

HOW TO BE SAVED: THE BASICS

Ephesians 2:8-9

I. THROUGH FAITH

A. _____ Has 2 Important Elements

- 1) _____: we must believe that certain facts are truly true in the realm of history and science
 - a) Liberal Chr. = Jesus did not really exist, but by a leap of _____ it gives meaning in a religious way
 - b) What many so-called “Christians” in mainline denominations call faith does not include _____
- 2) _____ is a matter of the will not mind; we must put the weight of our souls on Christ alone
Illustrations = sitting on a _____ and being willing to let Charles Blondin carry you across the _____

B. Faith Is Only as Effective as the _____ of Our Faith

- 1) It's not the size of our faith (a tiny mustard seed), but rather how big the _____ of our faith is
- 2) When some preachers emphasize faith, they speak of positive thinking—believing in _____

C. Faith Is Not the Cause, But the _____ of Our Salvation

The cause of our salvation is _____; faith is simply receiving what He has already done for us

II. BY GRACE

A. _____ Has 2 Important Elements

- 1) One of the original meanings of this word is _____; it is not what we earn or deserve from God
We can never put God in our _____; we all start indebted to God and go downhill from there
- 2) Grace = whatever we need from God for our _____—spiritual, emotional, financial, physical
Before we are saved, grace rescues us from _____; afterward, it supplies whatever life demands

B. Even Our _____ Is by Grace

- 1) Some think God's grace sent Jesus to give us forgiveness & eternal life, but we must supply _____
- 2) But the NT teaches in Eph.2:8-9 and Phil.1:29 that even the faith to believe is a gift of God's _____
- 3) “That” and “it” in our text refer to “salvation-by-faith”—which verse 9 declares “is not of _____”

III. YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED

A. Save, Saved, Salvation ...

- 1) Sound strange to those who don't attend _____ or read the Bible; some believe their use is unwise
- 2) But God uses these words over & over again in the NT & our society _____ what they mean

B. Relation of Grace to Salvation

- 1) Only One can save us but He has no reason to rescue us b/c we have broken His _____ by our sin
- 2) But because of His _____ He sent His Son to rescue us from our sin by what He did on the cross

C. Relation of Faith to Salvation

All we need to do is trust ourselves completely to Christ to rescue us rather than our own _____