

# Are You Saved?

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## **From What: Hopelessness**

When we come face to face with our sin, we realize that we owe a debt we cannot pay. When we come face to face with Jesus, we realize that He paid a debt He did not owe. This is the free gift that saves us from hopelessness: we are saved by grace through faith working itself out in love.

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. If you were given 1 million dollars, what is the first thing you would do with it? What is the second thing you would do with whatever was left over? Why?
  2. Can you think of a recent experience (past or present) when you have felt so hopeless that you believed no good could come from it? Please share.
  3. It is not fair that we owe a debt that we cannot pay. But it also is not fair that He paid a debt that He did not owe. When you look at it from that perspective, does it change your attitude to gratitude? Why or why not?
  4. It was not the amount that Jesus suffered that saves us. It's the depth with which He loves us that saves us. When you look at the Crucifix, do you find yourself spending more time focusing on the way that He died or the love that He offered? Please discuss.
  5. The payment of the debt is not the end of the story. The payment of the debt is just the beginning of the story. What is the next step for you? When it comes to the truth of living "debt-free", what do you find yourself focusing on/dreaming about?
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## **God in Real Life**

This week, intentionally live "debt-free"...freely offering love out of gratitude for the love you have been given.

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## **To the Heart**

"There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all." 1 Timothy 2:5-6