2:8-10 (1036). You ready to see Θ' glory in His Word this AM?

GA: Θ' glory displays His infinite worth; our deepest joy is delighting in Him.

SI: Purpose of the universe—ultimate center of biblical theology.

ORT: How do I bring Θ glory? ***Trust*** Him fully—***Follow*** Him faithfully. **Prov16:20** *The one who obeys the word will find good/the one who trusts in the* LORD *will be blessed*. **Read 2:8-10**:

SUM: Who we were.

2:1 & you were **dead** in your disobedient trespasses & sins 2 in which you previously walked according to the ways of this **world**, according to the **ruler of the power of the air**, the spirit now working in the disobedient. 3 We too all previously lived among them in our **flesh**ly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh & thoughts, & doomed we were by nature children under wrath as was the rest of mankind.

What Θ did.

4 ***But*** Θ, who is rich in ***mercy***, because of His great ***love*** that He had for us, 5 ***made us alive*** w/***X*** even though we were ***dead*** in trespasses. You are saved by ***grace***! 6a He also ***raised us up*** w/Him 6b & ***seated us*** w/Him in the heavens in ***XJ***, 7 MOTIVE ***so that*** in the coming ages He might display SHOW the immeasurable riches of His ***grace*** thru His kindness ***to*** us in ***XJ***.

- Chose, predestined, adopted—**1:6** *to the praise of* Θ' ***glorious grace*** *that He lavished on us in the Beloved One*.
- Redeem by ***X*** blood, forgave—**1:12** *so that we who had already put our hope in* ***X*** *might bring* ***praise to His glory***.
- **1:14** *The* ***HS*** *is the down payment of our* ***inheritance***, *until the redemption of the possession, to the* ***praise of His glory***.

CTX: Most succinct accounting of salvation in one text.
CIS: You have been saved by grace thru faith for Θ' glory.

PNP: 2 insights into Θ's glorious salvation:

1st: Θ wants you to see the description of His offer of salvation.

8a For you are have been ***saved*** 8b by this grace 8c thru faith, 8d & this is not from yourselves; it is Θ's gift— 9 not from works, **so that** no one can boast.

- **v8a** Dead/alive—blind/see—deaf/hear—lame/walk—lost/found—dark/light.
- *Saved* (prfct) – past event w/ongoing present/future reality.
- **Salvation** – past event w/current & future results.
- Drank coffee—past event w/current & ongoing results.
- Penalty of sin—Power of sin—Presence of sin.
- Declared righteous—growing righteousness—perfected in.
- Justification—Sanctification—Glorification.

I was saved—Ro5:1 *Therefore, since we **have been justified** by faith, we have peace w/Θ thru our Lord JX.*

I am being saved—1Cor1:18 *For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of Θ to us who **are being saved**.*

I will be saved—Ro5:9 *How much more then, since we **have** now **been justified** by His blood, **will we be saved** thru Him from wrath.*

- Is any of that true in your life?
- **v8b Grace** – unmerited favor/kindness of Θ.
- **v8c Faith** – not source but means. Acknowledge what Θ has done/trust in it. What are you trusting in? the prayer … If you were to die right now/Θ were to ask? It cannot begin w/I…
- **v8d** – see **v7**.
- **Perfect**: *once I am **truly** saved—I am always **totally** saved*!

[**T**]: **v9** Lazarus … all that followed—He did not boast! DEAD!

2nd: Θ wants you to see the description of your salvation.

10a For ***we are*** **His** workmanship work of art, 10b created in ***XJ*** 10c for good works, 10d which Θ prepared ahead of time for us to do.

- **v10a** His masterpiece—uniquely designed by His hand.
- *Poiēma* –skillful/thoughtful/artfully made. Great intention.

Ro1:20 *For* Θ' *invisible attributes*, *that is*, *His eternal power & divine nature*, *have been clearly seen since the creation of the world*, *being understood thru* ***what He has made***. *People have no excuse*.

- Presents creation/new-creation (redemption) as parallel acts of divine artistry.
- **v10b** What did Θ do? How & Where did Θ do it?
- **v10c** Why did Θ do it?
- **v10d** What do those good works look like? Are prepared by Θ in advance—good works beating heart of a new heart.
- Don't earn salvation—expected result of a ***S***-filled life.
- You are poetic masterpiece created by Θ for His glory **v7**.

Mt5:16 *In the same way*, *let your light shine before others*, *so that they may* ***see*** *your* ***good works*** *& give* ***glory*** *to your Father in heaven*.

- Your good works show forth Θ' glory—*I should do more*!
- Pursue closeness to Θ, not a checklist of good works—as you pursue Him, you will grow more sensitive to Θ & His work—His works become your works.

CEP: Doris Neel.

G: How do I become a masterpiece?

Life started out like a canvas—& Θ started painting on me,
But I took the paintbrush from ***J***—& painted what I wished to see.

The colors I painted kept running—& the objects were all out of size,
I had made a mess of my painting—My way now seemed so unwise.

So I brought my painting to ***J***—All the colors, all the pieces so wrong.
In the markets of earth it was worthless—But His blood made my painting belong.

He worked w/no condemnation—Never mentioned the mess I had made.
Then He dipped His brush in the rainbow—& signed it, the price has been paid.

When I gave the brush back to ***J***—When I gave the brush back to Him.
He started all over Life's canvas to fill—When I gave to ***J*** the brush of my will.