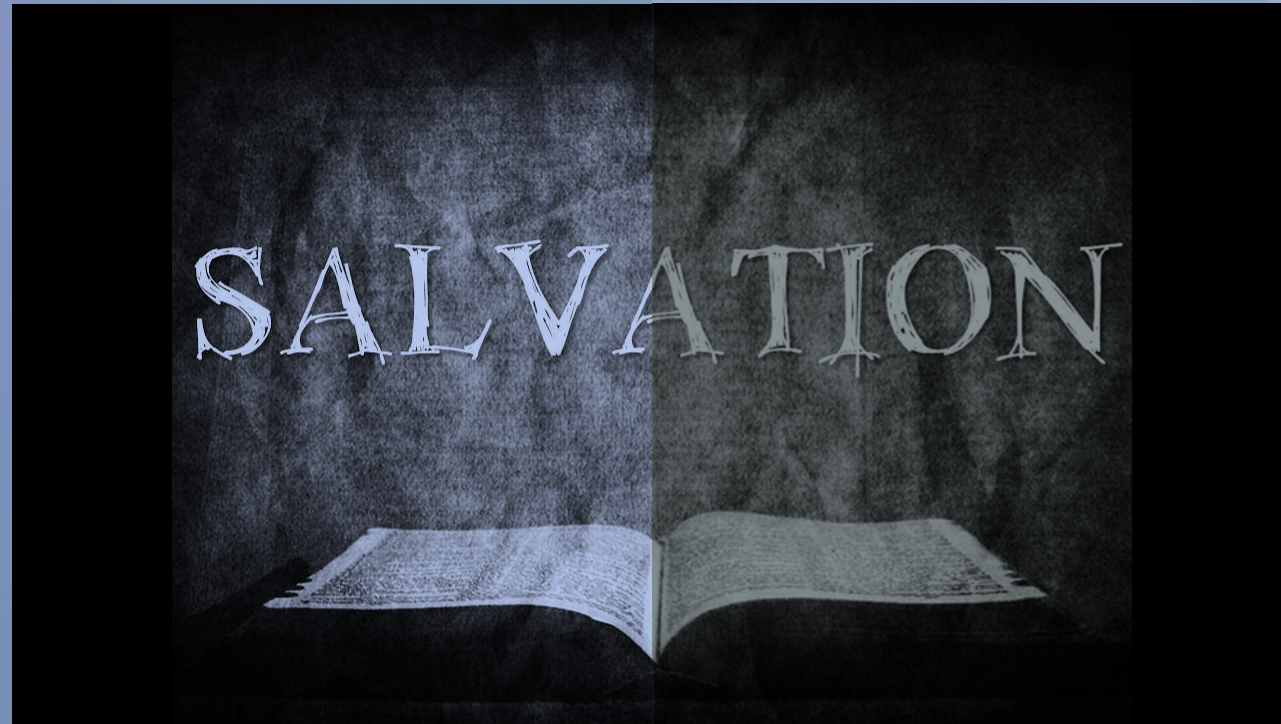


Questions of Salvation



What Is Salvation?



