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Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. NKJV

SALVATION must be seen as the **GOSPEL TRUTH**. The gospel is both Propositional as well as Personal.

Dr. Elmer Towns states this fact in his book, *Concise Bible Doctrines*, “To be saved, a person must know the gospel. There is only one gospel (Gal. 1:9) but it contains two sides of the same truth. Just as a door has two sides, so the gospel is propositional and personal truth.”

The propositional truth—1 Cor. 15:1-4.

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Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

The personal truth—1 Cor. 2:2

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2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

THERE ARE FOUR PERSONAL TRUTHS THAT EVERY ONE MUST KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION:

- ❖ **Know your NEED**
- ❖ **Know the PENALTY**
- ❖ **Know the PROVISION**
- ❖ **Know the RESPONSE**

THE NEED

Rom 3:10

As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

Rom 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned —

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THE PENALTY

Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev 20:14-15

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

NKJV

THE PROVISION

Rom 5:8

8 But God demonstrates **His own love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
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John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

THE RESPONSE

Rom 10:8-13

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

**GOD CREATED MAN WITH A WILL TO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE OR
REJECT HIS PLAN OF SALVATION**