



Progression of Grace

Stage 2

SAVED BY GRACE

"But GROW in the GRACE and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

There is no greater news than the "amazing grace" of God! Awesome! Incredible! Indescribable! All of the majestic adjectives in our language still can not adequately convey the meaning behind this powerful word and truth: **Grace!!!** The Apostle Paul often refers to grace as central to the gospel and the source of his personal motivation (*Ephesians 1:3-8; Acts 20:17-24; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10*). Yet, due to the nature of sin and its power, we sometimes experience the personal battle between **Guilt versus Grace**. That's why the first message in this series was *"Understanding Grace"* or you could title it *"The Discovery of Grace"* because this is where it all starts if we ever are to be saved – accepting the truth that God loves our soul, wants us saved, and has given us his **Plan for Redemption** – to be saved by grace! In this series we are revealing the *"Progression of Grace"*, that God, in His wisdom works his grace, gives His gifts, not only for our salvation but also for our spiritual growth and security. So we will learn about at least six different *"stages"* (or progressions) made possible in our lifetime as we are never separated from the amazing grace of God!

1. OUR INITIAL SALVATION IS A _____ FROM GOD. Ephesians 2:1-10

- What have humans done to "deserve" salvation – a release from the guilt of sin? Verses 1-3
- List the 5 descriptions Paul uses that equate with this salvation by the grace. Verses 4-7
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
- In its simplest form, grace is defined as what? _____ Verse 8
- Therefore, what is our role in this salvation by grace? _____ Verse 8
- What is NOT our responsibility in our salvations? _____ Verse 9
- Does all of this negate or excuse humans from any kind of actions? _____ Verse 10
- Take time to read and study these additional scriptures that have to do with being saved by grace:
Romans 3:22-26, 6:1-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 2 Timothy 1:8-11; Titus 2:11-12, 3:3-8; Hebrews 2:9

2. THIS GIFT OF SALVATION MUST BE _____.

- John 1:10-13 – regarding the gift of salvation, there are 3 distinct choices people make:
 1. _____; 2. _____; 3. _____
- FACT: in most Bible commands, there is something God attaches to His promises – it's a _____.
- Are these meant to be considered "works" to earn God's love? Or acceptance of God's gifts/blessings?
- We need to understand in the gift of salvation there are two elements at work:
 - The _____ part where God is the _____
 - The _____ part where we are the _____
- **Remember** – Whatever we do to accept or obey pales in significance to the work of Almighty God!
- **Remember** – Know the heart of God! He doesn't want to condemn anyone! *2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4; Rom. 2:4*