

God saves us by His Grace alone through our faith alone.

1. Paul Warned Against Jewish Legalism, and Encouraged a Walk of Grace by Faith. Gal. 1-6

- a. Paul was called by God to preach the Gospel of Christ (1).
- b. Christ’s Gospel is justification through faith alone—not by works of the law (2-3).
- c. God sent Christ to redeem us as sons and heirs (4), setting us free with His Spirit (5).
- d. Living in His Spirit, we bear others’ burdens and reap eternal life (6).

“Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” ... “If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit,” Gal. 3:11-14 ... 5:25

2. Paul Instructed Salvation by Grace through Faith Alone. Eph. 1-3

- a. Predestined, we receive Spiritual blessings in Christ by God’s glorious grace (1).
- b. By grace alone we have been saved through faith, created for good works (2)
- c. In God’s manifold wisdom the mystery of His Gospel unfolds by the Spirit (3).

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them,” Eph. 2:8-10

3. Paul Instructed Confession, Forgiveness and Discipline in Their Faith. Eph. 4-6

- a. With the gifts of His Spirit we are called to unity and holiness (4)
- b. We are called to walk as children of the light and to be filled with the Spirit (5).
- c. In the image of God, we have family and work responsibilities as servants (5-6).
- d. We are to be strong in Christ, and to put on the whole armor of God (6).

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm,” Eph. 6:10-13

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