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Reading: Ephesians 2v8 “[By grace are ye saved through faith](#)”

There are 3 crucial Bible truths contained in this text, Saved, Grace and Faith.

Saved

The Lord Jesus is the great Saviour.

Saved – 104 times in Bible.

What does it mean to be saved? Rescued from some calamity.

Ex 1 – sentence of death passed on boys but they were saved.

Ex 14 – Lord saved Children of Israel from Egypt(the enemy).

Isa 45:22 “[Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth](#)” - a message to all and for all.

1 Ti 2:4 “[God will have all men to be saved](#)”.

A clearly declared need for salvation, depicted in Eph 2.

Paul was speaking to people who had been spiritually dead. “[dead in trespasses and sins](#)” (v1), spiritually dead towards God. Those controlled by Satan and domineered by Devil. Those with the wrath of God hovering over them. Divine judgment would come. Those far off from God and needing reconciled.

Mark 5 – Man of Gadarene lived among tombs. Natural place, as a sinner he was dead.

The message of the gospel is that you can be saved.

Saved from penalty of sin	Past	For us
Saved from power of sin	Present	In us
Saved from presence of sin	Future	With us

Salvation can be experienced and enjoyed now. You can have the certainty of salvation.

Jer 17:14 - “[Heal me and I will be healed; Save me and I will be saved](#)”.

When God saves He does so immediately, completely, permanently.

Solemnity and tragedy of being unsaved, yet in your sins.

Nature of salvation - “[Great salvation](#)”, “[Eternal salvation](#)”.

If you really understood salvation you would cry, “[What must I do to be saved?](#)” How can a sinner be saved.

By Grace

Gen 47 – saved and grace linked together.

Grace is the undeserved kindness of God.

“[God of all grace](#)” (1 Peter 5:10).

Gen 1 – Darkness and destruction would have continued had God not stepped in and said “[Let there be light](#)”.

Eph2 – Sinners unable to save self “[But God](#)”(v4).

Salvation is only possible because of the grace of God. Salvation is undeserved, given freely to those who know that they are bad.

2 Sa 9. Mephibosheth received grace from David. “[What is thy servant...](#)”

GRACE = God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

God was gracious to Noah and told him to build an ark. He was gracious to Lot and sent angels. He was gracious to the nation of Israel and revealed that the lamb could take their place.

For sinners to be saved from hell God had to send His own Son. God has done all He could do.

Through Faith

What must we do?

“[I am...](#)”(John 11:25).

To enter into blessing we need to believe.

“[Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy...Receive sight, thy faith hath saved thee](#)” (Luke 18:39-41)

Faith is having confidence something is true, having confidence that someone is worthy of us putting our trust in Him. ie Nobleman's Son, believed what Jesus had spoken and went his way. Faith in the Lord Jesus was well placed.

FAITH = Forsaking All I Trust Him.

“[Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved](#)” (Rom 10:13).

You need to hear the message and acknowledge you are a sinner. You must realise that the Lord Jesus loved you and died at Calvary. You must then place faith in Him, put your hand into the hand of Jesus and trust Him.

God offers salvation as a gift, all you need to do is come to Him and take it.

Mat 13:58 – Because of the lack of faith, Jesus could not bless.