"Grace Alone" Pt. II

Intro: In salvation one is from God's wrath by God's grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual .

A. The Scriptures declare that because human beings are born with a corrupted sin nature, being spiritually in sin, they are incapable of even cooperating with the regenerating of God; and that God's grace in Christ is not only necessary to salvation, but is alone the efficient of the salvation of men.

1. We deny that one's is in any sense a human work. Human methods, techniques or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish the salvation of a single soul. Faith in Christ cannot be produced by the unregenerated human will, but only by God's .

Ephesians 2:1-9

I. The Christian is saved by the of God !

A. "But we believe that we are saved through the of the Lord Jesus, ..." (Acts 15:11).

B. In Romans 3:24 the Apostle Paul wrote saying that one is justified as a by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ .

C. Titus 3:5-7 says that God "... saved us, on the basis of which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that being justified by His we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal ."

D. In 2 Timothy 1:9 Paul also wrote that it is "who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,"

II. If we intend to the magnitude of the grace of God, we will need to begin to comprehend the opposing depth of our depravity (or sinfulness).

A. Unless the God of grace has grace upon us, and that only because of His lovingkindness and great compassion, we are and will be utterly, and hopelessly in our sin.

1. Sin is so sinful that it renders mankind, from birth, with a spiritual to submit to God.

a. "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits is the of sin" (John 8:34).

b. Romans 6:16, “Do you not know that when you present to someone as slaves for obedience, you are of the one whom you obey, either of resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?”
c. Romans 8:5-7 (NIV) tells us that “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires ...” and that “The mind of sinful man is death ...” and that “... the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, _______ ________.” Or as the NAS translates it, “for it (the mind of sinful man) is not even able to do so;...”

B. Sin is sinful because it renders the man guilty of sin and under the _of God.
1. _______ ___________ will come under the judgement of God.
   a. Ecclesiastes 3:17, “... _______ shall ___________ the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.”
   c. “... it is ___________ unto man to die once, and after that comes the ________________” (Hebrews 9:27).
2. All people will be judged according to their ________________.
   a. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that _______ ___________ walk in them.”
   b. The faith _______ ___________ is not a dead faith, but a ___________ and active ___________. James 2:14-17, “What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”
   1. The ___________ of the hand ___________ what is in the mind of the man!
   3. All the ___________ people give for their sinfulness will be counted as before God.
   a. Romans 3:19, “Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every ___________ may be ___________, and all the world may become accountable to God; ...”
4. Many will be ___________ that they are ___________ by God.
   a. Matthew 7: 21-23, 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, ___________ ___________ ___________ prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

We are saved by grace alone! If you see today that you are not right with God; that you have not yet received Christ as your Savior and Lord, and you are convicted of this; then praise God for He is already doing His gracious work in your life. Romans 10:13 assures us, "__________ call upon the name of the Lord will _____ ____________." And, John 6:37, “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”

The old song says it well. “Just as I am without one plea.
But that _______ ___________ was shed _______ ________.”

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