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Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

2. SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

Rom 5:9-10 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. (10) For if while we were enemies (*not friends*) we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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Psa 5:5-6 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity. (6) You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

Psa 11:5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates. Cf. **Pro. 6:16-19; 11:20**

1 Thess 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

2 Thess 1:7-9 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

✳ We are reconciled through His death. (**2 Cor. 5:18-21**)

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Col 3:1-4 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (3) For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

3. SAVED BY THE GOSPEL.

1 Cor. 15:1-2 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, (2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

4. SAVED BY CALLING.

Acts 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Acts 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

5. SAVED THROUGH FAITH.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

Rom 3:24-25 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (25) Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

✳ God's only consideration is what Christ did to save us; not what we do for God.

Acts 16:31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

6. SAVED BY BAPTISM.

1 Pet. 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you-- not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience-- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

✳ The resurrection of Christ is the object of merit. The act of Baptism derives its value in the death of Jesus Christ. We must have faith in Christ while being baptized into His name.

7. SAVED BY ENDURING, but this is a result of sanctification, not justification.

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