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Rescued Church

Salvation Foundation

Rescued Church exists to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to rescue the broken and restore the hurting through the power of the Gospel, and to make disciples who bring the hope of Christ into our community and beyond.

The foundation of our salvation and purpose:

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Here in Ephesians, we read that the foundation of our salvation is **Grace**—that is, God’s undeserved, unmerited, unearned favor toward us as expressed in providing **Redemption, Restoration.** We were **Rescued by Grace** through **Faith** because of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross. **(Ephesians 2 again)** Through faith we accept God’s free gift of salvation that was provided by grace. So, we are saved “by grace through faith.”

Notice that we are not saved by grace alone. We are saved by grace through faith. Faith grants us admission to God’s grace.

Romans 5:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Without **faith**, God’s grace is wasted, and without **grace**, faith is powerless. Faith in God’s grace has to be released to receive what God has provided through Christ.

Write this down: God’s grace is the same toward everyone.

Titus 2:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Therefore, “all men” (mankind) have had salvation provided for them and extended toward them by God’s grace.

1 John 2:2 (NKJV)

² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Propitiation refers to the turning away of the wrath of God as the just judgment of our sin by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. **His Atonement.** (If you want to know what all has been atoned for through the Cross, email us at: info@iamrescued.com)

But not all are saved. Why? Because not all people have mixed faith with what God has done for them by grace.

Failure to understand the necessity of both grace and faith working together has led to many problems. Some people emphasize God's grace to an extreme that renders faith useless. They say everything is up to God's grace and is controlled sovereignly by Him alone. That's wrong.

And it's just as wrong to emphasize faith apart from God's grace. That's legalism. Faith doesn't move God. God moves of His own free will by grace, and faith only appropriates what God has already provided through His grace.

Just as sodium and chloride are poisonous by themselves, so grace or faith used independently of each other is deadly. When you mix sodium and chloride together in the proper way, you get salt, which you must have to live. Likewise, putting faith in what God has already provided by grace is the key to victorious Christian living.

Lets look back to our main scripture in Ephesians 2:

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and **that** not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Most people assume the word "that" in this verse is referring to our salvation. Our salvation is not of ourselves. It is the gift of God. That is certainly a true statement. However, it is also true that the faith we use for salvation is not of ourselves. It is the gift of God too.

There is a human faith and a supernatural, God-kind of faith. Human faith is based on physical things that we can see, taste, hear, smell, or feel. God's kind of faith believes independently of physical circumstances. To receive God's gift of salvation, we have to use this supernatural, God-kind of faith that isn't limited by our five senses. This is because, to be saved, we must believe for things that we can't see or feel. We haven't seen God or the devil. We haven't seen heaven or hell. Yet, we have to believe that all of these things exist. Human faith can't believe what it can't see.

We are so destitute that we can't even believe the Gospel on our own. To receive God's gift of salvation, we have to receive the supernatural, God-kind of faith first. Where does this faith come from? How do we get it?

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

This verse starts with the phrase, “so then.” That means this statement about faith coming through God’s Word is a conclusion or result of what was said before. Let’s look back at Romans 10:10.

Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Here it’s speaking about “a faith” righteousness versus “a works” righteousness. So, it’s this message of righteousness by grace that causes faith to come. Back to **Romans 10:17**, It’s specifically saying that the message of grace causes faith to come. So, if we are hearing and hearing and hearing the Word of God, faith automatically is obtained.

God’s Word contains His faith. As we hear the Word of God about our salvation, God’s faith comes so that we can believe the good news of our salvation. **We actually use God’s faith to get saved.**

This God-kind of faith doesn’t leave us after the born-again experience. God’s faith becomes a fruit of the Spirit that is in our hearts. We never lose this supernatural faith. We just have to renew our minds to the fact that God’s faith is in us and then learn how to use it. “But I don’t have faith like so and so” “They have more faith than me because they’ve been a Christian longer than I have.” This is because they have been renewing their minds with the Word of God.

God didn’t give some Christians a large measure of faith and others just a tiny bit of faith. We were all given **the** faith of Christ. We know that, because the Apostle Paul said that the faith he lived by was **the** faith **of** Christ (**Galatians 2:20**). It’s possible for Christians to only use a small portion of what God has given them or possibly even none of the faith the Lord has given them. But it’s there. It’s a fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22**). We first have to acknowledge what we have and then learn how to use it.

Look at Romans 12:3

Romans 12:3 (KJV)

³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Notice that God **hath** (already been done) dealt to every man **the** measure of faith, not a measure of faith. There is a big difference. If I were serving soup to a line of people and I used a ladle for one person, a soup spoon for another, a tablespoon for one, and a teaspoon for another, those would all be different measures. But if I used only one ladle to serve every person, then that would be **the** measure of soup.

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Salvation is described as a gift. The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines *gift* as “something that is bestowed voluntarily and without compensation.” When someone gives you a present, you don’t ask “How much do I owe you?” Your only response should be “Thank you very much.” Many Christians, after receiving the gift of salvation, still think they must work to pay for their acceptance. The only acceptable response to salvation is gratitude and praise to God for **(2 Corinthians 9:15)** His indescribable gift. Salvation is a gift to be received **(Romans 6:23)**, not a wage to be earned.

God has designed salvation in such a way as to eliminate any boasting from man. If salvation was by works, either partially or wholly, then man could boast, but grace and faith eliminate man’s boasting altogether. Salvation by grace brings praise and glory to God. If we could save ourselves, either partially or wholly, we would take credit for it. That is not the case. All the glory goes to God.

God’s motive in saving us and raising us up together with Christ was “his great love” **(Ephesians 2:4)**. His purpose in salvation was to show us the exceeding riches of His grace and how very, very great His kindness is toward us. This kindness will be expressed and shown to us throughout eternity because of Jesus Christ.

This is the Salvation Foundation of Rescued Church. Everyone who comes through our doors will experience the Grace of God and will hear His Word so that they gain the Faith of God to receive Jesus and His free gift of Salvation. Let’s all respond now with gratitude and praise for what God is going to do through us, here at Rescued Church.