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FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR FAITH

THE BASICS

LESSON 1 – START HERE: SALVATION

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him” (John 3:16-17 NLT).

Salvation is in **CHRIST ALONE**

- *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it (Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT).*
- *Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me” (John 14:6 NLT).*

Followers of Jesus are called **DISCIPLES**

Disciples: You were saved to **SERVE**

- *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago (Ephesians 2:10 NLT).*

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Disciples: You were saved to **SHARE LIFE**

- *Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT).*

Disciples: You were saved to **SPIRITUALLY MATURE**

Disciples: You were saved to **SHINE**

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Create something this week that depicts God's love for you or reflects how God has changed your life since you became a follower of Christ—or how you pray God would change your life, if you haven't yet placed your faith and trust in Jesus. Create a poem, an artwork, a website, a photograph, an Internet meme, a rap, a sculpture—anything that illustrates God's incredible love or your transformed life. Share your creation with a friend or two, and use it as an opportunity to tell them about God's amazing love.