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Love and Grace

Many years ago, a couple entered into an old-fashioned, arranged marriage. There was no love between the husband and wife. The husband was very strict. He barked orders at his wife, as if she were a slave and not his beloved. He even drew up a list of rules for her to follow (such as when she would arise in the morning, when she would prepare and serve breakfast, how the housework should be done, etc.).

After several years, the husband died. A year later, the widow fell in love with another man who loved her with all his heart. This time, she married out of love. Her husband treated her with the respect she deserved and God commanded (Ephesians 5:25). Her life was filled with joy. One day, as the woman was cleaning her house, she found the list of rules her first husband had written down. She realized that she was doing the same things he had demanded. But, with her second husband, she was doing them out of love and not compulsion.

This little story illustrates the salvation relationship we have with our Lord. Out of love, Jesus gave his life to save us from our sins. This is saving grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is the action of a God who loves us. We obey Him, not out of obligation, but because we love Him back (John 14:15, 21).

—Larry Fitzgerald

The Faith That Saves

The Bible teaches very clearly that salvation is by faith. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peter affirmed that God had saved certain Gentiles in that He purified "their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9).

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Other verses could be cited, but these are sufficient to prove that salvation is obtained through the avenue of faith.

However, there is much confusion regarding the “type” of faith that saves. Many today believe and teach that salvation is by “faith only.” By “faith only,” they mean that a lost sinner can obtain salvation by faith without doing any “works” and without performing any act of obedience. In other words, according to the doctrine, salvation is by faith only “plus nothing.”

This idea reveals a fundamental misunderstanding about the type of faith that saves. In a broad, basic sense there are two types of faith--living faith and dead faith. James describes dead faith in James chapter 2: “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone” (verse 17). “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” (verse 20). Therefore, if one is saved by faith only “plus nothing,” then one is saved by a dead faith. Is it really possible for one to be saved by a dead faith? James answers the question. “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). Language could not be clearer--salvation is “not by faith only”!

The fact is that true, biblical faith involves obedience. This can be established in a number of ways. First, the Greek word *pisteuo* which is translated “believeth” in John 3:16, means conviction that is “conjoined with obedience” (*Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, p. 511). Therefore, all the verses of the New Testament which teach that salvation is by faith also teach the need to obey the Lord since obedience is included in true, Biblical faith. Second, great examples of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 show the connection between faith and obedience: Abel “offered” (verse 4), Noah “prepared” an ark (verse 7), and Abraham “obeyed” (verse 8). Yet, these three verses teach that the men acted “by faith.” Their faith led them to “obey”!

Yes, salvation is obtained through faith, but we need to understand that the faith that saves is the faith that obeys. Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

—Mark Lindley

New Every Morning

Every sunrise reminds us of God’s unfailing mercy (Lam. 3:22-23). Yesterday’s failures do not exhaust His grace, and today’s challenges cannot diminish His love. The Lord faithfully provides fresh mercy each morning, inviting us to begin again with renewed hope. Whatever lies behind you, His compassion is greater. Whatever lies ahead, His faithfulness will guide you. Walk into this day trusting the God whose mercies are always new.



Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:1-10

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. The chief priests and elders plotted against Jesus to put Him to __.
2. Judas returned the thirty pieces of __.
3. Judas confessed, "I have sinned by betraying __ blood."
4. True or False: The chief priests put the thirty pieces of silver into the temple treasury.
5. The potter's field became known as the Field of __.

Hands That Serve

A simple hand, a willing heart,
A place to help, a chance to start.
For love is shown in what we do—
In serving Him by serving You.
No act too small, no task too slight,
When done in love, it shines Your light.
Through humble deeds Your grace is shown,
And hearts are shaped by seeds You've sown.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

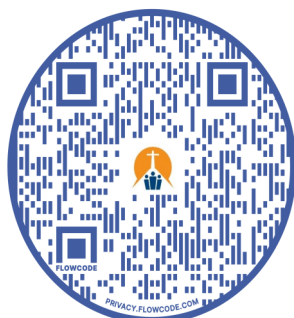
It's amazing how much can be accomplished
when nobody cares who gets the credit.

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A smile is a gift everyone can afford to give.

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Laughter is one of God's sweetest gifts—
share it generously.



QUOTES & SAYINGS

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." — Sam Keen

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." — Henry James

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" — John Steinbeck

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." — Thomas Jefferson

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country." — Benjamin Franklin





Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Issues with back & hip.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. Friend of the Patrick's. In need of kidney transplant.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery.

Kaitlyn Donovan. Velvet & Kevins granddaughter. She was in a head on collision this past week. Multiple injuries. Going to be a lengthy recovery.

Randy Gauldin. Having issues with his heart.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Had surgery Friday to remove the cancer mass that was blocking her bowel. She is in for a long recovery.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease is getting worse.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Caregivers.



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To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



August Birthdays!

10TH WALTER BEAVERS
12TH JACK BEAVERS
18TH NORMAN W. HILL
20TH JONATHAN BEAVERS
23RD DONN SHUMATE
25TH COOKIE SPENCER



August Anniversaries!

20TH GARY & JAN HOLLANDSWORTH
20TH DAVID & LORI PALMER



Men's Breakfast!

August 22nd! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



5th Sunday Potluck

We will be hosting our 5th Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, Aug. 30th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



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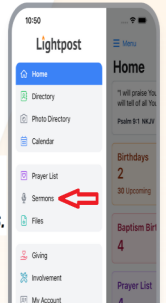


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