

Grace and the Christian

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AN EXAMPLE: EPHESIANS

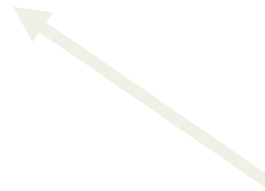
- “Dead in sin” (Eph. 2:1)
- Walked according to the
 - Course of this world
 - According to the prince of the power of the air
 - Flesh (Eph. 2:2-3)
- Were by “nature” children of wrath

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- “But God, who is rich in mercy...”
- “For by grace you have saved through faith, and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8)

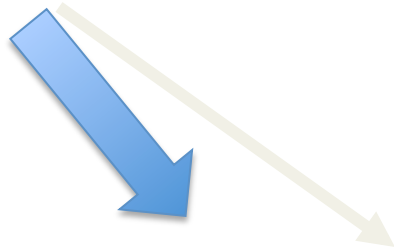
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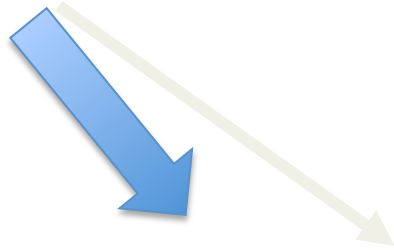
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**Conditional
on Man’s
Faith**

WHAT KIND OF FAITH?

- *Not mental assent*
 - Commonly called “faith only”
 - “Faith” only used one time (Jas. 2:24)
- *Not implanted by God*
 - If so, how does faith come by hearing? (Rom. 10:17)

WHAT KIND OF FAITH?

- Faith that expresses itself by obedience (Heb. 5:9)
- Faith that works (Jas. 2:13-26)

DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORKS

- Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21) – Not saved by
- Law of Moses (Gal. 2:21) – Not saved by
- Boastful (Eph. 2:9) – Not saved by
- Works of God (Jno. 6:29) – ***We are saved by works of God***

WHAT KIND OF FAITH?

- Faith that expresses itself by obedience (Heb. 5:9)
- Faith that works (Jas. 2:13-26)
- Faith working by love (Gal. 5:6)
- A faith motivated by love (Rev. 2:4)

WHAT THEY DID TO BE SAVED

- **Baptized** (Acts 19:1-5)
 - And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”
 - So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”
 - And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”
 - So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”
 - Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”
 - When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

AFTER BAPTISM, THEY MUST

- Walk Worthy of their calling
(Eph. 4:1)
- Put off the old man and put on the new (Eph. 4:22-24)

DID THEY EARN IT?

No, when we meet the condition (faith) we are still “unworthy servants” (Lk. 17:10)

WE TOO ARE SAVED BY GRACE

- ***As The Result, We Must:***
 - Grow in grace (2 Pet. 3:18)
 - By the word of God (Acts 20:32)
 - By prayer (Heb. 4:16)

AS THE RESULT, WE MUST:

- ***Live holy lives (Titus 2:11-13)***
 - Grace gives us the power and motivation (Phil. 2:12-13; Phil. 4:13)
 - Our words are to impart grace (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6)
- ***Rest our hope on grace (1 Pet. 1:13)***

AS THE RESULT, WE MUST

- ***Not receive God's grace in vain
(2 Cor. 6:1)***
- **How?**
 - **By waiting for another day (2 Cor. 6:2)**