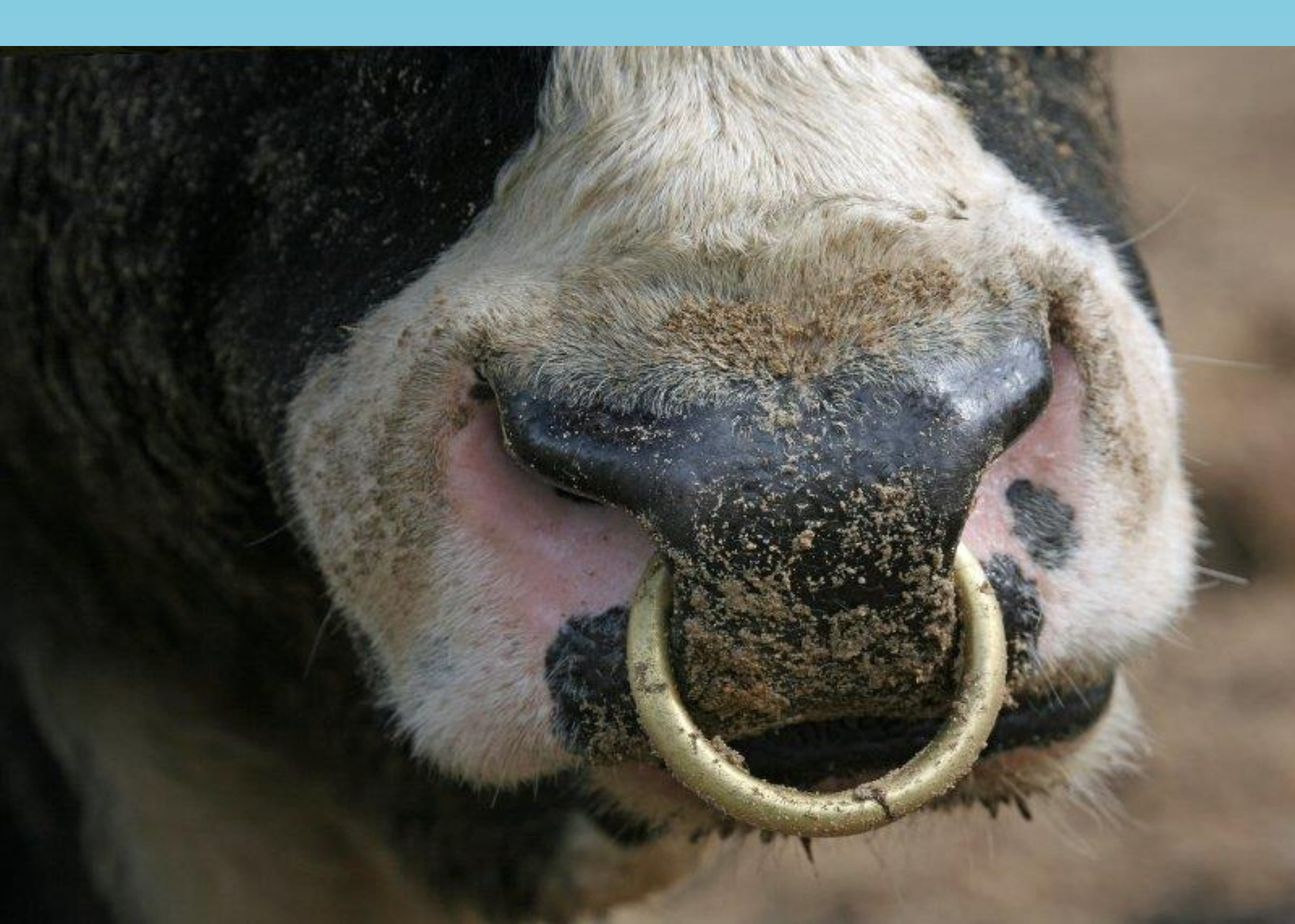
As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of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

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Our pre-Christian state:

- ◆ Dead in our transgressions and sins
- ◆ Bound by our flesh/sin nature and following the evil one with no real choice
- ◆ deserving of wrath

Ephesians 2:4-7

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. 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.

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Why did God do this?

- ◆ His great love for us
- ◆ His mercy and grace
- ◆ That he might show the incomparable riches expressed in his kindness
- ◆ For his glory
- ◆ For us to do good works
 - Bless the world around us
 - Spread his love

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By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone

It is not from ourselves... it is a gift of God

No one can boast

To God alone belongs the glory

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Personal stories are extremely powerful.

What have you been saved from?

How did it happen?

What is my response?

Tell others about your savior and your salvation.

Romans Road:

Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 5:8, “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 10:9, “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

What is my response?

Tell others about your savior and your salvation.

Romans Road:

Romans 5:1, “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:1, “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:38-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

You were dead; you are now
alive; tell others about your
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