

A Call to Salvation

Jesus Christ broke the power of sin and death so that everyone who repents and believes can be made alive, restored to God, and raised to walk in newness of life.

SERMON TITLE	MINISTER
A Call to Salvation	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, January 11, 2026	Colossians 2:11-15 ; Romans 10:9-10

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 God made the way for us to draw near and be restored to fellowship with Him.

- Sin separated humanity from God, but His plan from the beginning was restoration through Jesus Christ. ([James 4:8](#); [Romans 5:8-11](#))
- The goodness of God leads us to repentance; salvation begins with His grace drawing the heart back to Him. ([Romans 2:4](#))
- Jesus entered our condition without sin, tasted death for us, and opened the way into new life. ([Hebrews 2:9](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#))

“His plan and His purpose is for you to come and draw near to Him.”

STUDY [James 4:8](#); [Romans 2:4](#); [Romans 5:8-11](#); [Hebrews 2:9](#)

02 The cross and resurrection broke the rule of death and made new life possible.

- Death could not hold Jesus because He was sinless; God raised Him from the dead in victory. ([Acts 2:24](#); [Romans 6:9](#))
- Everyone who places faith in Christ is joined to His death and resurrection and raised to walk in newness of life. ([Romans 6:4-5](#))
- The record that stood against us was nailed to the cross, and principalities and powers were disarmed. ([Colossians 2:13-15](#))

“Because Jesus was buried in death. But death could not hold Him.”

STUDY [Acts 2:24](#); [Romans 6:4-9](#); [Colossians 2:13-15](#)

03 Salvation requires a personal response to Jesus, not religion at a distance.

- Today is the day to repent, believe, and receive the life Jesus purchased. ([2 Corinthians 6:2](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#))
- The Holy Spirit draws the heart to see Christ personally and respond to Him in faith. ([John 16:8-14](#))
- Knowing about God cannot replace surrendering your life to Jesus and knowing Him for yourself. ([Philippians 3:8-10](#))

“It’s time for you to see Christ and know Him for yourself.”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 6:2](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [John 16:8-14](#); [Philippians 3:8-10](#)

04 Those who have been reconciled to God are sent to carry the Gospel to others.

- Christ has entrusted every believer with the ministry of reconciliation. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#))
- The Gospel belongs in ordinary places - workplaces, schools, homes, and every place God sends us. ([Mark 16:15](#))
- Let the saving work of Jesus burn in your heart until silence is no longer an option. ([Jeremiah 20:9](#); [Romans 1:16](#))

“Tell the world. Tell those around you. That means in your workplace. That means in school.”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#); [Mark 16:15](#); [Jeremiah 20:9](#); [Romans 1:16](#)

05 Baptism declares burial with Christ and resurrection into a new way of life.

- In baptism, the old life is pictured as buried with Christ and the believer rises through faith in the working of God. ([Colossians 2:11-12](#))
- Jesus forgives trespasses, removes the record against us, and gives a new heart and a clean conscience. ([Colossians 2:13-14](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#))
- Freedom must be walked out with a renewed mind that agrees with what Jesus has finished. ([Romans 12:2](#); [John 8:36](#))

“Buried with Him in baptism in which you were raised with Him through faith in the working of God.”

STUDY [Colossians 2:11-15](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#); [Romans 12:2](#)

Read the Word in context.

[Ezekiel 36:26](#)

[James 4:8](#)

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[John 8:36](#)

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[Acts 2:24](#)

[Romans 1:16](#)

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How will you respond to the call of Jesus?

Have you personally surrendered your life to Jesus, or have you relied on religion and familiarity with church?

What does it mean for you to agree with the truth that Jesus nailed the record against you to the cross?

Where is God asking you to carry the ministry of reconciliation in your everyday life?

What old way of thinking must you leave buried so you can walk in the new life Jesus has given you?
