

SAVING GRACE

One of the great doctrines of Christian Soteriology is Saving Grace taught by Paul in (Eph.2:1-10).

(Eph.2:1-10) consists of three Greek sentences (Eph.2:1-7; Eph.2:8-9; and Eph.2:10).

One interesting thing Paul did in the first sentence, Eph.2:1-10, was to put the subject of saving grace in parenthesis in (Eph.2:5) and then explained it in the next sentence of (Eph.2:8-9).

(Eph.2:5) “**by grace you have been saved** (perfect periphrastic/ finite verb/ eimi/ p.a.ind.2pl; sozo/ perf.p.ptc.nplm).” (Eph.2:5) is a grammatical bridge to (Eph.2:8-9).

(Eph.2:8) “For **by grace you have been saved** (perfect periphrastic/ eimi/ p.a.ind.2pl; sozo/ perf.p.ptc.nplm) **through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**, it is the **gift of God**;”

<p>This lesson will study three aspects of the doctrine of Saving Grace.</p>

1. By connecting parenthesis of (Eph.2:5) to the theology of (Eph.2:8-9), Paul established the Scriptural assurance of every church age believer’s eternal grace salvation (Heb.5:9).

(Rom.3:24) “Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”

This was decreed at the Apostolic Church Conference of Acts 15.

(Acts 15:11) “But we believe that we are saved through grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they are also.”

Note that Paul put saved (sozo) in Eph.2:5 and 2:8-9 as perfect periphrastic regarding grace.

Note that finite verb is eimi (Absolute Status Quo of existence/ p.a.ind.2pl) [“you are all continuously or always] (present tense).

The Perfect periphrastic of (sozo/ perf.p.ptc) means “**saved in the past with the results that you will always be saved now and forever through of faith**” (Eph.2:8-9).

Note the passive voice of **sozo** means that every Church Age Believer enters into the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross **by grace** at the moment of believing the gospel (John 19:30) [tetelestai] (Perf.p.ind.3ps)

- Message of salvation gospel (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- Mechanic of salvation believe (Rom.1:16)
- Means of salvation grace through faith (Eph.2:8-9)

2. Because salvation is by means of grace through faith, it is a gift of God.

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves**, it is **the gift (to doron) from God not as a result of works**, that **no one** should **boast**.”

The Greek word for gift is to doron (nsn) of God. Normally Paul used **charisma** for giving a gift or present on such occasions as a birthday, anniversary, and Christmas (Rom.5:15/ fee gift).

We will mention four dorean grace gifts of salvation.

- Gift of God's Grace Salvation Eph.2:8-9
- Gift of Christ Eph.4:7
- Gift of The Holy Spirit Acts 2:38
- Gift of Righteousness Rom.5:17

3. All human work or merit is a futile attempt to achieve salvation apart from faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Such things like altruistic works, religion, reform, and self-motivation to live better in order to be save (All futile).

Notice two things two that won't save you listed in (Eph.2:8-9).

- "Not of yourselves - **gift of God.**"
- "Not as a result of works - that **no one should boast.**"

(Rom.4:4-5) "Now to the one who **works, his wages is not credited as a favor (grace)**, but as **what is due**. But the one who does not work, but **believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.**"

(Titus 3:5) "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but** according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."

God secured your salvation by His grace and secured it in the perfect periphrastic Greek grammar of (Eph.2:5) and (Eph.8-9), then wrote it in the New Testament for **your ASSURANCE**.

Stop doubting and start believing the Word of God.