

“Grace Alone” Pt. III

Intro: In _____ one is rescued from God’s wrath by God’s grace alone. It is the _____ of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

Ephesians 2:1-9

I. “For by _____ you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a _____ of God.”

A. Grace defined:

1. Spiros Zodhiates’ Word Study of the New Testament defines the Biblical word “grace” (Grk: charis) as: “A _____ done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; _____ and unmerited favor. Cháris stands in direct antithesis to érga (2041), works, the two being mutually exclusive. God’s grace affects man’s sinfulness and not only forgives the repentant sinner, but brings joy and thankfulness to him. It changes the individual to a new creature without destroying his individuality (2cCor 5:17; Eph. 2:8, 9).
2. The Nelson’s Bible dictionary defines grace very similarly. “Favor or kindness shown without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it and in spite of what that person deserves.”
3. The Holman Bible Dictionary says, “For Christians, the word “grace” is virtually synonymous with the gospel of God’s gift of unmerited salvation in Jesus Christ.”
4. The Vine’s Expository Dictionary says of Biblical grace that “there is stress on ... its spontaneous (that is, _____, free, and _____) character, as in the case of God's redemptive mercy, ...”

B. Two examples of what grace _____.

1. God grants the gift of saving grace to an individual because though being spiritually dead in their trespasses they were still spiritually astute enough to _____ that they are totally dead in their sin and in sin desired to submit to God and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.
2. A person receives the grace of God unto salvation because before the foundation of the world was laid God looked forward into time and knew that this person _____ in Him.

a. By definition neither of these examples properly illustrate the saving grace of God because the grace is granted on the basis of the individual who is the recipient of God's grace rather than upon the Sovereign God who bestows, gifts, and grants the grace as _____.

b. The moment we assign anything in regards to the granting of saving grace to the effort, ability, or worth of a man, we by definition are _____ talking about the saving grace of God.

II. God's saving grace is the _____ of our salvation.

A. By grace God the Father _____ us. (cf. Ephesians 1:3-6)

1. The _____ of our salvation is _____ gracious choice (Romans 11:5) according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:5 & 11).

B. By grace God the Son _____ us.

1. The Bible says, "... without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22). God in His _____ gave His Son to _____ our salvation.

2. Ephesians 1:7 reads, "In Him (that is, Christ) we have through His (Christ's) _____, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His _____, ..." (Cf. 1 Peter 1:18-19 & Romans 5:6-10)

C. By grace God the Holy Spirit _____ us. (Ephesians 1:11-14)

1. It is the supernatural work of the _____ through the ministry of the Word that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life, sealing us in Christ Jesus _____ our salvation (making our salvation sure).

D. As sinful as we have been; as dead in sin as we were; as true as our inability to chose Christ was, we are before God by virtue of our acceptance in Christ which He purchased by the blood of Christ, and worked in us by the power of His Holy Spirit altogether on the ground of God's spontaneous _____.

Family, your salvation is due to God's Grace Alone!
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