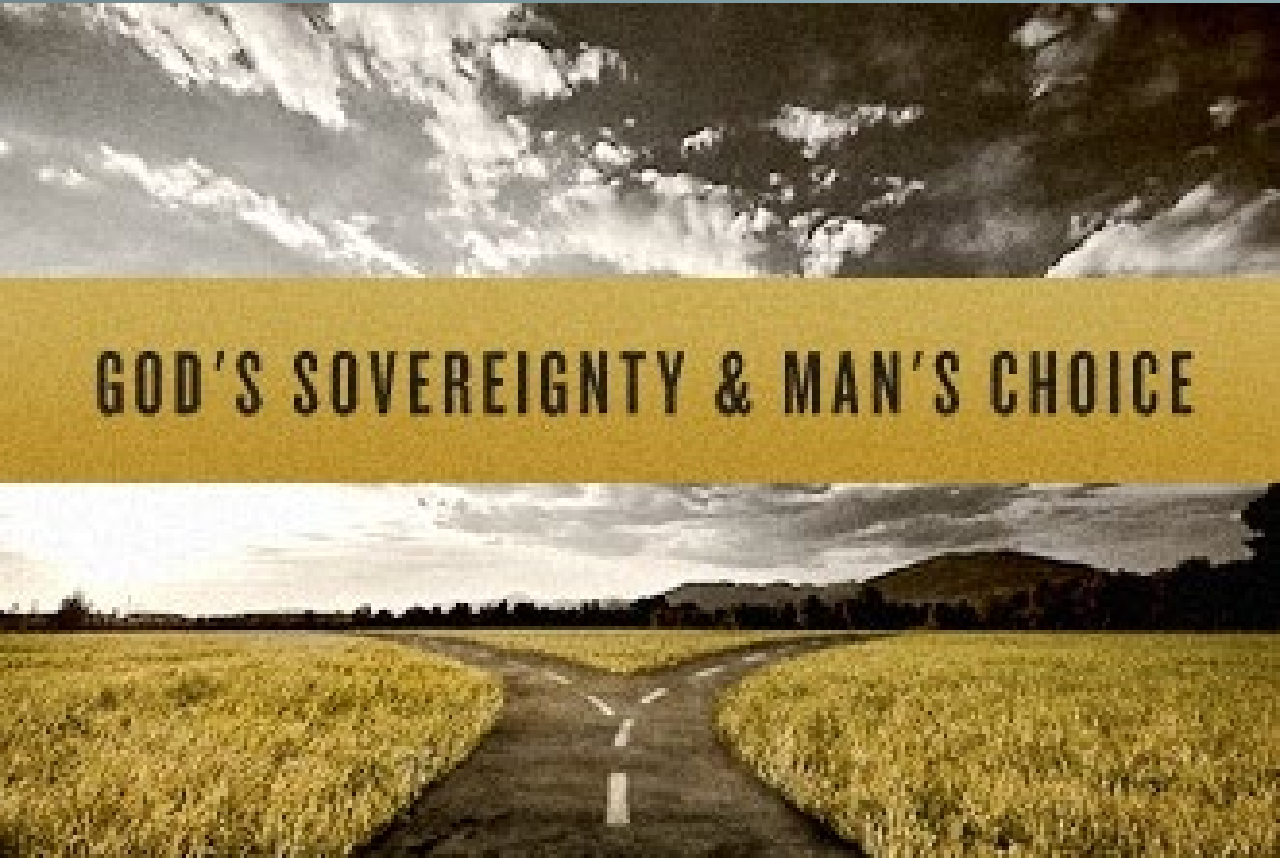
- What does it mean to be saved?
 - Deliverance from danger or suffering
 - Rescue
- Saved from what?
- Saved for what?

Salvation from What and For What?

- ▶ A salvation **from** sin and the wrath of God
- ▶ A salvation **for** eternal life
- ▶ A salvation **for** life in the kingdom and fellowship with God



Do We have a Choice in Salvation?



GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN'S CHOICE

- Do we make a choice to be saved?

Or

- Has the choice already been made by God?

God's Choice

The
CHOSEN

- ▶ God chose to give us the choice to go against his will.
- ▶ Our choice can affect God's choice.
- ▶ God's choice is to choose those who choose to have faith in him.
- ▶ Those God knew before he determined before to **choose**.
- ▶ If we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), it is our **choice** to have faith?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
⁹ **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



How would you define GRACE?

▶ Hebrew:

- ▶ כֶּן – *chen (khen)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, merciful kindness

▶ Greek:

- ▶ ΧΑΡΙΣ – *charis (kharis)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, given freely and generously
- ▶ The Gift of God – δῶρον – *doron* = that which is given or granted

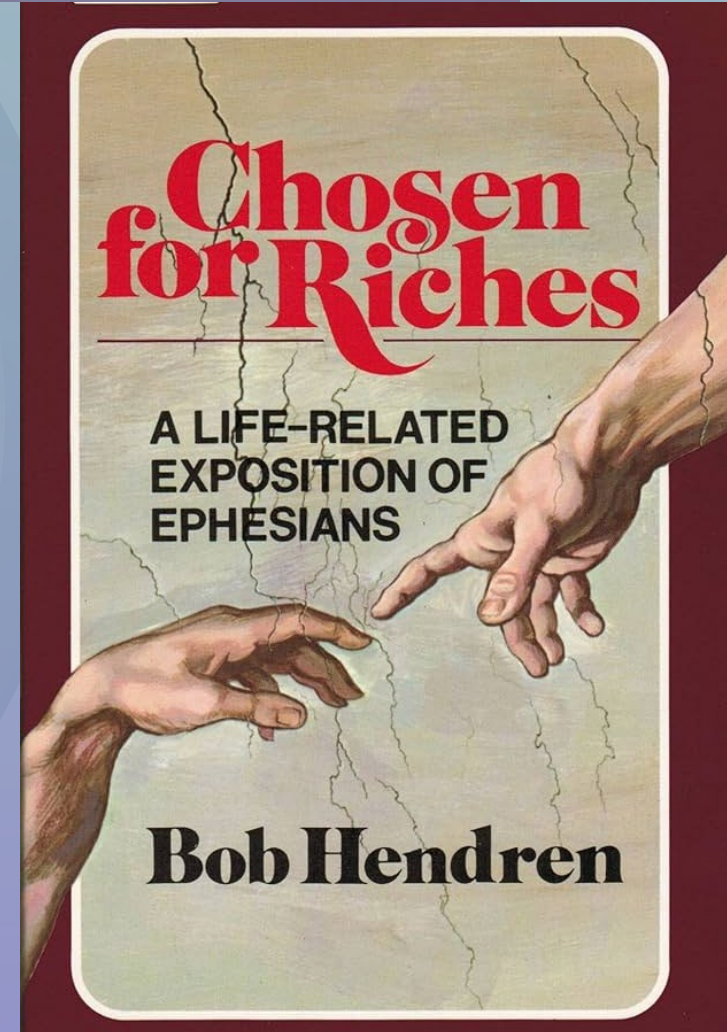
You get what you deserve?



