Saved By Grace Through Faith

Robert Harkrider · Ephesians 2:1–10 · Series: **Grace Isn't Cheap**

INTRODUCTION

- All of our lessons at this hour that Brother Creel and I both have been speaking have to do with the theme of grace.
- What we observed this morning was one who gave his life not for just 45 others, but for all the world.
- Mike Monzer died for some good men, his fellow Navy SEALs. But Jesus Christ died for his enemies.

1 Dead in Trespasses and Sins

Ephesians 2:1–3; Isaiah 59:1–2

- You he made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world.
- What it means by being dead, of course, not physically, but spiritually. We were separated from God.
- Your iniquities have separated you from God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he will not hear.

2 Why the Cross? That God Might Be Just

Romans 3:25–26

- So if God is all powerful and all strong, why was it necessary that Jesus die on the cross?
- The word justice means that his law is upheld.
- Jesus Christ died in the place of those who have sinned. And therefore, that God might be just.
- He's the justifier of those who believe in Jesus.

3 Not Saved by Grace Only

Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 2:11–12; Luke 14:26

- There are those who want to talk as though we're saved by grace only.
- His grace is upon everybody, but not everybody will be saved by his grace.
- The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us. Denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age.
- Serving the Lord is not a matter of just whatever's convenient and doing whatever we want to do.

4 Nor Are We Saved by Faith Only

James 2:14–23; John 12:42–43

- By grace through faith. And faith that does nothing is dead faith.
- Faith is the kind that says, Lord, thy will be done. And upon understanding the will of God will obey the will of God.

- There were many rulers who believed on the Lord, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.
- We're not saved by grace only, nor are we saved by faith only.

5 Through His Blood We Are Justified

Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; Revelation 1:5

- It is through his blood that we are justified.
- The judicial penalty is paid by his blood.
- This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
- He's described as one who washed us from our sins in his blood.

6 Baptized Into His Death for the Remission of Sins

Galatians 3:26–27; Romans 6:3–4; Acts 2:38

- Grace on God's part, faith on man's part, a faith that obeys does not nullify God's grace.
- As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.
- Baptism is not an act to show I've already been saved, but it's in order to reach his blood.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you understand that truth, if you believe that truth, why not today yield your lives in humble obedience? God so loved you. Can you say you don't love him enough to obey him?**

MY NOTES