

3. Salvation by grace alone is not _____ good works,
but _____ good works.

4. Salvation by grace alone must not make us _____,
but eager to _____ and _____ God's grace.

5. Salvation by grace alone must never make us _____,
but ever more _____.

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Saved by Grace for Good Works

Ephesians 2:8-10

Sunday, November 17, 2019

The Gospel is the Good News of God's salvation by sheer grace alone. And the Gospel is utterly different than all other world religions and the world's meritocracies and so it is both counter-intuitive and counter-cultural. In Ephesians 2:8-10, we learn 5 truths about God's salvation by grace . . .

1. Salvation by grace alone is not something _____,
but something _____.

2. Salvation by grace alone is not an _____ we
_____ ourselves, but a _____ we _____ from God.

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NEXT WEEK
He Himself is Our Peace
Ephesians 2:11-18



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Growth Group Interaction Guide

Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

Growth Group time is family time! Take time to share any Thanksgiving holiday traditions in your family. Are there any traditions you can start as a Growth Group family?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? How did God speak to you this week? What truth did you need to hear again or for the first time in this message?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 together as a group looking for the 3 references to grace. Where are they? Why is Paul harping so much on grace?
3. Why is salvation by grace alone for so many of us "our favorite truth we hardly believe?" Why is grace scandalous, counter-intuitive and counter-cultural?

4. Paul mentions "works" twice in Ephesians 2:8-9. What is the relationship of our works to our salvation and grace? What are good works for and what do they demonstrate?
5. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** We are saved by grace alone. As a family of grace saved by grace, we are to share and show this grace to one another. What are practical ways you can share and show Gospel grace to one another? It's not easy, but how can we humbly express our need for daily grace with one another?
6. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** Why must grace make us humble and eager to share grace with others? Why then are Christians too often perceived by not-yet-Christians as prideful and self-righteous? How can we better show our own humble need for grace as we seek to share God's grace with others? Is there a current relationship in your life where someone needs to experience God's grace through you?

Praying Together

- Give thanks and praise for salvation by grace alone.
- Pray by name for the salvation of "not-yet-Christians" in your circles of influence and for opportunities to humbly share God's grace.
- Pray for group needs.