

## “By Grace Through Faith” – Part 2

Ephesians 2:8-10

### BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. v.8

1. Saving faith must include:
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| <i>cognito</i>  | (cognition)     | “I <i>understand</i> Christ died for my sins”               |
| <i>assentia</i> | (assent)        | “I <i>agree</i> Christ died for my sins”                    |
| <i>fiducia</i>  | (faith, belief) | “I <i>believe</i> , I <i>trust</i> Christ died for my sins” |

### 2. Saving faith in Jesus Christ is receiving & resting upon Him alone for my salvation, entrusting my life—past, present, and future—to Him.

- We are saved by grace through faith—the wording is important: *through* faith, not by faith.
- Faith is the vessel through which we receive salvation.

### 3. How do faith and works (things I do) relate to salvation?

- Works (things I do) = Salvation            FALSE (Legalism)
- Faith in Jesus + Works = Salvation        FALSE (Legalism)
- Faith in Jesus = Salvation – Works        FALSE (Antinomianism)
- Faith in Jesus = Salvation + Works        TRUE - Biblical Salvation

### NOT SAVED BY GOOD WORKS—SAVED FOR GOOD WORKS. v.9-10

- There are 3 references to ‘works’ or ‘workmanship’ in v.9-10.

#### 1. We are not saved as a result of “works.” v.9a

- Gk. ἔργων = a work or a deed that I do

#### 2. We are God’s workmanship. v.10a

- Gk. ποίημα = a work that is made; ‘poem’ - can have connotations of ‘a work of art’ esp. a poetic product

#### 3. We are created for good works. v.10b

- Gk. ἔργοις = from ἔργων in v.9: a work or deed that I do

→ The first time we actually do any “works” is AFTER salvation.

### IMPLICATIONS OF BIBLICAL SALVATION

#### 1. A person who has Biblical salvation cannot look down upon or judge those without salvation.

- We once were in the same state of being spiritually dead. v.1, 3
- We contributed nothing to our salvation. v.9: “...so that no one may boast...”

#### 2. A person who has Biblical salvation has a new “poem” to write. (“For we are his workmanship...”)

- Compare v.10: For we are his ‘poem’ with v.3: carrying out (‘writing poetry’) the desires of the body and mind

#### 3. A person who has Biblical salvation has a new walk. (“...that we should walk in them...”)

- Compare with v.2: “...in which you once walked...”
- Ephesians 4:1; 5:1-2; 5:

→ God has a unique and distinct plan for your life. v.10

→ What is it?