

# What Salvation by Grace Truly Means

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Many preachers, evangelists, missionaries and church members insist that a person who believes in Christ **WILL have a change of behavior**. They insisted that a believer, being indwelt "with the Holy Spirit in their life, **there WILL be a change.**"

## NOT OF WORKS

A salvation by grace must exclude any form of work at any time, in any place, (before or after) or in any measure (one work are many works).

### Ephesians 2:9 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

### Titus 3:5 (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

### Romans 10:4 (KJV)

<sup>4</sup> *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

## DO YOU TRULY UNDERSTAND GRACE?

Your answer to the following questions will reveal if you really believe in salvation by grace alone, in Christ alone, for the glory of God alone. A simple yes or no is all that is required.

- If I trust Jesus Christ as my Savior; believing that he truly died for me, was buried and rose again to pay for all of my sins, will I be saved at that very moment?
- Can I live anyway I please, (regardless of how many years that may be), without limitations, any explanation, with no reservation, and without any speculation from anyone else's personal opinion with justification or condemnation and still be saved?

IF YOU ANSWER NO, THEN YOU DON'T GET IT!

If you are afraid to state unequivocally yes to these two questions, you are ashamed of the gospel. If the gospel we believe and preach does not establish the fact of once saved always saved or eternal security, then it is not the gospel of grace that we believe and preach. Not only will we be a shamed **of the gospel**, but we will be a shame **to the gospel**. We will be guilty of denying the power of the message to save. The gospel that cannot save for ever cannot save at all.

### Romans 10:3 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

Your growth as a believer can only be stabilized upon an unmovable, unchanging, solid foundation of truth. Every Christian, upon the first moment of believing, is instantly indwelt, sealed and regenerated by God's Holy Spirit which are simultaneous events.

### Ephesians 1:13 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **(you were sealed by the Holy Spirit at the very moment of belief)***

Believers **have the choice to obey or disobey** the promptings of the indwelling Holy Spirit. That is why believers are told: "*Quench not the Spirit.*" (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**).

Your **choices** to obey or disobey (being obedient or disobedient) are never guaranteed by the predominant or predetermined will of God. If God predetermines our good behavior then he also must predetermine our bad behavior. The **consequences** of your decisions (choices) are guaranteed by the predetermined will of God.

If change in our life is a guarantee, "How much change would it take to satisfy God"? "How much change would it take to satisfy the all seeing eye of our fruit inspectors?" "How much change would it take to finally satisfy your own quest for proof that you really were saved"?

Most churches to whom Paul wrote had some (often many) believers (addressed as Brothers in Christ, or brethren) who CHOSE not to change and CHOSE to be disobedient thus quenching the Holy Spirit:

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3:** [1] And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. [2] I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. [3] For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Among the believers in Corinth there were contentions and strife, they were puffed up, there was fornication with one's own father's wife, covetousness, idolaters, etc. (**1 Corinthians 5**) ***Some believers were guilty of very despicable behavior.***

Believers were constantly admonished by the Apostles to "walk in the Spirit", "be filled [controlled] with the Spirit", "walk in good works", "put on the new man", "put on the whole armour of God". Paul found it **necessary to instruct them** in how to behave – **it was not automatic** simply by virtue of them being believers in Jesus.

### **Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that **we should walk in them**.* Believers are exhorted, admonished, and beseeched to live their lives in a way befitting their identity in Christ – not to be saved, to keep saved, or to prove they are saved, but because they are saved.

Questions to ponder.

1. Does Grace demand that a person must produce good works to be saved or stay saved? NO!!
2. Does God have to look at our good works to determine the validity of our faith?
3. Why should my Eternal destination depend upon my good works before man, if I was already justified before God by faith alone?
4. Which good works are good enough to justify one before God? NONE:

### **Romans 11:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*

5. Are there any circumstances whereby a believer in Jesus Christ can lose or forfeit God's Gift of Eternal Life? NO!! Jesus said: John 10:28 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*"