

Salvation by Amazing Grace: What grace does for us

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#1-Definition

Unmerited favor

What we need, not what we deserve

GRACE—acronym [God's Riches At Christ's Expense]

Grace satisfies us in every way.

It satisfies our isolation with fellowship.

It satisfies our weakness with power.

It satisfies our defilement with holiness.

It satisfies our fear/hopelessness/uncertainty with hope.

It satisfies the breach of love with forgiveness.

Grace is the breath of God's love bringing forgiveness to our world.

#2--Kinds of grace

Creating, blessing, sustaining, saving, sanctifying

#3—Focus on Faith

Texts: 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 3-6

1. Grace frees me from sin.

A. What is sin, transgress law, lawlessness, disbelief, disobedience, rebellion (Gen 2-3)

B. Sin separates us from God, as chasm of Grand Canyon

C. There is no way man in and of himself can every come acceptably back to God.

D. Jesus took my place. This is the gospel, this is grace, this is the heart of God. Christ died for my sins, 1 Pet. 2:21-24; 2 Cor. 5:21. I wonder if we understand the necessity of the cross, I wonder if we genuinely understand Calvary. God's salvation in the gospel is for Gentiles, Jews, all (Rom. 1:16). Jesus became sin, took sin. Rom. 5—Jesus died for all; 2 Cor. 5:14, this settles once for all the control issue of my life.

He took my punishment. (Write your sins on the cross)

2. Grace comes to me from God.

Grace continually refers me back to God. Rom. 3:22. Rom. 8—it is the source of power, it gives me position, it changes my person.

A. Salvation is never achieved by human effort. Atonement is always divine.

B. The source of my salvation is God. My salvation comes from the Lord (Ps). My faith is not in myself or my works. My faith is not in my obedience although it is essential. Nowhere does the Bible talk about having "faith in obedience." Obedience is not the source of salvation. The Bible instead talks about the "obedience of faith." Rom. 1:5; 16:26.

C. Rom. 1:17, our righteousness and faith is from Christ, 3:26.

3. Grace gives me security outside myself.

A. I am secure in my relationship with God because of what God has done for me through Christ, 1 John 5:11.

B. Faith in the Bible is always joined with obedience.

Conclusion

Are you living in sin? Are you on spiritual death row? Would you like to be freed from the guilt of your sins?