

**Psalm 103:1 – 5**

**1 Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me  
bless His holy name.**

**2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget none of His benefits.**

**3 Who pardons all your iniquities;  
Who heals all your diseases;**

**4 Who redeems your life from the pit;  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and  
compassion;**



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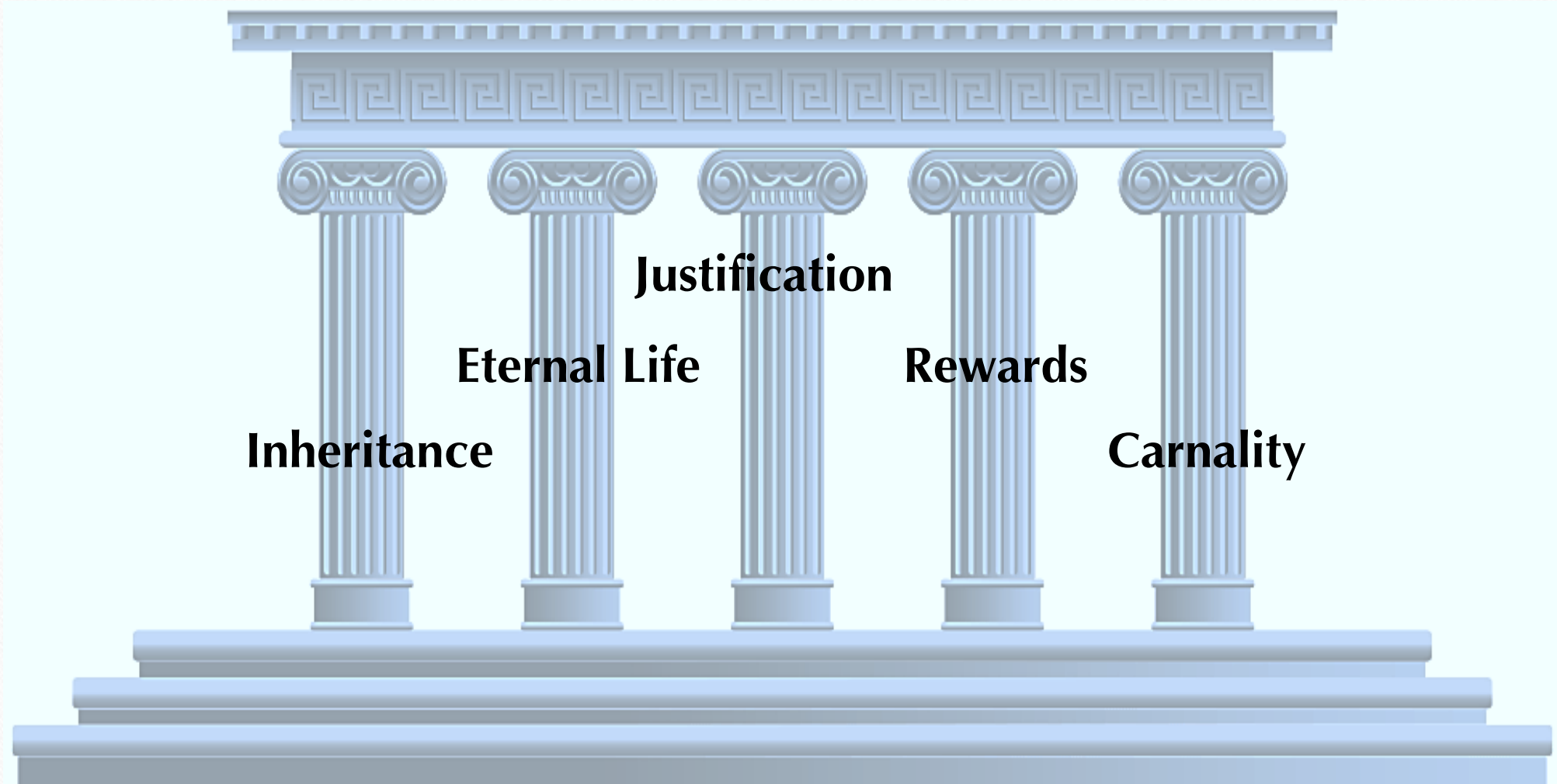
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# Five Pillars of Free Grace --- Theology



