

Daily Life with Christ-69: The marvelous, matchless grace of God . . . how sweet the sound.

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There is nothing like the grace of God to melt the hardest heart and generate the greatest love for God. Let us note a few of the scriptural truths on our greatest need of salvation, the source of that salvation, and the only condition for receiving that gift of salvation.

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

“saved (ἐστε σεσωσμένοι = “you continue to be perfectly saved”).” Our greatest need is salvation—past, present, and future: salvation from Hell (regeneration) . . . salvation from the power of sin (present sanctification) . . . salvation from the presence of sin (future glorification).

“by grace (τῆ . . . χάριτί).” The source of this salvation is God’s matchless grace. No human being ever was or will ever be saved by works—“not of works.”

“through faith (διὰ τῆς πίστεως = “through the faith”).” The only condition for receiving God’s grace gift of salvation. Faith is merely the means, the instrument by which we accept the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross for our sins. “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

Regardless of any other passage, this passage is as clear as it is dogmatic. Christ accomplished the work of salvation on the Cross for every human being. All that is required is to accept the gift by faith alone in Christ alone.

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Forever in the Grace of God,

Pastor Don