

SALVATION'S TWO PARTS.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: Hebrews 5:7-10.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Man's salvation is the product of God's love and grace (**John 3:16; 1 John 3:16**).
2. Many believe that man has no part in salvation.
 - 1) Yet, from His word we are instructed to have an active faith (**James 2:24**).
 - 2) A faith that obeys (**Heb. 11** is filled with those that believed God and obeyed).

DISCUSSION: LET US OBSERVE THE TWO PARTS OF OUR SALVATION.

I. GOD'S PART.

A. From the beginning God chose to save the lost.

1. **2 Thessalonians 2:13** "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"
2. **2 Tim. 1:9** "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (**Rom. 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called *according to his purpose*." **Eph. 3:11** "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.")

B. His Grace Reaches me...

1. The Greek word for grace is used some 155 times in the New Testament.
2. Grace can be defined as "unmerited favor." That is the gift of salvation that God has provided, even though we do not deserve His favor.
3. We can also define grace as "God doing for man what man could not do for himself."
 - 1) **Gen. 6:8** "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."
 - 2) **Rom. 3:24** "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
4. God's grace is available to everyone (**John 3:16; Heb. 5:9**).
 - 1) However not everyone will avail themselves to His grace (**Heb. 12:14-15**).
 - 2) We can fall from grace (**Gal. 5:4**).

C. What grace is not.

1. Permission to sin (**Rom. 6:1-2**) when we fully appreciate the grace of God, it prompts some to believe that it is all one needs. Far too much of our religious world believes that the grace of God removes any responsibility on our part or that we have no control of our lives by the grace of God. That is contrary to scripture. A study of Romans 6:1-2 indicates that possibly some reasoned that way in the first century. Paul clearly dismissed it in the rest of the chapter
2. Based upon man's plan (**Heb. 5:9; 12:2; Rom. 6:23**).
3. Cheap – by cheap we mean, "without cost" (**John 19:1; 1 Pet. 3:18**).

II. MAN'S PART.

A. God has certainly done His part!

B. Now it is up to you and me!

1. WE ARE saved by grace, but we must accept His gift. In **Eph. 2:8-9** it is called "faith." There are far too many passages that call upon us to act to dismiss the importance of obeying the gospel.
2. Even in this, we have NOT earned our salvation. That is why salvation is NOT of our own works.
 - 1) **Ephesians 2:9; Luke 17:10** "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our *duty* to do."
 - 2) The words "... our duty" means obligation or requirement. To pay back as a debt (**Rom. 1:14** "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.")
3. We depend upon His grace for further forgiveness (**1 John 1:5-10**).
 - 1) **Romans 5:20-21** "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We have hope, because the grace of God is greater than our sins!
 - 2) **Titus 2:11-13** (**READ**).
4. It is up to us to remain in fellowship with the Lord.
 - 1) **Revelation 2:10**.
 - 2) **Heb 10:23** "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)."
 - 3) **1 Thess. 5:22** "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."
 - 4) **2 Cor. 13:5** "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith..."

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Salvation is God's gift to us (**Romans 6:23**).
 1. He has done everything for us that we could not do for ourselves.
 2. Now it is up to us to accept His soul-saving gift.
- B. Let us therefore reach out to Him (in faith and obedience) and accept His plan.
- C. Let us also continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (**2 Peter 3:18**).
- D. God has done His part. Now, your salvation is up to you!