# Free Grace Theology







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

## **Romans 4:3-5**

**For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”**

**Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.**

**But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.**



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**So, being credited with righteousness is not a payment, but a gift.**



## **John 4:10**

**Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”**

**Living water,  
Eternal life,  
Credited with righteousness,  
Heaven,  
Justification,**

**A gift, not a reward.**



**But what does it mean when we read verses like this?**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

**If works do not save us, then why are our works to be judged?**

**Let's see if God's Word can answer that question.**



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**“...Call the laborers and pay them their wages  
(*misthos*).”      Matthew 20:8**

**Luke 6:22,23**

**“Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward (*misthos*) is great in heaven...”**



**In the next life,**

**you will receive a *misthos*/reward/wage,  
for every time you are ridiculed for the name of  
Christ.**

**God has obligated himself to repay you for your  
suffering.**

## **Matthew 10:41**

**He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward (*misthos*); and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward (*misthos*).**



## **Matthew 10:42**

**And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward (*misthos*).**

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## **Luke 14:12-14**

**Jesus says, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,**



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**and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.**

**Repaid = Gr *antapodidomi***

**Antapodidomi = to pay something back as a result of an incurred obligation.**



**You will be repaid for your service.**

**The payment will come in the next life.**

**You will be blessed when you are repaid.**

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## **Matthew 6:1-4**

**Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward (*misthos*) with your Father who is in heaven.**



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**When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward (*misthos*) in full.**

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**But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay (*apodidomi*) you openly.**



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**Service done from a pure motive, with or without public recognition, will be recompensed in the next life, publicly.**

## **Colossians 3:23,24**

**Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;**

**Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward (*antapodosis*) of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**



**...from the Lord you will receive the reward  
(*antapodosis/repayment as an incurred obligation*)  
of the inheritance...**

**This inheritance is not a gift, but a reward or  
payment for service to Jesus Christ.**

**This inheritance is earned.**

**If it is earned, then it can't be the same thing as  
the "gift" of eternal life.**

**As an aside....**



**Some rewards are crowns (Gr *stephanos*)**

**2 Tim 4:8 crown of righteousness to all who have loved His appearing**

**James 1:12 crown of life promised to those who love Him, particularly through trial**

**1 Peter 5:4 crown of glory, to faithful elders**

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## **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,  
Each man's work will become evident;**

## **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.**

**If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward (*misthos*).**



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**If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.**

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**But survive smelling like smoke.**

