Amazing Grace

Robert Harkrider · Ephesians 2:8–10

INTRODUCTION

- How many of us think of ourselves or have ever thought of ourselves as a wretch?
- Don't let the story of the cross become old hat to you.
- That we can become the children of God, not because we deserve to, but by grace.

1 Saved by Grace, but Not by Grace Only

2 Peter 3:9

- The word grace itself literally means unmerited favor.
- Salvation is by grace, but it's not by grace only. If it were, then everybody would be saved.
- God is long-suffering toward us, not willing that or wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- Salvation comes through the power of God, but on the basis of our faith in Him.

2 That He Might Be Just and the Justifier

Romans 3:23–26; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 53:5

- To declare, I say at this time, his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- The wages of sin is death. And it's not just talking about physical death, but rather a spiritual separation from God.
- The law has to be upheld. If the law requires certain penalty, then that penalty needs to be paid.
- How can God be just if the penalty is not paid? Jesus died in my place and in your place.

3 By Grace Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8

- For by grace are you saved through faith. And that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. It does not say by grace only.
- The dividing line or the separation between those who are saved and those who are lost is men's part, which is faith.
- Grace and faith, they go together. They are both essential in the means of salvation.
- Man's part by faith reaches to the cross. God's part is the cross, and it's for all.

4 Grace Is Access by Faith

Romans 5:1–2; Hebrews 11:7–8; Romans 10:17

- How do you enter into God's grace? Through faith. It isn't forced on anyone.
- Faith is not nullified by action, and rather it is made perfect or complete.

- It was God's power that made the walls fall. But their part had to be done by faith.
- Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

5 Not of Works, Lest Any Man Should Boast

Romans 5:6–10; Ephesians 2:9–10; Titus 2:11–12

- We were ungodly, we were sinners, we were enemies. We did nothing to deserve the cross of Christ.
- For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Which God had before ordained that we should walk in them.
- For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us.
- When I do what God said, I haven't earned salvation. I've still simply done what God said in his way.

6 The Faith That Saves Is a Faith That Obeys

James 2:14–26; Galatians 3:26–27; Acts 2:38

- If a man say he have faith and have not works, can faith save him? Even so faith without works is dead.
- As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Why baptism? Because God ordained that.
- We're saved by grace through faith. A faith that responds to do what God asks of us to do.

THE CHALLENGE

I ask you this morning, have you done what God said? Are you a believer in Jesus the Christ? Have you repented of your sins? Denying ungodliness and worldly lust? Are you walking, living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world?

MY NOTES