

**WHY WORKS WILL NOT WORK ...**

*otherwise grace is no longer grace*  
(Ephesians 2.8-10)

Central Idea: *It is impossible for us to work to earn our salvation because salvation is totally of grace and nothing of human effort.*

I. The Setting of these Powerful Verses (1-7)

II. The Basis of Our Salvation is God's Grace (8-9)

A. We are saved by grace

B. Salvation is received through faith

C. We are not saved by ourselves or by works

1. God's gift to us

2. Not by works

III. The Result of Our Salvation is Good Works (10)

A. God's masterpiece

B. Created for good works

C. Walk in good works

**Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion**

1. We are saved through faith in Jesus. What is often added to faith that confuses the simple gospel message? (i.e., praying a certain prayer, committing your life to the Lord, etc.)
2. Discuss the relationship between being saved by grace and doing good works or deeds found in Eph 2.8-10. Also consider Rom 3.27-28 and Titus 2.11-14.
3. Why is the distinction between grace and works so easily confused even among believers?
4. In our efforts to understand and proclaim a free grace gospel, we should not diminish the role of doing good in our Christian lives. How can we keep both truths – grace and good works – in proper perspective?
5. Read Romans 11.6. What conclusions can we draw about grace from this verse?

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**Our Salvation ...**

**ORIGIN** – *God*

**BASIS** – *grace*

**MEANS** – *faith*

**RESULT** – *good works*

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