

Why Grace Through Faith?

A topic that needs to be discussed and thought about. There is belief about the grace of God and how it saves. While I agree that God has shown His unmerited favor to us. There are conditions to be met to receive the grace God has offered.

God has shown His favor to you and me in that He gave His only begotten Son (**John 3:16**). Through Jesus Christ we have been given grace (**John 1:17**). Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ! In our time of sin and disobedience to God Christ came into the world and died for you and me (**Romans 5:6-11**). Christ died for sinners and has offered us opportunity to be joined (reconciled) to God and Jesus. We know there are indeed blessings to be in Christ (**Ephesians 1:3-14**). The grace of God brings salvation (**Titus 2:11-14**). Christ has shown us a better way of living. Christ has made it possible for us to be a special people to Him!

There are conditions that we must meet to receive the grace of God. God offers His grace to the humble (**James 4:6**). In fact, as we read James 4:6 God resists the proud and gives more grace to the humble. The matter of fact is that God wants to humbly submit to His will (**James 4:7-10**). God wants us to submit to Him and in turn the devil will flee from us. As we get closer to God, He will draw closer to us. God is not far and can be found (**Acts 17:27**).

As we search the scriptures, we understand that we are saved by grace through faith (**Ephesians 2:1-7**). The way we are without Christ in this life we are dead in sin and trespasses. In Christ we are alive! Again, we are alive because of the love that God has for us through Christ. We know of this love through Christ because Christ has arisen from the dead. The grace of God was not even stopped by death.

God supplied His Son as the offering of grace, and we are to show it further by our faith in God. We are to live by faith (**II Corinthians 5:7**). We must desire God and His ways. We are to follow the example of Jesus Christ (**I Peter 2:21**), looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (**Hebrews 12:1-2**).

We cannot expect God to extend grace if we continue in sin (**Romans 6:1-2**). If my conduct is sinful, it has a worthy wage (**Romans 6:23**). That wage is separation from God. That is death!

So, by conclusion to receive the grace of God I must not continue in sin. In fact, to be forgiven of my sins I must be baptized (**Romans 6:3-4**). I am to wash away my sins (**I Peter 3:21**). The blood of Jesus cleanses me from sins (**I John 1:7**). I am to walk in newness of life. That is to say that my conduct is to be worthy of the gospel (**Philippians 1:27**).

So, does it matter how I live? The answer is yes. What does it mean to be saved by Grace through Faith? God has offered us Favor for all humanity through Jesus Christ. I must obey the God's Will (**Hebrews 11:6**). In turn God will reward my faithful and obedient service.

Have you obeyed God through Faith? Are you ready to take hold of this favor and blessing we have in Jesus Christ?

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