

PERSONAL REFORMATION

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- We are saved by grace alone.

 - We are saved through faith alone.
- SAVING FAITH = Belief + Truth + Trust
- We are saved *for*—not *by*—good works.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Why does the order of grace > faith > good works matter? How does inverting this order pervert the gospel? In verse 10, how is this explained?
2. How has the grace of God transformed your life, personally? Who is someone you know personally who has had their life transformed by God's grace?
3. Explain what each component of saving faith is and why each is important. How does each component matter in your life as a Christian?
4. What area of your life are you tempted to rely on your own righteousness instead of Christ's righteousness?
5. What is the role of boasting in the Christian life? Consider what the following passages have to say about this: Luke 18:9-14; Rom 3:26-27; Gal 6:14; 2 Thes 1:4; 2 Cor 11:30, 12:9.
6. Read Ephesians 2:10. How have you seen God prepare good works for you to walk in this year? This week? Today?

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