

Skegness Community Church
Weekly Bible Study 2025
52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 3

Ephesians Chapter 2 verse 8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God”

What Amazing Grace!

Salvation is entirely God’s work, in God’s way, and according to God’s will
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SALVATION IS GOD’S WORK “For by grace you have been saved”

Our salvation is “by grace” and not in response to any good works we may or may not have done. It is provided for us wholly because of God’s grace. His unmerited and undeserved favour. God did not send the Lord Jesus to die for our sins because we kept begging and pleading with Him to do so. It was by His grace alone. There is a difference between mercy and grace. Mercy is *not* getting what we do deserve, grace is getting what we do *not* deserve. No wonder we call it amazing!

SALVATION IS GOD’S WORK IN GOD’S WAY:
“through faith - not from yourselves - the gift of God”

There are only two religions in our world: true religion and false religion. One is a religion of works while the other is freely obtained “by grace ... through faith.” No amount of human effort, good deeds, or giving of our resources can buy God’s favour. And what is amazing is that God is freely offering this incredible gift, and we still have to encourage and exhort people to receive it. Salvation is God’s work (“by grace”) in God’s way (“through faith”).

SALVATION IS GOD’S WORK IN GOD’S WAY, ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL:
“according to God’s will.”

Ephesians 2: 8-9 cannot stand alone without the context of verse 10: “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do,” This is an awesome thought -- “we are God’s workmanship”. You are God’s special creation, His own work of art. He so fashioned and formed you that no one else has DNA like yours. You are unique to Him and indescribably valuable. You are His workmanship, His own special work of art.

The believer is a new creation. He or she is “created in Christ Jesus” The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, addressed this very fact, saying, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Christians are not men and women who have been improved upon because they took on a new set of moral standards. They are new creations in Christ Jesus. Thus the Christian life is not simply a changed life but an exchanged life.

All this was prepared beforehand by God Himself “that we should walk” with Him. Not only is this salvation His work done in His way, but it is also according to His will.

As you memorise this valuable verse, meditate on the fact that God has made a way out of no way for any and all who will come to Him by faith alone in His finished work of redemption. And it is all because of His amazing grace!

Yes, salvation is God’s work, in God’s way, according to God’s will.