

Salvation by Grace Through Faith



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We see three things from these verses:

1. God's Love and Grace in Salvation

Salvation begins with the initiative of God's love and grace.

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God demonstrated His mercy and grace when we were spiritually dead and unable to save ourselves. Grace is God's unmerited favour - His goodness freely given to us, even though we don't deserve it.

This love is the foundation of our salvation: God loved us, pursued us, and saved us through Jesus Christ. John 3:16.

2. The Means of Our Salvation

Salvation comes by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a gift from God.

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We cannot earn salvation through good works or personal effort. It is a gift freely given by God and received by faith in Jesus.

Sin separates us from God, but we can receive eternal life and redemption through Jesus. Romans 6:23. Romans 3:23-24.

3. The Purpose of Our Salvation

Salvation is not only about what we are saved from but also about what we are saved for. God has saved us to live lives that glorify Him through good works. These works do not save us but are the natural result of a life transformed by His grace.

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God is glorified by our good works and have entrusted us with gift to serve others. Matthew 5:16 1 Peter 4:10.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to you that salvation is by grace and not by works?
2. How does God's love and grace motivate you to live for Him?
3. What are some good works you believe God has prepared for you to do?