

Eph. 2:8-9 (ASV) "...for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, (it is) the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory." James 2:24 (ASV) "Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith."

- INTRO: Many teach that "By grace we are saved by faith only," but let us notice what the Word teaches. Study Ephesians 2:1-9. Compare with James 2:24. Grace is unmerited favor. Regardless of what we do, it is only by the grace of God that we are saved. However, there are two sides to this salvation.
  - I. GOD'S SIDE. ISA. 35:4.
    - A. What God Gave.
      - John 3:16; Heb. 2:9; Heb. 9:22. God gave His Son. The Son gave His own blood. 1 Jno. 1:7; Rom. 5:9; Matt. 26:28.
    - B. God Has Spoken.Heb. 1:1-2; Isa. 34:16
    - C. Conditional Gift. Gen. 6:8-14; Titus 2:11-12.
    - D. Not by Own Works or Law. Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16.
    - E. Spirit of Grace. Heb. 10:28-30
  - II. MAN'S SIDE. HEB. 5:8-9.
    - A. All Sinned. Heb. 3:23
    - B. Man Must Hear. Heb. 2:1-3
    - C. Man Must Come to Grace. Heb. 4:16; Matt. 11:28.
    - D. Works of God. John 9:4; John 6:28-29; Acts 10:34-35; Phil. 2:12 Col. 2:12.
    - E. Live up to Spirit of Grace. Rev. 2:10; 2 Pet. 2:20-22.
- III. PROMISE FULFILLED.
  - A. Promise of Joy. Isa. 51:11.
  - B. Fulfillment. Acts 2:47; Acts 8:39.
- CONCL: By the grace of God, you can be saved if you will work the works of Him that sent Christ. The gift is conditional. God gave it; you must

accept it by obeying the Gospel. Gospel plan of salvation (H. B. R. C. B).