

# Grace, Faith & Obedience

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*Eph 2:8 (KJV) "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"*

*Eph 2:9 (KJV) "Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

*Rom 16:26 (KJV) "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:"*

*Mark 1:15 (KJV) "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."*

## I. Grace Defined

- ❖ Grace is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God towards man.
  - ◆ God does all the work involved in saving a soul. Man cannot aid God in his own salvation or contribute to it; he can only \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the work that God has done and is willing to do on his behalf.

## II. What faith is?

- ❖ Faith is the means by which man \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's saving grace.

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- ❖ Man's response to God in accepting His work of salvation is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ Both God's \_\_\_\_\_ and man's \_\_\_\_\_ are necessary for salvation.
  - ◆ *"Without faith it is impossible to please him [God]" (Hebrews 11:6)*

## III. Justification by Faith

- ❖ To be justified means to be counted or declared \_\_\_\_\_ by God. The Bible clearly teaches justification by faith:

*"The just shall live by faith" (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38)*

- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ preached this doctrine (*Acts 13:38-39*).

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- ❖ Paul emphasized justification by faith in his writings:

*(Romans 3:20-25; Galatians 2:16; Romans 4; Galatians 3)*

- ❖ The bottom line is this: no one can be justified by observing the law of Moses or \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. Faith Defined

- ❖ Webster's Dictionary defines belief as *"a state or habit of mind in which \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ is placed in some person or thing,"* and it defines faith as *"allegiance to duty or a person; loyalty...belief and trust in and loyalty to God...something that is believed especially with strong conviction."*

- ❖ In the Greek, it means: "  
\_\_\_\_\_"

## V. Three Components of Saving Faith

1. \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. Saving faith does not require us to understand everything about God or life, but it does require that we realize our need of salvation and know that Jesus Christ is our only Savior.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. There must be an acknowledgment that the profession is correct.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. There must be a practical application of truth.
- ❖ Saving faith in Jesus Christ, then, involves more than mentally acknowledging Him as the Savior. We must appropriate this truth and make it the guiding principle of our lives.

## VI. Faith and Obedience

- ❖ Paul emphasized justification by faith more than any other writer, yet he strongly insisted that saving faith is inseparably bound up with \_\_\_\_\_.

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- ◆ He taught that the mystery of God's redemptive plan, the church, has been "*made known to all nations for the obedience of faith*" (*Romans 16:26*).
- ◆ God's grace brings "*obedience to the faith*" (*Rom 1:5 KJV*)
- ❖ Christ worked through Paul to "*make the Gentiles obedient.*" (*Rom 15:18 KJV*)
- ❖ Luke recorded that a great number of priests were "*obedient to the faith*" (*Acts 6:7*).
- ◆ Faith and obedience are so closely linked that a lack of obedience to God is proof of a lack of faith:

*Rom 10:16 (KJV) "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?"*

- ❖ Many other passages reiterate the essential link between obedience and salvation. Jesus said,

*Mat 7:21 (KJV) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."*

- ◆ *Matthew 7:24-27; John 14:15; John 14:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Hebrews 5:9*
- ◆ John gave the following test for a Christian in *1 John 2:3-5 & 5:1-3*
- ◆ James addressed it in *James 1:25*
- ◆ Likewise, saving faith today includes active \_\_\_\_\_.

☞ *Someone who really \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word will \_\_\_\_\_ it.*

- ◆ God's Word teaches water baptism, so the Bible believer will be baptized. God's Word promises the gift of the Spirit, so the true believer will expect, seek, and receive this gift. *Mark 16:16; John 7:38; Acts 16:31*

## VII. Faith and Repentance

- ❖ Faith and repentance work together in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Jesus preached, "*\_\_\_\_\_ ye, and believe the gospel*" (*Mark 1:15*).

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- ❖ God's Word declares that all will perish without repentance and that all men everywhere must \_\_\_\_\_. (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- ❖ Perhaps it is best to describe repentance as the first "faith \_\_\_\_\_" to the gospel, for repentance stands at the beginning of a life of faith and is itself the initial act of faith.