DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE



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ENTIRELY BY GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-10

"A man cannot be thoroughly humbled till he realizes that his salvation is utterly beyond his own powers, counsels, efforts, will and works, and depends absolutely on the will, counsel, pleasure and work of Another, God alone."

Luther

WHAT DOES A LIFE SAVED ENTIRELY BY GRACE LOOK LIKE?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8a

"BY GRACE"
"THROUGH FAITH"

A LIFE OF GRACE IS RECEIVED

"For by grace you have been saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8a

"Not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8b-9

NO ONE BOASTING EVER

Not fewer people boasting.

Not boasting in less.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Romans 3:27–28

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

"The person who believes he can obtain grace by doing what is within him adds sin to sin."

Luther

A LIFE WHERE BOASTING IS REMOVED

"Not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8b-9

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:10a

CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

Not a better version of you.

A new you.

CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS

Decisive and progressive

Your standing is secure.

Your conformity is ongoing.

semper reformanda

"The church is reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God."

~ Jodocus van Loodenstein, 1674

A LIFE WHERE NEW CREATION IS FORMED

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:10a

A LIFE WHERE GOOD WORKS ARE WALKED IN

"For good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10b

THE ORDER OF THE GOSPEL

We are not saved by good works.

We are created in Christ for good works.

"Our faith in Christ does not free us from works but rather from the foolish view that works result in our justification."

Luther

GRACE SAVES YOU TO BE SENT,
NOT SHELVED.

WALK IN GOOD WORKS

Not occasionally.

Daily, ordinary, habitual obedience.

ENTIRELY BY GRACE

FOUR HEARERS

- The striver
- The boaster
- The unreforming believer
- The stalled believer

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