

Saving Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

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Question: What is God's grace?

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in 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— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. – Ephesians 2:1-7

1. Grace is part of God's _____. (Ephesians 2:4-7)

⁴⁶“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.” – Matthew 25:46 NLT

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. – Psalm 103:8 ESV

Grace = the undeserved, loving commitment of God to rescue & restore us relationally to Him. “...by grace you have been saved..” (v.5)

- God's grace RESCUES us. “...alive... **with Christ..**” (v.5)
- God's grace RESURRECTS us. “...raised us up **with him...**” (v.6)

- God's grace RESTORES us. “...seated us **with him...**” (v.6)

Live it out!

Q: What aspect of God's grace is most applicable to my life today: rescuing grace, resurrecting grace or restoring grace?

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Grace is _____ through faith. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

²⁴Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. – Romans 3:24 NLT

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Q: Why do so many people believe salvation is by works?

¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

3. Grace powers God's _____. (Ephesians 2:10)

- Salvation not *from* works, but *for* works God prepared for us.

¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. – James 2:17 ESV

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Q: How can I serve out of the power of God's saving grace? Where or with whom do I need to think, feel and act like Jesus?