

EPHESIANS – Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



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Every religion on earth has a way or method to reach their ultimate goal. Without exception their means of “salvation” centers on what man must do to earn it. Not so in biblical Christianity. God is _____. False religions are just neuter systems because they love no one; there are no objects of love. The Bible says that love is, “a more excellent way.” Our salvation differs from all others in that our God loves every man, woman, boy and girl – people are the objects of his love. Because of his love we are the beneficiaries of salvation, the _____ of God. Today’s text will reveal the _____ and _____ of this unspeakable gift.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 – The gift of God

1. The _____ of our salvation – Ephesians 2:8-10a

- By grace – Jo. 3:16; Ro. 3:24; 4:7-8; 6:14; 11:6; 2 Co. 12:9; Titus 2:11

Grace – God has _____ obligation whatsoever to save lost man. Salvation is a bounty from God, _____ a reward for merit. God’s _____ provides us with something we do not deserve

- Through faith – Ro. 1:17; 3:22-28; 4:5; Gal. 2:16, 20; 3:24-25; 6:10; 2 Ti. 3:15; Heb. 11; 11:6

Faith – It is the sinner’s means of appropriating salvation. Faith is the hand that _____ the gift

- Not of yourself – Jo. 1:12-13; Ro. 9:16

It is the _____ of God

- Not of works – Ro. 3:27; 4:2, 6; Gal. 2:16; 3:10; Titus 3:5

Works are the _____ of salvation, not the price of salvation

- His workmanship – Phil. 1:6; 2:13; Heb. 13:20-21

- _____ in Christ Jesus – 2 Co. 5:17

2. The _____ - of our salvation – Ephesians 2:10b

- Good works – Ro. 8:1; 2 Co. 7:1; Titus 2:7, 11-14; James 2:18

Which God hath before ordained that we should _____ in them

