

## **John 1:14 (NIV)**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)**

**God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [9]**

**Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

## **1 Timothy 2:3-6 (NIV)**

**This is good, and pleases God our Savior, [4] who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. [5] For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.**

## **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**

**The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

# **NIGHT TIME VISIT**

**John 3:1-21**



## **Nicodemus was...**

- **Pharisee - strictest group of religious leaders**
- **Ruling Council - Sanhedrin responsible for religious rule in the Nation**
- **Teacher - known and respected**

# **Eternal Life Does NOT Come by....**

- **Legalism**
- **Being a Good Person**
- **National or Cultural Heritage**
- **Inheritance**

# **Eternal Life Comes by...**

- **The Death Jesus**
- **Grace**
- **Faith**

***Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)***

***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--  
[9] not by works, so that  
no one can boast.***

**→ The whole world is under  
Condemnation...  
...Jesus came to offer  
Forgiveness and Salvation**

→ Jesus Christ did not come to earth to **CHANGE** God's mind...

...Jesus came to earth to **EXPRESS** God's mind. ~Burge

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# **God's Love is...**

- **UNIVERSAL** - offered freely to everyone
- **COSTLY** - sacrificed His Son
- **ETERNAL in Purpose** - removed the curse and offered us Relationship

# **SALVATION is NOT**

- **a matter of personal knowledge**
- **merely changed behavior**
- **faithfulness to religious traditions**
- **discovering something good inside of us**
- **a matter of a Relationship between equals**

# **SALVATION is to...**

- **Recognize you are in Darkness**
- **Recognize Jesus is the ONLY Light**
- **Turn AWAY from Darkness to the Light**
- **Accept by Faith God's GIFT of Salvation**