

13 How to Be Saved by Grace Through Faith

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The need for salvation

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death, while eternal life is God's gift through Jesus Christ our Lord. Personal improvement or religious performance cannot supply God's righteousness. Read Romans 3:10 KJB; Romans 3:23 KJB; Romans 5:12 KJB; Romans 6:23 KJB.

The Gospel of Christ

God commended His love toward us in that Christ died for us while we were sinners. Paul declares the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. The saving work is His. Read Romans 5:8-9 KJB; Romans 1:16 KJB; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB.

Faith apart from works

The sinner is justified freely by grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus. Believe on Him who justifies the ungodly; do not offer works as payment for salvation. Church membership, water baptism, giving, ordination, a ceremony, or repeating a prescribed prayer cannot replace trust in Christ and His finished work. Read Romans 3:24-28 KJB; Romans 4:5 KJB; Galatians 2:16 KJB; Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB.

Assurance and a new life

Believers are sealed with the holy Spirit of promise and unto the day of redemption. In Christ they are new creatures. Good works are the result of God's work in the saved believer, not the price of obtaining the gift. Growth follows through Scripture rightly divided, sound teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 KJB; Ephesians 4:30 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; Ephesians 2:10 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

Invitation to study

Simply believe the Gospel of Christ. This teaching outline uses Paul's epistles, Romans through Philemon, for salvation in the present Dispensation of the Grace of God. Its administrative use does not permit TGBC to declare salvation granted or revoked by a membership decision.

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