



Salvation Gifts from God
7th in the “Ephesians” Series
Ephesians 2:8-10
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Introduction

In this passage we are given a short and beautiful summary of salvation and its three gifts from God.

Salvation is a New Creation work of God that is accomplished by three related gifts of God:

1) The Gift of Grace (v. 8a).

2) The Gift of Faith (vv. 8b-9).

Acts 18:27 – 27 When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.

Philippians 1:29 – 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him....

3) The Gift of Good Works (v. 10).

How should we think about “the good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do?”

(1) If our good works are not the source of our salvation, then good works must be seen as the fruit of our salvation, as proof that God has saved us and is changing us into the image of his Son.

(2) Pursuing good works is a worthy spiritual desire and task for the Christian.

(3) While no Christian, pastor, or elder board can have perfect perspective into another person’s spiritual condition, someone who claims the grace of God (gift 1), and even faith in God (gift 2), but does not have or really desire good works for God (gift 3), should be considered in light of the message of this text.

Response

Lord, thank you for the gifts of salvation you have graciously bestowed upon your people.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What does the gift of salvation mean to you? How should you feel about or respond to God's overwhelming generosity to you through Jesus Christ?
- 2) Since grace is God's free and undeserved love and mercy toward you, what is the significance of the statement in v. 8: "by grace you have been saved?"
- 3) If faith is the humble trust with which we receive God's grace as our own, how can the apostle Paul say that "this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God (v. 9)?"
- 4) Why do we instinctively think of grace as God's job and faith as our job, and not see faith – the ability to respond to God in light of our sinful condition and spiritual death – as equally a gift of God?
- 5) How does v. 10 help you see good works – all your striving for holiness and growth in God – not as a means to earn your salvation but as a God-given proof that your salvation is real and true?
- 6) How did these three verses helpfully summarize the gospel for you, and the gracious gifts of God in salvation to Christians?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16).

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: John 6:44 (Mon); 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (Tues); Philippians 2:13 (Wed); 1 Corinthians 4:7 (Thurs); Acts 13:48 (Fri).