

Key Christian Passages: Ephesians 2:8-10

Grace for Saving and Serving

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

For by **grace**  
you (pl) are  
have been saved  
through **faith**,  
and that  
not **from** yourselves;  
of God the gift,  
  
not **from** works,  
in order that  
not anyone  
might boast.

Τῇ γὰρ χάριτί  
ἐστε  
σεσωσμένοι  
διὰ πίστεως·  
καὶ τοῦτο  
οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν,  
θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον·  
  
οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων,  
ἵνα  
μὴ τις  
καυχῆσθαι.

For we are a doing of Him,  
created  
in Christ Jesus  
for good **works**,  
which prepared beforehand  
the God,  
that in them  
we should be walking.

αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα,  
κτισθέντες  
ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ  
ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς  
οἷς προητοίμασεν  
ὁ θεός,  
ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς  
περιπατήσωμεν.

1. Understand “**Saved**”

- **Saved = rescued, delivered**

- **From What?:**

1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

2:1 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

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

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **Passive – someone else rescues me (not my own effort)**
- **Perfect – rescued in the past, with continuing results**
- **Plural – each of us needs to be rescued**

2. **By Grace**

- God’s undeserved favor
- To those that deserved His wrath (2:3)

3. **Through Faith (Belief)**

- We are saved when we believe...
- What God has said about Jesus (1:15; John 3:16-18; Acts 16:31)

4. **Not from Ourselves**

- Grace, faith, the entire salvation package?
- Seems to be the last, since “that” does not match any word.

5. **A Gift of God**

- Our salvation, our rescue, is a gift from God, not something we earn or deserve.

6. **Not from Works**

- We’re not saved by our works (Rom 4:5)

7. **No Boasting**

Rom 3:19-27<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who **believe**. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through **faith**, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith** in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of **faith**.

8. **We Are a Doing of God (Something God Made)**

9. **Created in Christ Jesus For Good Works (Titus 2:11-14)**

10. **That in Them We Should Be Walking**

- **Good works = distinguishing mark in the way we live.**  
4:1 **walk** worthy of the calling with which you were called,  
4:17 you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles **walk**, in the futility of their mind,  
5:2 And walk in love,  
5:8 **Walk** as children of light  
5:15 See then that you **walk** circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

Our Salvation Is by Grace  
Our Salvation Is Through Faith  
Our Salvation Is Not of Works  
Our Salvation Is Designed for Doing Good Works

### **GRACE in Ephesians**

1:2 **Grace** to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
1:6 to the praise of the glory of His **grace**, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.  
1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His **grace**  
2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by **grace** you have been saved),  
2:7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His **grace** in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
2:8 For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,  
3:2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the **grace** of God which was given to me for you,  
3:7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the **grace** of God given to me by the effective working of His power.  
3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this **grace** was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
4:7 But to each one of us **grace** was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart **grace** to the hearers.  
6:24 **Grace** *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

### **FAITH in Ephesians**

1:15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your **faith** in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,  
2:8 For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,  
3:12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through **faith** in Him.  
3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through **faith**; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
4:5 one Lord, one **faith**, one baptism;  
4:13 till we all come to the unity of the **faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;  
6:16 above all, taking the shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.  
6:23 Peace to the brethren, and love with **faith**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **BELIEVE in Ephesians**

1:13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed**, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,  
1:19 and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us **who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power

### **WORKS in Ephesians**

2:9 not of **works**, lest anyone should boast.  
2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.  
4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the **work** of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,  
5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful **works** of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

### **WALKING in Ephesians**

2:2 in which you once **walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,  
2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should **walk** in them.  
4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk** worthy of the calling with which you were called,  
4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles **walk**, in the futility of their mind,  
5:2 And **walk** in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.  
5:8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. **Walk** as children of light  
5:15 See then that you **walk** circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,