Why does God give us Grace?

- Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of the great **love** with which he **loved us**, ⁵ even when we were **dead** in our trespasses, made **us alive** together with Christ— by **grace** you have been **saved**— ⁶ and **raised us up** with him and seated **us with him** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable **riches** of his **grace in kindness toward us** in Christ Jesus.



How would you define GRACE?

- ▶ **G**od's
- ▶ **R**iches
- ▶ **A**t
- ▶ **C**hrist's
- ▶ **E**xpense



GOD'S
RICHES...
at CHRIST'S
EXPENSE

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

- ▶ “For you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corth. 2:9)

If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
 - Eternal Life?
 - All Spiritual blessings?
 - Spiritual gifts?

Does God give us his gift of loving kindness in other ways than salvation for eternal life?

- 2 Peter 1:2-3

² May **grace** and peace be **multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has **granted to us all things** that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,



Does God give us his gift of loving kindness in other ways than salvation for eternal life?

- 2 Peter 3:18
18 But **grow** in the **grace** and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- John 1:16-17
16 For from his fullness we have all received, **grace** upon **grace**. 17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ.



Does God give us his gift of loving kindness in other ways than salvation for eternal life?

- Romans 12:6-8

⁶ Having **gifts** that differ according to the **grace** given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



Does God give us his gift of loving kindness in other ways than salvation for eternal life?

- Ephesians 4:7-8

⁷ But **grace** was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's **gift**.

⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave **gifts** to men.”



Does God give us his gift of loving kindness in other ways than salvation for eternal life?

- 1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ As each has received a **gift**, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied **grace**: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



If we are Saved by Grace...

