



## All of Grace

*Ephesians 2:8-10 (The Passion Translation)*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift<sup>[f]</sup> from God that brought us to Christ! <sup>9</sup> So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. <sup>10</sup> We have become his poetry,<sup>[g]</sup> a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works<sup>[h]</sup> we would do to fulfill it!

1. NOT BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 6:4)

a. How is one saved? Not \_\_\_\_\_  
(Luke 18:11, Matthew 25:37-46; Romans 1:17; Romans 3:10-21, Matthew 5:3)

b. How is one saved? By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 2:8)

1. What is grace? It is unmerited \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 11:6)

*“Grace is indeed required to turn a person into a saint; and he who doubts this does not know what either a person or a saint is.” - Blaise Pascal*

c. How is one saved? Through \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 16:31, John 1:12, Acts 13:39, Romans 4:5)

1. What is faith? Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ plus \_\_\_\_\_

First, salvation is not “by works.” Second, salvation is only “by grace.” Third, salvation is “through faith.”

Have we stepped out onto Jesus and received the gift of eternal life?  
(Acts 16:31)



### **Group Discussion:**

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-7: We live in a world where human beings left to themselves, not only choose the wrong direction, but remain cheerfully confident that it is in fact the right one. What forces lure us to go in the wrong direction spiritually (v.1-2)
2. What reasons have you heard people give for the direction they're going in their life?
3. What according to Paul characterizes people who are going in the wrong direction (v.3)? What has God done for us to get us on the right road?
4. How did your own "change in direction" through Christ come about? Share your story with the group.
5. God made us alive and raise us up in Christ (v.4-6) What does verse 7 say God desires to be accomplish by this?
6. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What is the means of our salvation (vs 8-9)?
7. The gospel of Jesus Christ is all about grace. It gives life to the dead. It is God's free, undeserved gift. But people think they can earn their salvation by doing good works. Do you ever feel that you need to earn God's favor or us? If so, why do you think it's hard to accept his grace as a free gift?

### **Cross the Bridge: Your Next 7 Day Assignment**

Ask God to show you somebody over the next 7 days for whom you can do something that is completely undeserved and unmerited, then do it.