

## Understanding how we are Saved by Grace through Faith

### **Ephesians 2:8**

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:

To be saved by grace you have to apply what the grace of God teaches you. To be saved through faith you must apply how faith operates.

So what does the grace of God that brings salvation teach us?

### **Titus 2:11-12**

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

So the free gift of grace that brings salvation unto all men teaches us that we must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and that we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. So if you are to be saved by the grace through faith, you must apply what the grace of God teaches you. Otherwise this free gift of God will be of no avail to you.

So if we are saved by grace through faith, what is the mechanism by which faith works?

### **Galatians 5:6**

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

### **James 2:20, 26**

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

So if we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, {which is Rom 5:2} and faith works by love accompanied by her works, then to be saved by grace through faith, we must also apply how faith works as well as being obedient unto what the grace of God that brought us salvation teaches us. Which was to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Jesus said,

### **John 14:15**

15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

The Apostle Paul said that the preaching of Jesus Christ was made known to all nations for the obedience of faith in Romans 16:25-26.

So, in order to fulfill what the Apostle Paul spoke in:

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You must then apply what the grace of God teaches you and also apply how faith operates.

**Ephesians 2:8** {listen to Eph 2:8 when you insert the meaning of the words}

8 For by grace [which teaches us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world] are ye saved through faith; [which worketh by love accompanied by her works.] and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

So if faith works by love, and Jesus said, If ye love me, keep my commandments; then you are saved by grace through **obedient faith which works by love**, and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of grace given by God**.

### **1 John 5:3**

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

With this understanding of how the grace of God works as well as understanding how faith operates... You then must remember that.... according to...

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**This will lead you to being obedient to all the scriptures** and not only to selective ones...

Jesus tells us that we must repent.

**Luke 13:3,5** {both verses reading identically}

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

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So if you are to be saved by grace through faith then you must be obedient to what Jesus and his holy Apostles have commanded us to do.

Jesus also tells us that we must believe and be baptized.

### **Mark 16:16**

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

### **Matthew 28:19**

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**:

So Jesus has instructed us that we must believe and be baptized in order to obtain to the salvation that is freely given to us by God's grace of which we have access by our faith.

Jesus also reveals to his disciples what name to preach repentance and remission of sins in of which name is his own. That name being Jesus.

**Luke 24:45-49** brackets inserted by me

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And **that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.** {This referring to the Holy Ghost that was to be given when the feast of Pentecost was fully come }

The disciples were obedient to the words of Jesus Christ and fulfilled both Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47. Hear it!!

**Acts 2:36-39**

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Now hear the fulfillment of both Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47 with the full understanding given to the Apostles as Jesus Christ instructed them.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

This fulfills Jesus' words to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**" as well as Jesus' words to his disciples **that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Hear it again. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

So repentance and remission of sins was preached in Jesus name beginning at Jerusalem and found it's fulfillment when one repents and is water baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins.

**Colossians 3:17** {listen carefully}

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

This would include the baptism as “whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

We must not forget what the foundation of the Gospel stands upon....

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

You can not just say, well I'm just going to do what Jesus said and think that means select verses of scripture that only Jesus spoke and to ignore other verses of scripture that Jesus spoke. This gospel of Jesus Christ is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Jesus Christ entrusted this Gospel unto the Apostles.

So if you want to be saved by grace through faith, you will have to submit yourself to the authority of the scriptures and apply all of what is spoken and not just select verses of scriptures. If you are to be saved by the free gift of grace given to us by God, you will have to become obedient unto the faith of which allows you access into God's grace wherein you stand.

Otherwise you will not be saved by God's grace because you never applied what the grace of God teaches you and you never exercised obedience to the faith which operates by love and her accompanying works.