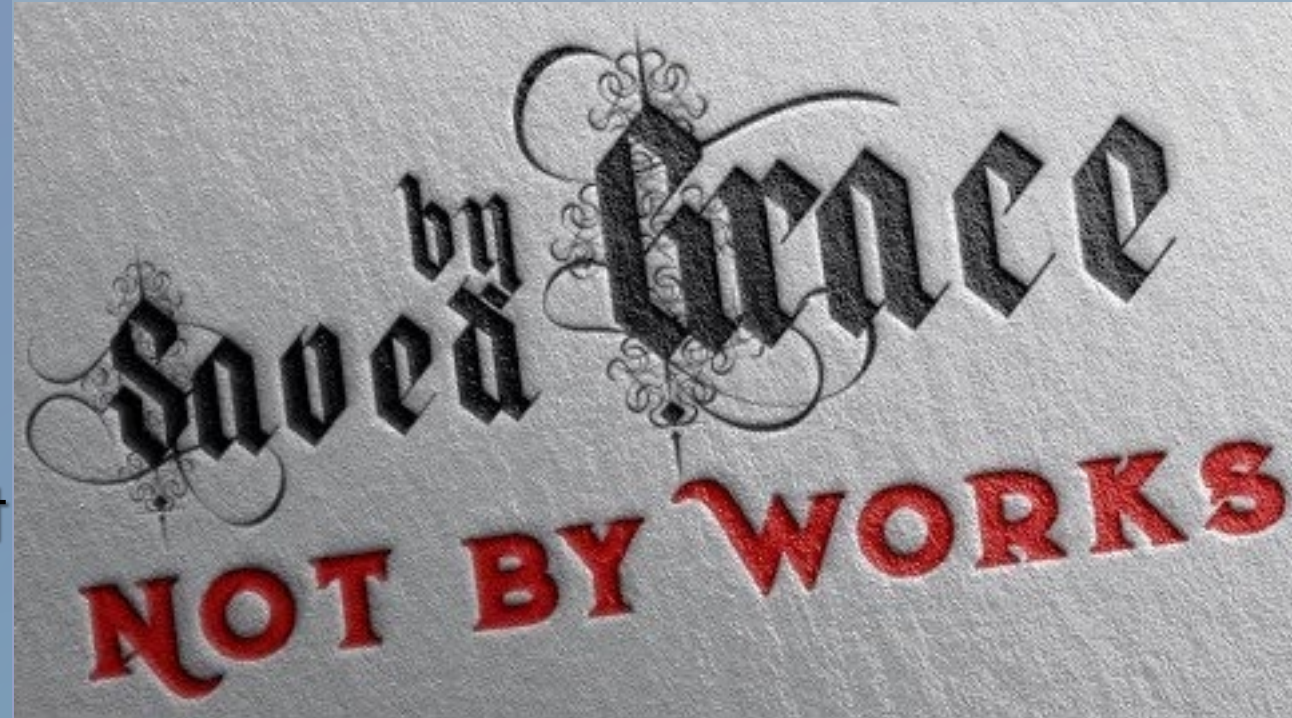


- What is excluded?
 - Works?
 - The Law?

Why does salvation have to be not of ourselves and not of works?

- Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by **grace** you have been **saved** through faith. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the **gift of God**, ⁹ **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



Why does salvation have to be not of ourselves and not of works?

- Ephesians 2:1-3

¹ And you were **dead** in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of **wrath**, like the rest of mankind.



Man's Problem

MAN

Romans 3:23
Romans 3:10

SIN SEPARATES

GOD

Matthew 1:21
Romans 5:8-9

Romans 5: 6-10

⁶ For while we were **still weak**, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been **justified** by his blood, much more shall we be **saved by him** from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be **saved by his life**.

Why does salvation have to be not of ourselves and not of works?

Romans 3:23-26

²³ for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his **grace** as a **gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received by faith**. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be **just and the justifier** of the one who has **faith in Jesus**.



God's Remedy

God's **GRACE** Ephesians 2:8-10



► God's **Grace** makes it possible for us to be set free from sin and receive salvation

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Why does salvation have to be not of ourselves and not of works?

Romans 11:5-6

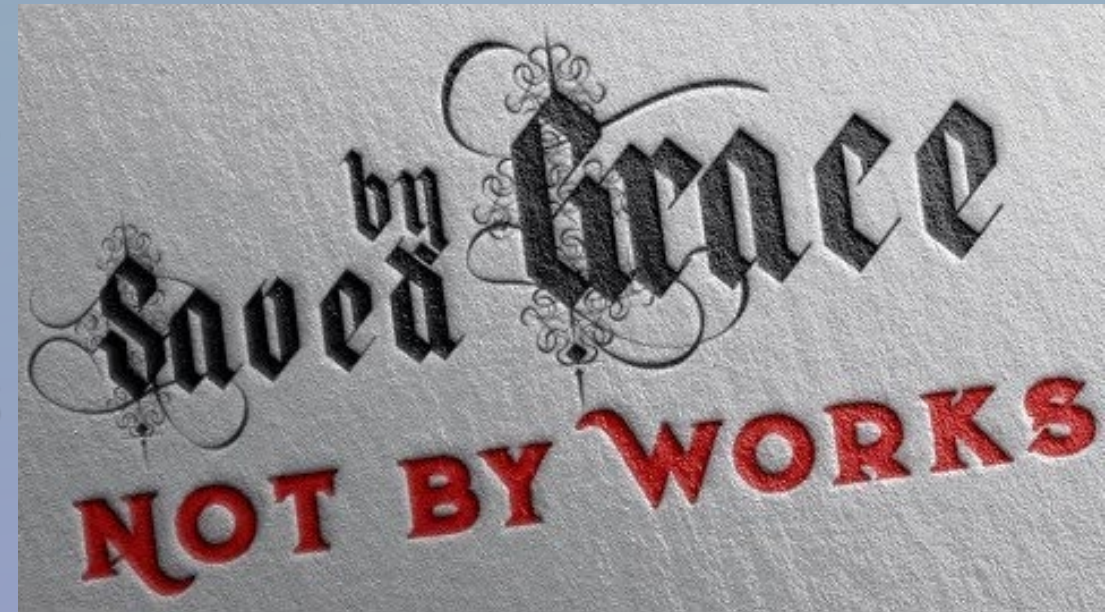
⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, **chosen** by **grace**. ⁶ But if it is by **grace**, it is no longer on the basis of **works**; otherwise **grace** would no longer be **grace**.



Why does salvation have to be not of ourselves and not of works?

Galatians 2:16

¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by **works** of the **law** but through **faith** in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by **faith** in Christ and not by **works** of the **law**, because by **works** of the **law** no one will be justified...²¹ I do not nullify the **grace** of God, for if righteousness were through the **law**, then Christ died for no purpose.





Thank you

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