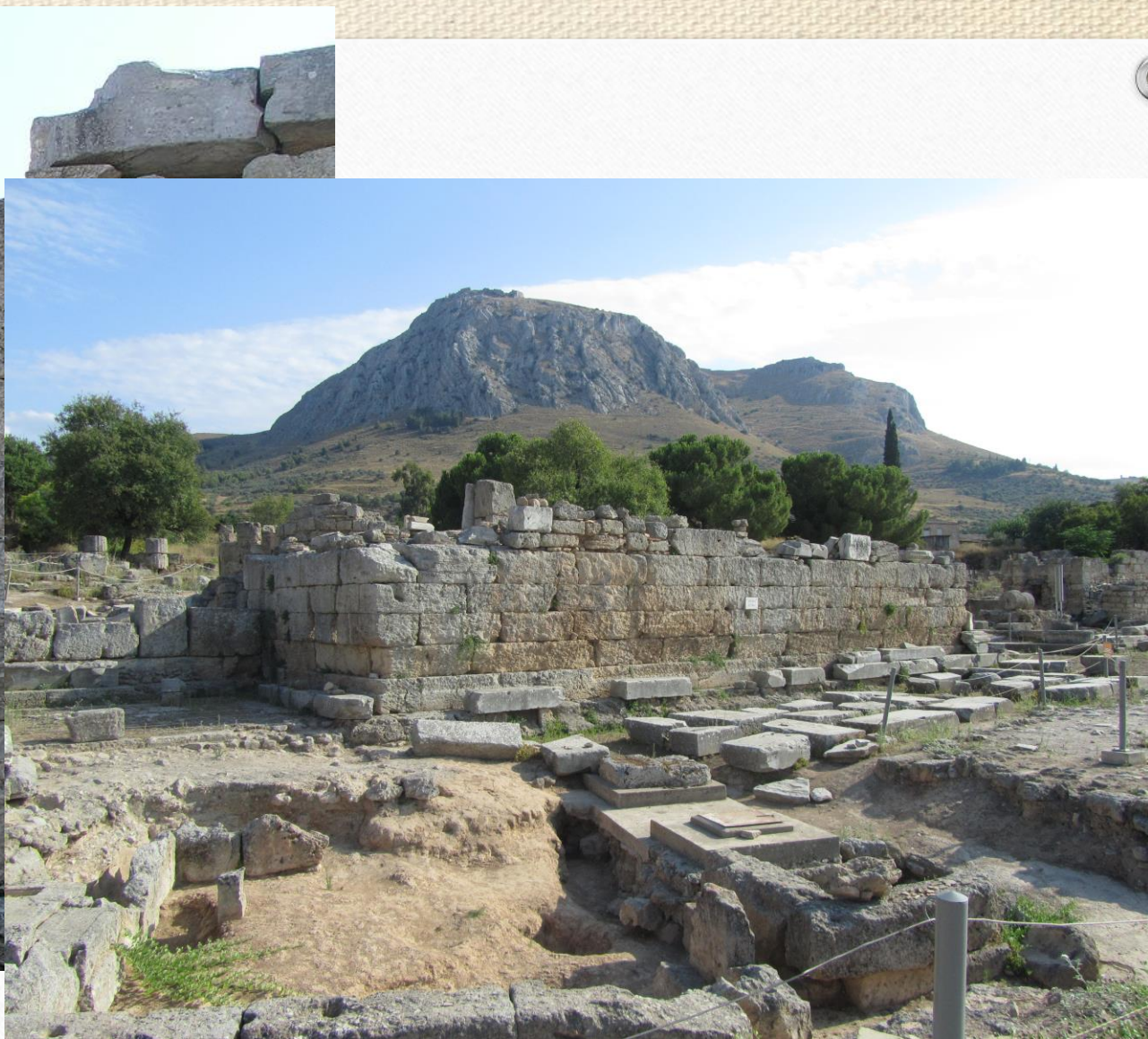
**So, when is “the day”?**



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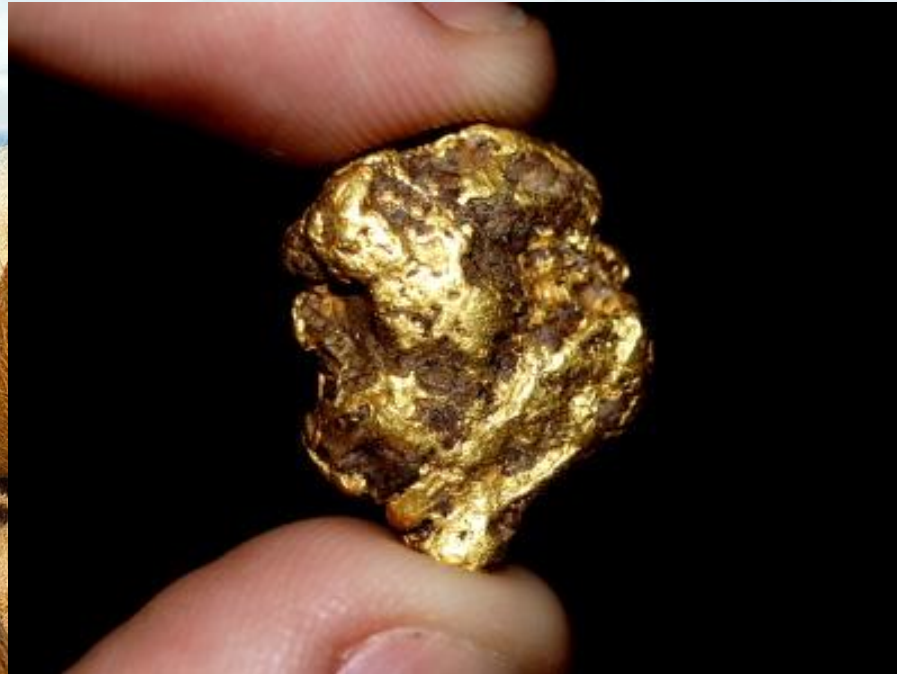












**Live a life that will survive the fire,  
And Jesus Christ will reward you.**



