

Grace...Plus What?

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For by grace do you stand saved through faith — and this *comes* not from you, *it is* God's gift¹; ⁹ not from works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For His doing² are we, because we were³ created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

(Ephesians 2:8-10 DJP)

Introduction:

I. *Sola Gratia* Put Positively:

A. It Began in _____

1. Romans ____:5
2. 2 Timothy ____:9

B. It Includes _____ Salvation (Ephesians ____:8-9)

1. What is "this" that is God's gift?
2. This challenges popular evangelical views of grace

II. *Sola Gratia* Put _____ ely:

A. Our _____ –

1. *Cannot* be a _____ of salvation
 - a. Ephesians ____:8-9
 - b. Romans ____:1-5; ____:6
 - c. Titus ____:4-7

But when the generosity and the love of our Savior God for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us – not by¹ works which we ourselves did in righteousness, but *instead* in accord with His own mercy, through¹ washing of regeneration and renewal *caused* by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ Whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ in order that, having been declared righteous by His¹ grace, we might become heirs in accord with the hope of life eternal. [DJP]

2. *Must* be a _____ of salvation (Titus ____:11-12)

For the grace of God appeared, with saving *power* for all men, ¹² instructing¹ us that, having renounced irreverence and worldly desires, we should live level-headedly and righteously and reverently in the present age... [DJP]

¹ Literally *God's is the gift*.

² Or *product, handiwork*; i.e. a thing made. Noun formed from vb translated *doing* in v. 3 and *made* in v. 14.

³ More literally *having been*.

- B. Our _____ –**
1. *Cannot* be the ultimate cause of conversion
 - a. John ____:12-13
 - b. Romans ____:7
 2. *Must* be *transformed* for conversion
 - a. Ezekiel ____:26
 - b. James ____:18
 - c. 1 John ____:1

C. *Grace Alone* Excludes _____ as a Result of Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)

III. *Sola Gratia* Put Definitively:

A. *Sola Gratia* in _____: What We *Did Not* See (John ____:1-6)

1. New word: *monergism* = working _____
2. Three gifts (v. 2)
3. Setting: eternity – “before the world existed” (v. 5)

B. *Sola Gratia* in _____: What We *Do* See

1. In _____ion: Acts ____:48
2. In _____ion:
 - a. New word: *synergism* = working _____
 - b. Scripture:
 - i. 1 Corinthians ____:10
 - ii. 2 Timothy ____:1
 - iii. Philippians ____:12–13
3. In _____tion

C. *Sola Gratia* in Perspective: What We _____ See (Galatians 1:6-9; 2:21)