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The Divine Warrior—Lesson 2

Last week we were reminded that *[God] chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. (Eph 1:4)*

Our salvation is the sovereign unilateral work of God free of any human activity.

- willed by the Father
- purchased by the Son
- given to us by the Spirit

...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [Son]. (Eph 1:6)

Gal 1:1-9, Paul introduces himself, his team, the recipients, and the purpose of the letter—

v. 1a ...*Paul*...**Acts 7:51-60** and **Acts 9:1-2**

Jesus intervenes: Acts 9:3-6

v. 1a ...an apostle...

“One who is sent with a message”

v. 1b ...not sent from men nor through the agency of man...

v. 1b ...**but** [sent] through Jesus Christ and God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead...

v. 2 ...and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia. **(Acts 13-14)**

v. 3...Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Grace—completely free of anything in or about men’s work or background.

and

- peace—the result of grace.

Rom. 5:1 and Phil. 4:7

- from God the Father and the LORD Jesus Christ—the Origin of all grace.

v. 4 ...Who gave Himself for sins to deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to Whom be the glory forever and ever amen.

A succinct summary of the way God of saving us.