

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Sculpted - Part 2

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Introduction

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he strongly emphasis that our salvation is found only in Jesus, when we place our faith in Him alone. Paul stresses emphatically that there is nothing more that we can do. We cannot save ourselves. The only way we can be saved is when we place our full trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Paul clearly states that salvation is a gift from God by His grace alone. God has granted to us His unmerited favour, that we may know eternal life with Him, when we have placed our full and unreserved trust in Jesus.

Read

Ephesians 2:1-10

Discuss

1. Read Ephesians 2:4-8. What does it mean to you personally to place your faith in Jesus? How might an outside observer notice this in you?
2. How does being saved 'by grace alone' impact the way you live out your faith? How does this influence the way you see God?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why are these two verses important for us to understand at a heart level? How might verse 9 influence your Christian service (either positively or negatively)?
4. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does it mean to you to be God's handiwork?
5. What might be the good works (v. 10) that God has planned in advance for you to do? How can you identify the works that God has prepared for you?

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6. Read Revelation 7:9-10. How might this verse impact the way you see and treat people of different nationalities? What does it mean to you to be a part of the Kingdom of God?

Respond

Take a moment now to reflect upon the fact that Jesus died on the cross for your personal sins. Think about the fact that He bore the pain of death by crucifixion on a wooden cross, so that you could be forgiven by God, and thus know eternal salvation. What might you do differently tomorrow, with this reality fresh in your mind? Commit to follow this through.