***What is Salvation, Why Salvation***

1. **What is Salvation**

**4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. - Eph 1:4-6**

1. God chose us in Jesus before the foundation of the world. Dad knew who would accept His Son before Jesus was born into this world. The word for chosen in Greek is eklegomai and it means to pick someone out for one’s self, Christians are in an inviable position as a called out one. We are the chosen people of the Most High God. Through this scripture He wants you to know that you as a child of God is special to His heart.
2. Beforehand Dad adopted us as His children in Christ Jesus. This is something He wanted to do with all of His heart. Luke 22 tells us of Jesus prayer to His Father to take the cup from Him but Jesus gives in to the will of God. *“42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. “*- Luke 22:42-44 KJV
3. Jesus dying, being raised from the dead and sitting at the right hand of our Daddy was not only for our sake but it was for the sake of God the Father. This holy act of Jesus brought praise to the whole of the Godhead. This is the plan of God that was enacted according to the pleasure and of God.

*GQ: How far would you go to deliver your child from death?*

*GQ: Why did the work of Jesus bring joy to our Daddy?*

1. **A New Life**

***17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. - 2Co 5:17***

1. All those who through the ministry of the Holy Spirit has excepted Jesus as their Savior have become new creatures or new creations. The first creation was of the seed of Adam. “*45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.* “- 1Co 15:45-47 KJV The first nature was the

 nature of a sinner, Adam.

1. In order for us to be saved our nature had to be changed. For the old nature “is not subject to the law

 neither indeed can be.” (Romans 8:7) It is impossible for the sinner to be saved through works, it

 has to be a complete change. David wrote, 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my

 mother conceive me. - Psa 51:5 KJV

1. Those things that held us in bondage are passed away. You and me are children of the most high

 God. We are new creations in Christ Jesus.

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*GQ: What is the old nature like?*

*GQ: What is the new nature like?*

***1 And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: - Eph 2:1-2 KJV17***

1. The word quickened in the Greek means being, or to come into existence. When we were dead in our trespasses Christ made us alive in Him that we might receive His everlasting life. Trespasses means to fall beside or near something. The secondary meaning is a lapse or deviation from the truth. This caused us to walk away from the life of God
2. We at one time walked according to our desires. Paul through the precious Holy Spirit we walked in them in time past but now we are made alive in Jesus.
3. The spirit of this world is working or laboring in the children of disobedience. Satan and his cohorts are ruling this world and leading sinners to commit sin. Just as Jesus by the Holy Spirit works through and in us Satan is working in sinners

*GQ: When you were saved what is the first thing you noticed?*

*GQ: What was the first bad habit God took away?*