Cherish the Indescribable Gift December 20, 2020

1. Cherish salvation that comes only through Christ

John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world, that He <u>gave</u> His only begotten Son... For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

Luke 19:10, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

- 2. Cherish Jesus on the cross.
- **2 Corinthians 9:15,** "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
- 3. Cherish the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38-39, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Colossians 2:27, "Make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

1. I must believe that Jesus is Lord

Acts 16:30-31, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

- 2. I am to live a life of sacrifice through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **2 Timothy 2:11-12,** "It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Christ, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us."

Romans 6:3-5, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the death through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection."

- **2 Thessalonians 1:5-9**, "This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you indeed are suffering. ⁶ For after all it is only right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These people will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."
- **1 Corinthians 15:1-4,** "Now I make known to you, the gospel by which you are saved... I delivered to you as of first importance, that Christ died for our sins, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."