

THE SAVING GRACE OF GOD
[By grace ye are saved.]
Eph. 2:4-10, (v5)

Introduction:

- A. Mankind is incapable of self-deliverance.
 - 1. He is "dead in tresspasses and sins."
 - 2. He is "by nature the children of wrath."

- B. Man is a sinner by choice.
 - 1. "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind."
 - 2. The mind consents to the flesh.

- C. God must intervene.
 - 1. He must become, author and finisher.
 - 2. The Spirit witnesses to God's truth.

I. GOD'S GRACE IS LOVE AND MERCY. U4

- A. "But God."
 - 1. "who is rich in mercy."
 - a. rich = plousios = abounding in riches.
 - b. mercy = eleos = active compassion for miserable.
 - 2. "for his great love wherewith he loves us."

- B. "For God." John 3:16.
 - 1. "So loved the world."
 - 2. "He gave His only begotten son."

II. GOD'S GRACE IS UNDESERVED. U5

- A. We were dead.
 - 1. dead = nekros = a judicial sentence.
 - 2. sins = paraptoma = sin because of ignorance.

- B. He "quickened" us = suksoopeieo = to make alive in conjunction with another, by grace ye are saved.

III. GOD'S GRACE LIFTS UPWARD. V6

A. "and hath raised us up together."

1. raise = sunegeiro = sun - together with + egeiro - to cause to rise up.

B. "and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ."

1. sit = sugkathikso = together or in conjunction with.
2. sitting together as the church.

IV. GOD'S GRACE GLORIFIES GOD. V7

A. "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

1. ages = aion = time or a space of time.
2. shew = ekdeiknumi = to display, to prove.
3. riches = ploutos = wealth.
4. grace = charis = a kind, affectionate, pleasing nature and dispositions.
5. kindness = chrestotes = active beneficence in spite of ingratitude.

V. GOD'S GRACE IS RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH. V8

A. "for by grace are ye saved through faith."

1. grace = charis.
2. saved = sozo = preserve safe from danger, loss or destruction.
3. faith = pistis = the conviction which is based on hearing, not sight, a firmly relying confidence.

B. "and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"

1. gift = doron = a gift, a present, an honorary gift.
2. not of yourselves = ouk - not + humon = of you.
3. It came from an outside source.

VI. GOD'S GRACE EXCLUDES BOASTING. V9

A. "not of works."

1. Not = ouk = not, no.
2. works = ergon = that which is brought into being by labor, work as a single act.

B. "lest any man should boast."

1. lest = hina - to the end that, ; me - not.
2. boast = kauchaomai = to speak loud, to be loud tongued, to vaunt oneself.

VII. GOD'S GRACE CREATES WORKMEN. V10

A. "for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

1. workmanship = poiema = a thing made, a thing produced, as with effort, object, and design.
2. created = ktizo = to bring under tillage and settlement, to people a country, to found, set up, bring into being.
3. good = hagathos = worthy of admiration.
4. works = ergon = deed, that which is brought into being or accomplished by labor.

B. "which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

1. ordained = proetimazo = to prepare before hand.
2. walk = peripateo = to be walking, to tread about.

VIII. GOD'S GRACE IS AVAILABLE. V11,12,13

A. He is available to sinners.

1. "Gentiles in the flesh."
2. "Already strangers, "having no hope."

B. "are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

