

Sola Fide

Ephesians 2:8-9
Message

The whole of salvation happens by God's grace, and we receive it as a gift so that God receives the glory.

Outline

Paul reflected on the change in their individual status (2:1-10).

By their walk sinners prove that they are spiritually dead (2:1-3)

God gives new life (2:4-7)

God's character moved Him to save us (4-5).

God's character moved Him to raise us and seat us in heaven (6).

God did this to show the riches of His grace (7).

New life produces faith unto salvation and a new walk (2:8-10)

Salvation by grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9)

- I. We are saved by grace through faith (8a).

“Grace”



- God’s undeserved favor shown to sinners
- Carries out the commitment that love made
- Resolves mercy’s concern for our sad estate
- Grace is God’s power in action

Salvation “is more than forgiveness. It is deliverance from the death, slavery and wrath described in verses 1-3. Indeed, it includes the totality of our new life in Christ.”

(John Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 83).

“Faith”



- Trust or confidence in something or someone (Jesus and His work)
- “humble trust with which we receive [God’s grace] for ourselves” (John Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 83)
- Faith is the means by which we receive God’s gift