

## Five Pillars of Free Grace Theology

**Pillar 1 – Justification comes freely through faith alone, but discipleship is costly.**

**Pillar 2 – There are two kinds of inheritance in the Bible.**

**Pillar 3 – There are two dimensions to eternal life.**

**Pillar 4 – It is possible for saved people to fail and become carnal.**

**Pillar 5 – Justification comes freely through faith alone, but rewards are obtained by works.**

**Pillar 1 – Justification comes freely through faith alone, but discipleship is costly.**

### Understanding “Salvation” (*soza, soteria*)

The meaning of *soza* is to deliver from some difficulty, and the context determines the kind of difficulty in view. Of the 106 times *soza* occurs and the 46 times *soteria* occurs in the New Testament less than 40% refer to eternal salvation.

### Three Phases of Salvation

Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Saved from the <i>penalty</i> of sin	Saved from the <i>power</i> of sin	Saved from the <i>presence</i> of sin
Declared Righteous	Become Righteous	Are Righteous
Positional	Progressive	Ultimate

### Key Passages of Scripture

**John 3:16** – The only condition for receiving eternal life is faith (believe). The word ‘believe’ is used nearly 100 times in the Gospel of John as the sole condition for receiving life!

**Romans 3 through 5** – This is Paul’s most concise presentation of justification by faith alone. A key verse in this passage is Romans 4:5:

*“But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.”*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** – *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”*

**Galatians 2:16** – *“Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified”.*

**Titus 3:5** – *“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”.*

**Revelation 22:17** – *“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”*

### Misunderstood Passages

#### James 2:14-26

- Note it is written to believers.
- The justification by works is at least 20 or 30 years after Abraham was justified by faith.
- The point is to believers that their faith is unproductive (dead) if they do not put it to action before men.

**Matthew 24:13** – The context is the tribulation, not enduring in the Christian life for eternal salvation.

**Acts 2:38** – The context is the nation of Israel. These are Jews who publicly rejected and crucified the Messiah. They have now come to faith and ask what they must do (publicly) to undo the wrong they have done.