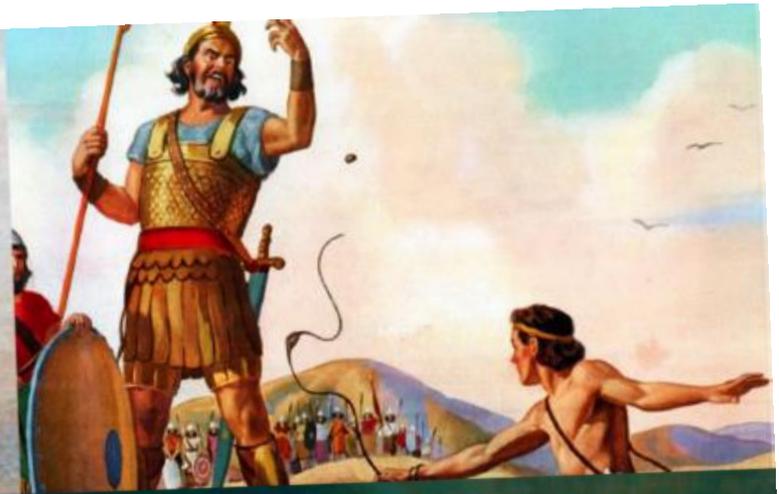


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# In the Light of His Glory and Grace

**Ephesians 2:7-9**



## Ephesians 2:7

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7 so that in the ages to come  
He might show the  
surpassing [immeasurable]  
riches of His grace in  
kindness toward us in Christ  
Jesus.

# Outline for Today

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I. v. 7: Why Does God Save Us?

I. For His Glory

II. vv. 8-9: How Does God Save Us?

I. By \_\_\_\_\_

II. Through \_\_\_\_\_

III. Not of \_\_\_\_\_

*The Answer is Always:* EPHESIANS

# God's Glory

**You Are**

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**Living Proof  
That God Loves  
His Own.**





THE  
BASICS



The Big Question:

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What Must I  
Do To Be  
Saved?



Teaser in v. 6:

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“(by grace you have been saved)”

And now (vv. 8-9), Paul elaborates on this glorious truth!

# Ephesians 2:8a

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**8** For by grace you have been saved through faith;

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1. Grace (*charis*)

2.

3.

## Last Week:

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- We talked about God's mercy (*eleos*), which Wuest defined as, "God's kindness and goodwill toward the miserable and afflicted, joined with a desire to relieve them."
- This week, we want to focus on grace, and we must know the difference between these two terms.

# Mercy vs. Grace

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- Mercy is compassion to the miserable,
  - **Grace is shown to the undeserving.**
- Mercy is God's solution to man's misery,
  - **Grace is God's solution to man's sin.**
- Mercy removes the pain,
  - **Grace covers the sin.**
- Mercy restores,
  - **Grace forgives.**
- Mercy withholds what we do deserve,
  - **Grace gives us what we don't deserve.**

# Grace is Powerful

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It not only offers salvation...

**It secures salvation.**

You *Were* Saved.

**You *Are* Saved.**

You *Will Always Be* Saved.

**Gospel Truth:**

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**God's Grace is  
Preeminent in  
Salvation.**



**Blaise Pascal  
(1623-1662)**

“Grace is required to turn a man into a saint; and he who doubts this does not know what either a man or a saint is.”

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# Defining our Terms

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1. Grace (*charis*)

2. Faith (*pistis*)

3.

But...

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# What is Faith?

# Necessary Faith

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- Acts 16:31 – “**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”
- John 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who **believe** in His name”
- Romans 4:5 – “But to the one who does not work, but **believes** in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness”



# In Much of the Church EPHESIANS

- “Faith” means assent, decision, or the teachings one affirms; a decision, the right prayer prayed, is enough to go to heaven.
- **How did faith in Christ get perverted into thought about Christ?**
- How did all the focus get placed on getting into heaven?

# Faith (*pistis*)

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- What Faith Is:

The instrument by which we receive salvation (i.e., trust in Christ).

- What Faith is NOT:

An act or work that earns merit with God, which He rewards with salvation.

# The Biblical View:

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We are saved *because of* or *on the basis of* grace, which is attained *by means of* or *through* faith.

If we get this wrong, we have changed the gospel.

For Example:

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- What if someone said:

***We are saved because  
of or on the basis of  
faith.***

Why is this incorrect?

# Our Faith...

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- Doesn't Save Us.
- Only the grace we receive because of Christ's atonement saves us.
- Faith is merely an instrument by which grace is received.





# Understand:

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- A person is “saved” because of the medicine, not because of the syringe.
- **And yet, without the syringe, salvation would not be possible.**
- Faith is the response by which salvation through the perfect work of Christ is received.

**More Biblical Truth:**

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**God Provided  
Both the  
Medicine and the  
Syringe!**

## Ephesians 2:8b-9

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**8b** and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

“that”

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To What Does “that” in v. 8  
refer?

Grace?

Faith?

