

Advance to the Manger — Day 15

Advance in Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 TPT

“For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.”

Introduction:

The Gift of Faith

- Read Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9
- Explore the concept of faith as a gift from God.
- Deepen their faith during the Christmas season.

As we approach the manger during the Christmas season, we are reminded of the gift of faith. The birth of Jesus Christ is a testament to God's faithfulness and His desire for us to have a personal relationship with Him. In Ephesians 2:8-9, we find a profound declaration about the role of faith in our salvation. Today, let us reflect on this passage and discover how the gift of faith can lead us to the manger and transform our lives.

Heart Reflection

1. The Source of Salvation:

Our salvation is not earned through our own efforts or good works. It is a gift from God, given to us by His grace. The manger represents the continuation of God's plan to reconcile humanity to Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we advance toward the manger, let us acknowledge our need for God's grace and recognize that salvation is a gift freely given to us.

2. The Role of Faith:

Faith is the means through which we receive God's gift of salvation. It is a response to God's grace and an expression of trust in His promises. Our faith in Christ is not based on our own strength or understanding, but on the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. As we advance to the manger, let us nurture our faith by spending time in prayer, studying God's Word, and seeking a deeper relationship with Him.

3. Embracing Humility:

The gift of salvation through faith humbles us. It reminds us that we are entirely dependent on God's grace and mercy. We cannot boast in our own achievements or righteousness, for it is God who has saved us. As we advance to the manger, let us approach with a humble heart, recognizing our need for a Savior and embracing the gift of faith that allows us to experience God's love and forgiveness.

Call To Action

- **Cultivate Your Faith:**
 - Take intentional steps to strengthen your faith.

- Engage in regular prayer, study God's Word.
- Surround yourself with fellow believers who can encourage and support you on your journey.
- Seek to deepen your understanding of God's love and His plan of salvation.

- **Trust in God's Promises:**
 - In moments of doubt or uncertainty, remind yourself of the promises of God.
 - Trust that He is faithful, and He will fulfill His promises.
 - Lean on Him in times of difficulty and allow your faith to sustain you.

- **Share the Gift of Faith:**
 - Just as faith is a gift from God, it is also a gift that can be shared with others.
 - Share your testimony of how God's gift of faith has transformed your life.
 - Pray for opportunities to share the hope and love found in Christ with those around you.

Take A Way

As we advance to the manger, let us remember that salvation is a gift from God, received through faith. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for His grace and mercy. Let us nurture our faith, trusting in God's promises and humbly acknowledging our need for a Savior. May the gift of faith transform our lives and enable us to share the hope of Christ with others. As we journey towards the manger, may our lives be a testimony to the power of faith and the love of our Savior.

Prayer:

Oh Lord,
thank You for the gift of faith. Help us to embrace this precious gift and trust in Your promises. Strengthen our faith as we journey towards the manger, and fill our hearts with gratitude for Your grace and mercy. Use us to share the gift of faith with others, that they too may experience the joy and peace found in Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.