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“By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”
(Ephesians 2:8).

Ours is a “do-it-yourself” culture, and I don’t mean just building bookcases. I mean salvation: many people today believe they can earn God’s favor by their own good deeds. But biblical truth about salvation is countercultural.

Paul was very direct: God “*chose us*” (Ephesians 1:4). Salvation is both God’s work and His gift. In other words, our salvation is “*by grace*” (2:8). God does not save us in response to any good works we perform, any bad things we avoid, or any prayerful begging we do. We receive salvation wholly because of His grace: He chooses to bless us with His unmerited and undeserved favor.

God sending His Son to die was purely an act of grace.

What is grace? We define grace as “unmerited favor,” and we define G-R-A-C-E more specifically as God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. The Good News is, it’s His free gift to us.



