

REACHING FREEDOM TOGETHER

“Salvation by Grace through Allegiance”

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

❖ Understanding Grace

Grace is the power of God that enables me to do what I cannot do in my natural ability.

- Reciprocation

Reciprocation means a response to a gesture or action by making a corresponding one!

- Allegiance

Grace, in fact, required a life of gratitude, praise, and ***“allegiance to Jesus as king.”***

❖ Understanding Faith

- The Real Meaning of Faith in Scripture
 - Reliability
 - Confidence
 - Assurance
 - Fidelity
 - Faithfulness
 - Commitment, and
 - Pledged Loyalty

It is that Paul is saying something we have all missed in our contemporary world. Paul used the Greek word ‘pistis’ and what the Greek word *“pistis”* actually means is:

A lifestyle that indicates Loyalty and Allegiance

“It is by grace you have been saved through allegiance and loyalty to King Jesus” (Eph. 2:8)

If so, this would then lead us to the ...

- Reconsideration of Believe and Repentance in Scripture

"The kingdom of God is near! Repent and believe the good news." (Mark 1:15)