**Both!**

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3. Works (*ergon*)

# 2 Negatives & 1 Positive

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- Negative:

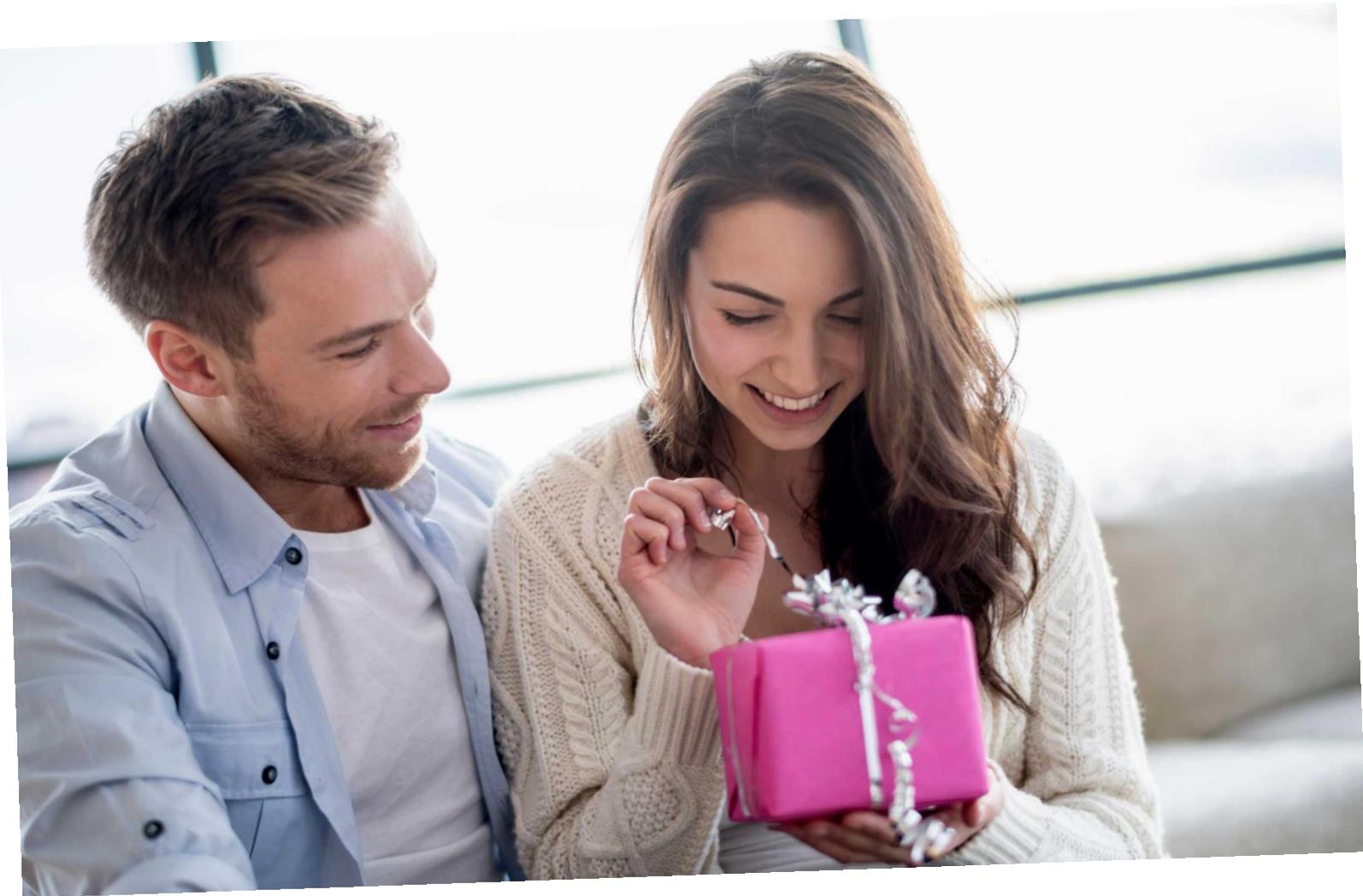
“not of yourselves”

- Positive:

“it is the gift of God”

- Negative:

“not as a result of works”



Ephesians 2:9b

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**9b** so that no  
one may boast.

In Light of Scripture, EPHESIANS

Salvation by  
Works is  
Patently  
Absurd.



**F.F. Bruce**

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“If we breathe, it is because life has been breathed into us; if we exercise the hearing of faith it is because our ears have been unstopped. We are born from above. Spiritual life is not of the nature of a subsidy supplementing dogged exertion or ruthless self-flagellation, but a largess from the overflowing well-spring of divine compassion, lavished on a set of spiritual incapables.”

**6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

**27** Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

**14** But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

# Imagine If...

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Salvation came by works.

- **As Kent Hughes said:**

“Eternity would spawn a fraternity of rung-dropping, chest-thumping boasters – an endless line of celestial Pharisees.”



**Turn to**  

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**Matthew 25:31-46**

## Matthew 7:21-23

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**21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. **22** Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ **23** And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

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**No One Who Is  
Saved Will Have  
Grounds To Boast  
Before God – Or Will  
Even Want To.**

# Revelation 5:13

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**13** And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

**“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”**

**3** Blessed are the  
poor in spirit, for  
theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven.



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