DOCTRINE OF SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

salvation

grace

faith

Ephesians 2:8  For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:9  not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Paul cannot speak of this glorious work God does without reminding us that it is a gift of grace, given to those who don’t deserve it.

Romans 3:10  as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:11  no one understands; no one seeks for God.

Romans 3:12  All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

v. 9 both Jews and Greeks, are under sin

Straw Illustration

Faith is the Straw…Grace is the Refreshment, God’s Gift!

What if there was one way to save yourself?

What if it was the easiest “don’t do” in history?

Would you save yourself? Could you save yourself?

At one time, in the beginning it was possible…simply to choose God’s will and save all of mankind.

Genesis 3:6  So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

The easiest “don’t do”… ooops!

All of us are “cursed”…

Hebrews 9:1  Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness.

Levitical Law

Mosaic Law

Alter of Sacrifice

Holy Place

Holy of Holy’s

Ark of the Covenant

Mercy Seat

Romans 3:23  for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24  and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:25  whom God put forward as a propitiation (satisfactory payment) (mercy seat) by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

The Law works 'wrath,' the Gospel proclaims ‘reconciliation;' but the two are connected by means of a 'redemption,' forged by One who 'redeemed us from the curse of the Law, by being made a curse for us.'

The ‘just’ and ‘right’ thing for God to do, thus demonstrating His Holy Wrath, His hatred for sin, is to bring death to the offending party.

That’s all of us…

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned…

No one can convince you of this…one of the hardest Bible teachings for folks to swallow is the “I am a sinner” truth.

Maybe everyone else has disappointed God…and while I’m not perfect I have sincerely done my best…God understands me, He loves me.

God does understand you…

He does love you…

1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

John 3:16  “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17  For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

…this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

God doesn’t share His Glory…

If you want to Justify yourself, Glorify yourself…

There is no hope for you.

God gets the glory!

It is God’s Salvation through Jesus

It is God’s Grace because He has made a way that Satisfies his wrath

It is Faith, not in anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ

Acts 4:12  And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Mark 2:17  And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Repentance is sorrow for sin.

Grace…Salvation…Faith

We may believe that God owes us for our service, after all we have raised our children, sustained our marriages and remained faithful to our spouses. We have given to the church and participated in it’s services. Yet, where does our faith lie?

Matthew 9:13  Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

What does that mean? Mercy and not sacrifice?

This is a quote from Hosea: Old Testament sacrificial system…

Did those people see their sin reflected in the sacrifice?

Did they reflect on God’s absolute right to require the sacrifice?

Did they understand God’s mercy in forgoing judgment, by the covering of sins?

Mercy? Not giving someone what they deserve…sinners…

Grace? Giving someone what they don’t deserve…gifts…

John 1:14  And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17  For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8,9  For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Salvation is not earned it is a gift.