

Salvation by Grace Through Faith

Eph. 2:9-10

Introduction:

- A. "By grace . . . through faith:"
 - 1. Inclusive rather than exclusive.
 - 2. Summary rather than details.
- B. Summarizes two factors in our salvation:

Discussion:

I. God's "Grace."

- A. Grace is God's solution for our sins.
 - 1. Our condition without grace (Eph. 2:1-3)
 - 2. Our condition with grace (Eph. 2:4-7).
- B. Grace includes every *act* of mercy to save man.
 - 1. By grace God planned and revealed our salvation (Eph 3:1-11).
 - 2. By grace God executed his plan in Christ Jesus (Rom. 5:15-19).
 - a. Includes Christ's "righteous act" and "obedience" - His sacrificial death (vs. 18, 19).
 - b. Includes His giving "every spiritual blessing" in Christ. (Eph. 1:3-6)
 - (1) Redemption and forgiveness (v. 7).
 - (2) A guaranteed inheritance (v. 11-14).
 - (3) His resurrection and establishment of the church (v. 18-23 cf. Acts 20:28)
- C. Grace excludes works of which a man may boast.
 - 1. "Not of works" does not exclude all works of any kind (v. 10).
 - 2. Perpetual perfect obedience would make it "of works."
 - 3. A single disobedience makes it "not of works."
 - 4. Depend on grace to bridge gap between imperfect works and perfect law. (Cf. 1 John 2:1).
- D. Grace is not a license to sin. (Rom. 6:1; Heb. 10:25-29).

II. Man's "Faith."

- A. Faith is Man's response to God's grace (Rom. 10:6-9; 17)
- B. Faith includes every *act* faith in obedience to God (cf. Rom. 1:5; 16:26)
 - 1. Repent by faith. (Parallel Lk. 24:47 with Mark 16:15,16).
 - 2. Baptized by faith (Gal. 3:26,27)
 - 3. By faith we live Christian lives. (Gal. 2:20; Cf. Rev. 2:10).
 - a. Worship.
 - b. Work.
 - c. Daily deeds.

Conclusion:

- A. "Grace" or "Faith" kept only in the minds of its owner is of no practical value.
- B. "Grace" and "faith" profitable when they act.