



Colonial Beach  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*A Lighthouse for God*

## GOD'S GIFT

*“God saved you by his special favor when you believed.  
And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”  
(Ephesians 2:8 NLT)*

***Salvation is My work in your life*** – unmerited, undeserved grace in action.  
Before you met Me, you were in a sad state – rebellious, godless, hopeless.  
Your first step of faith opened the window of your heart to My grace –  
beginning the supernatural process of change from the inside out.  
In kindness and love I washed away your sins, declared you not guilty,  
gave you a new life through the Holy Spirit, and promised you eternal life.  
I have saved you from sin's penalty – you will not go to hell.  
I save you from sin's power – you don't have to ruin your life by addiction.  
I will save you from sin's presence – you'll live in a sinless environment.  
Your salvation has nothing to do with your meeting the Law's demands –  
that's something only My Son has been able to do perfectly.  
Your salvation has everything to do with My loving and merciful heart –  
that's something you can accept by faith and celebrate in worship.

***Special favor is My wonder in your life*** – the unspeakable gift of Jesus.  
You have no reason to boast of yourself – you're not God, so you're not good.  
You naturally miss the target – you fall far short of reaching perfection.  
Wise men shouldn't gloat in their smartness – Christ is the key to all wisdom.  
Athletes shouldn't strut in their strength – the Almighty is stronger than all.  
Rich people shouldn't count on their money – I own the entire universe.  
Believers who know My unfailing love are the ones with bragging rights!  
At the cross, you're at peace – reconciled with the Creator, friends with God.  
Near My heart, you can relax -- enjoying the pleasure of My company.  
My free gift is paid for with My Son's innocent blood,  
wrapped in incomprehensible grace, and offered in infinite mercy.  
All who humbly receive My gift fall in love with Me . . . and never get over it.

***Surrender of your will makes you Mine*** – unconditional abandonment to Me.  
I want more from you than money, busy-ness, or ponderings . . . I want you.  
Not until you say, “Lord, take me”, is your surrender genuine and complete –  
giving offerings, running errands for Me, giving Me your best thoughts  
follow naturally from a surrendered heart.  
To be My child – devoted to holiness, part of My family, enjoying blessings –  
give Me your heart with no strings attached.

***Service is your work for My cause*** – leading to unimaginable rewards.  
What you do for Me doesn't save you – it demonstrates trust and honors Me.  
Faith works . . . those who believe obey.  
One day, clay in the Potter's hand will be sculpted into Christ's likeness.  
Complete salvation is My gift to you . . . quality service is your gift to Me.



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