

AMAZING GRACE
“Saved by Grace”

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Ephesians 2:8-9

“God is gracious and compassionate...” (Psalm 145:8a)

Grace is when God gives us what we don’t deserve...blessing.

Mercy is when God doesn’t give us what we do deserve...punishment.

1. SALVATION IS A FREE *GIFT* BECAUSE OF GOD’S GRACE. (v. 8)

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.” (Ephesians 2:8 NLT)

A. Grace was *Initiated* by God.

“It is a gift of God”

B. Grace is *Implemented* by Faith.

“God saves you by His grace when you believed.”

Genesis 3:1-7; Deut. 7:9; Ps. 119:86; Joshua 24:14; Isaiah 7:9

Ps. 119:80-91; Ps. 33:18-19; Ps. 31:19; Deut. 30:19; Exod. 10:20

“And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.” (Gen. 15:6 NLT)

“Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.” (Gen. 22:12 NLT)

“But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.” (Habakkuk 2:4 NLT)

C. Grace *Inspires* Selflessness.

“And you can’t take credit for this.”

2. SALVATION IS A **GENEROUS** GIFT BECAUSE OF GOD’S GRACE. (v. 9)

“Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

A. It is **Impossible** to Earn Salvation by Good Works.

“Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done.”

B. It is **Intolerable** to Boast About Good Works.

“So none of us can boast about it.”

3. SALVATION IS A **GLORIOUS** GIFT BECAUSE OF GOD’S GRACE. (v. 10)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

A. Grace **Restores** Our Relationship With God.

“For we are God’s masterpiece.”

B. Grace **Repairs** Our Relationship With God.

“He has created us anew in Christ Jesus.”

Ezekiel 36:26

“And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.”

C. Grace **Releases** Our Relationship for Service.

“So we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

