

What We Believe About Works & Grace

Ephesians 2:4-9

1

We Believe...

- We are saved by grace (Eph. 2:5, 8).
 - Grace means “unmerited favor”
 - It is “the gift of God (v.8).
 - He “made us alive” (v.5).
 - Grace excludes works of merit
 - Merit means “earning, deserving favor”
 - “Not of yourselves” (v.8; cf. Rom. 3:27-4:25).
 - “Not of works” (v. 9).
 - The kind of works that would be of our own doing (v.8).
 - The kind of works of which we could boast (v.9).

2

We Believe...

- We are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8).
 - Faith requires works of obedience (Js. 2:26).
 - Faith – the work of God (John 6:28, 29).
 - Work of God means obeying God.
 - Hearing God’s word, believing the gospel, repenting of sins, confessing Christ, baptism
 - Not by works of righteousness that we have done (Titus 3:5).
 - We are saved by grace when we, through faith, obey God’s commands.

3

We Believe...

- The relationship between works and grace is seen throughout the Bible.
 - Noah (Gen. 6:8, 13-21, 22; 7:5, 23; Heb. 11:7).
 - Jericho (Josh. 6:2, 3-5, 6-17, 20; Heb. 11:30).
 - The Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-29; 35, 36-38, 40).
 - Salvation is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8).
 - How was the eunuch saved?
 - God's grace bring salvation when works of faith are obeyed (Titus 2:11, 12).

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We Believe...

- We are saved by grace.
- We are saved by grace through faith.
- The relationship between works and grace is seen throughout the Bible.

Have you been saved by grace through faith?
Have continued in God's grace?

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