

EPHESIANS

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John 3

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that **he gave** his only Son, that whoever *believes in him* should not perish but have eternal life.

Charis - Grace

GNT – 155x

Good will, **loving-kindness**, **favor** of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls:

- Turns them to Christ,
- Keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection,
- And kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

Unmerited

Unilateral act of a sovereign God

By Grace (Act of God)

Romans 11:5 - So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen **by grace**.

Romans 11:6 - But if it is **by grace**, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Ephesians 2:1 - even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—**by grace** you have been saved

Ephesians 2:8 - For **by grace** you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Pistis – Faith “For by grace you have been saved **through faith**”

GNT – 243x

Conviction of the truth of anything, **belief**; in the NT of a **conviction** or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of **trust** and holy fervor born of faith and joined with it

The conviction that God exists and:

- Is the creator and ruler of all things
- The provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

“A proper **response** to God’s revelation” (Romans 1:18,19)

*“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God **must believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Heb 11:6)*

Through Faith (Our response – “I believe God”)

Romans 3:21-23 - ²² the righteousness of God **through faith** in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:30 - since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised **through faith**.

Romans 11:20 - ... but you stand fast **through faith**...

Galatians 2:16 - ... a person is not justified by works of the law but **through faith** in Jesus Christ,

Galatians 3:14 - ... so that we might receive the promised Spirit **through faith**

Galatians 3:26 - for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, **through faith**.

Saved by Faith Alone?

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Faith must have an object – the object is God who has:

- **Blessed us** in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
- **Chose us** in him before the foundation of the world
- **Predestined us** for adoption to himself as sons through Christ
- **Given us redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sin
- **Sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit
- **Made us alive** together with Christ

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Faith without grace could never save us

Five Solae – Five “Alone”

- Sola scriptura ("by **Scripture** alone")
- Sola fide ("by **faith** alone")
- Sola gratia ("by **grace** alone")
- Solus Christus or Solo Christo ("**Christ** alone" or "through Christ alone")
- Soli Deo gloria ("**glory to God** alone")

All 5 “alones” are required “together” to form the foundation for theology central to the doctrine of salvation

By Faith

- Faith has an object
 - Faith does not have intrinsic power
 - Faith “in God” has power “in God” because of His Word.
- Believers live “by faith”
 - Hebrews 11 “by faith...”
 - Habakkuk
 - Why do the wicked prosper?
 - Why do the righteous suffer?
 - 3:4 Behold, his [the wicked] soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

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OUR RESPONSE

DISCUSSION