

It's all God's Grace
Ephesians 2:8-10

- I. Faith: How we say Yes to God's grace gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- A. By Grace: God treats sinners with undeserved favor (Romans 6:23).
 - B. Saved: God withholds His just wrath from those who believe (Romans 5:9; John 3:36).
 - C. Through Faith – A person is *saved* by choosing to trust in Christ's death on the cross (John 3:16).
 - D. A gift: Salvation is dependent on God alone (8b).
 - 1. God paid for the gift; we receive it like a child (Mark 10:15).
 - E. Not works: No effort of ours helps to merit salvation (9a).
 - F. That no one boasts: God made salvation entirely dependent on Him so the credit goes only to Him (9b).
- II. Good Works: How we say Thank You to God for His grace gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:10).
- A. We are His workmanship Created in Christ Jesus: Salvation is entirely God's doing (10a).
 - B. For (the purpose of) good works: Good works are the *result* of salvation not the *cause* (10b)!
 - 1. We are thanking God for salvation when we do good works!
 - C. God prepared/planned our good works before we were saved (10c).
 - 1. Our good works can't earn God's favor, because He planned them before we were saved!
 - 2. We are to "walk in" good works = Good works can only be done by God working through us (Philippians 2:13).

Evaluating our good works as believers

- 1. Are we doing the good works God planned for us?
- 2. Are we distracted from good works by sin? Are we just too busy?
- 3. Are we really doing the works God designed for us, or are we doing the ones we want to do – for our selfish reasons?