

Salvation By Grace.

**Romans 4:16-18** “*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*”

People today are very confused about salvation. There is so many false religions called Christian, and it make Christianity like a sea of confusion. People preach about salvation by faith, but they refuse to teach about salvation by grace. Most false religion **makes salvation dependent on a total depraved sinner**, and leaves God out of it. Their favorite quote is “God cannot change your will”. If this is true, then salvation is not by grace but just by human faith. They are putting salvation entirely in the depraved hands of the depraved sinner whom God said, “*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*” **Romans 3:10 – 11** Where is that written in the Old Testament, Psalms 14:1-3; and Psalms 53:1-3. Faith does not come alone, it comes by grace, it comes from God. Those that put the action of salvation on the lost sinner is a false religionist who is a servant of Satan and that not of God.

1. God said, “*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace...*” Romans 4:16
  - a. Salvation was never by anything but by faith, it was never of works. Abraham believed God, “*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*” **James 2:23**
  - b. Today we must believe God, **1 John 5:10** “*He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*” Everyone who believes salvation involves works is calling God a liar.
  - c. God also said, “*it is of faith, that it might be by grace*” Rom. 4:16 The word “grace” not only makes salvation by faith, but also puts salvation in God’s powerful hands. Not in our depraved hands.

2. The fact that salvation is of grace makes it “*a matter of mere undeserved mercy*”. -Albert Barnes.
  - a. God said of works, “*For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:***” **Romans 4:14**
  - b. **Galatians 3:18** “*For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.*”
  - c. What exactly is defined as a work? Strongs said, “an effort; by implication an act: - and deed, any sort of doing, or a labor” God said, **Romans 9:30-33** “*What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*” No one was ever saved by anything except through faith in God.
3. “*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace;*” Rom. 4:16
  - a. Faith makes salvation by grace; grace makes salvation a gift of God because faith is a gift from God. It is not natural! **Galatians 5:22 - 23** “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*”
  - b. No person has the ability to choose Christ as their Saviour, pray a prayer to be saved, to turn over a new leaf, or to work for their salvation. Because Grace makes it impossible.
  - c. God said, **John 6:44, 65** “*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (65) “And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.” This is called grace!*
  - d. We, as Sovereign Grace Churches should not allow our hearts to be broken when people murmur because they also murmured at Jesus preaching.
  - e. Charles Spurgeon wrote these words, “*It often happens, in the ministry of a faithful preacher, that he has to say unpleasant things, and there are some who withdraw*

*because of his preaching of the truth. Should he break his heart when they do so? Certainly not. They did the like with his Master, they acted the same with the apostle Paul. It will be so to the end of the chapter; and, indeed it is part of our work to separate between the precious and the vile.”*

- f. **John 6:68 - 69** “*Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (69) And we **believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.**”*
4. If salvation is by works it is not of grace, and if it’s by grace it is not by works.
  - a. **Romans 11:6** “*And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*” There is not Jews or Gentiles in salvation, everyone has the same condemnation and the same salvation and the same Saviour. Only the false religionist separates the world.
  - b. The gift of grace is to those who believe, not on their own but by the gift of grace from God. **Romans 11:7** “*What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded” The word “blinded” means – hardened - **John 12:40** “*He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.*”*
  - c. Both the words Blinded in Rom. 11:7 and hardened in John 12:40 are from the same Greek word. The word blinded in John 12:40 is from a different Greek word and it means, to make blind. This is why salvation is by grace, God has shut the eyes of the lost that they cannot see, making salvation a gift of grace.
5. Do you see the Truth or do you mummer at the truth? Bo you believe the Truth or do you believe the lie of Satan?