

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS? (PART THREE)

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY WE CAN SAVE OURSELVES FROM OUR SINS. THAT IS WHY GOD MADE A WAY TO BRING US BACK TO HIMSELF.

III. SALVATION IS GOD'S FREE GIFT

LUKE 23:42-43

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

This is a perfect picture of a conversion moment. Jesus, the sinless Savior dying on the Cross for our sins, and the guilty thief, who could do nothing to save himself.

At conversion, both repentance and faith must be present.

We cannot have the one without the other. They are the two sides of the same coin.

*"Repentance is the hand releasing those filthy objects
it had previously clung to so tenaciously;
faith is extending an empty hand to God to receive His gift of grace."
Arthur W. Pink*

THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRISTIANITY – GRACE

GRACE IS THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD.

*"Religion is man searching for God; Christianity is God seeking man,
manifesting Himself to him, drawing Himself unto him."
D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

EPHESIANS 2:1-5, 8-9

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions

— it is by grace you have been saved.

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith

— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

*"A dead man cannot raise himself from the dead.
The only power over death in the universe is the power of God.
God alone can bring something out of nothing and life out of death."
R.C. Sproul, Reformed Theologian and pastor*



OUR NEW POSITION BEFORE GOD

1. He is no longer Judge, He is Father.
2. We are no longer His enemies, we are His children.

JOHN 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

“You can never deserve pardon; it must be an act of pure grace.”
Charles H. Spurgeon

SAVED TO DO GOOD WORKS!

EPHESIANS 2:10 (ESV)

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

THE LORD WANTS TO SHOW A WATCHING WORLD WHAT HIS GRACE CAN DO IN A PERSON’S LIFE.

HIS GRACE IS CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE PERSON AT A TIME

QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLE DISCUSSION:

1. Why do you think people try to earn their salvation through good works?
2. In what ways can you thank God for His free gift of salvation?