

FBC POWELL, 2-17-08 AM NOTES
"SALVATION FROM MAN'S SIDE"
EPHESIANS 2:8-10
(#3 in Series, "The Journey")

I. Salvation Is **by** Grace (v. 8a)

"Grace is the inexhaustible supply of God's goodness whereby He does for us what we could never do for ourselves."

—Tony Evans

"Grace is unmerited, undeserved favor which arises entirely from the gracious character of God and comes to us not in response to anything in us, but comes to us in spite of ourselves."

—Martin Lloyd-Jones

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NKJV) "And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

"You might as soon yoke a gnat with an archangel as think of your going to help Christ save you. To join a filthy rag from off a dunghill with the golden garments of a king or queen cannot be permitted. Christ will be everything or else He will be nothing. You must be saved wholly by mercy, or else not at all. There must not be even a trace of the fingers of self righteousness on the acts and documents of divine grace."

—Charles Spurgeon

John 16:8-11 (NKJV) "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

John 6:44 (NKJV) "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:63a (NKJV) "It is the Spirit who gives life..."

II. Salvation Is **through** Faith (v. 8b)

Acts 3:19 (NKJV) "**Repent** therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Acts 20:21 (NKJV) "Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, **repentance** toward God and **faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Scripture puts repentance and faith together as different aspects of the one act of coming to Christ for salvation. It is not that a person first turns from sin and next trusts in Christ, or first trusts in Christ and then turns from sin, but rather that both occur at the same time. When we turn to Christ *for* salvation from our sins, we are simultaneously turning *away* from the sins that we are asking Christ to save us from. If that were not true, our turning to Christ for salvation from sin could hardly be a genuine turning to Him or trusting in Him"

—Wayne Grudem

“Repentance and faith are like Siamese twins. If one is sick, the other cannot be well, for they live but one life. If ever you are asked which comes first, repentance or faith, you may answer by another question: ‘Which spoke of a wheel moves first when the wheel begins to move?’”

—Charles Spurgeon

There are three elements of saving faith:

1. Knowledge
2. Assent
3. Commitment

2 Timothy 1:12b (NKJV) “...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have **committed** to Him until that Day.”

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

*Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill the law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and **thou alone.***

—Augustus Toplady (1776)

III. Salvation Is **for** Good Works (vv. 9-10)

Romans 3:27a (NKJV) “Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded...”

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV) “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”