

Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

“Saved by Grace Alone” – Ephesians 2:8-9

I. Introduction

A. Today’s text contains three parts.

1. How does God save us? By Grace!
2. How does grace come to us?
3. How does God not save us?

B. Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

1. Battle cries of the Reformation.

II. Exposition

A. What is grace?

1. Definition – The un_____ favor of God.
2. Man possesses no merit.
Isaiah 64:6-7
3. The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 10, Section 2

B. What is Faith?

1. Three misconceptions
 - a. It is not subjective _____.
 - b. It is not _____.
 - c. It is not _____.

1. Example

- a. Distortions of New Testament passages

Mark 9:23, Matthew 17:20

b. Norman Vincent Peale – Benny Hinn

2. Faith is comprised of three parts.

- a. K_____ (*noticia*)
- b. A_____ (*assense*)
- c. P_____ T_____ (*fiducia*)
- d. Illustrations

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Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 14, Sec. 2.

C. How does God not save us?

1. Ephesians 2:9
2. Faith is not a good work.
3. John Stott
 - a. Faith is God’s gift.

(Acts 13:48; Philippians 1:29)

III. Points for Reflection.

- A. We worship God for His unmerited favor, which is grace extended to us. It is important to know about grace, faith, and our lack of works for this knowledge informs why we worship.
- B. Faith is not feelings, blind belief, or a positive outlook. It is rather an informed knowledge about God which has moved our hearts to commitment.
- C. Salvation is the gift given to us together with everything we need to enter into it.