

THINK ON
THESE
THINGS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

By Grace You Have
Been Saved

“Scripture teaches that we are justified by faith alone.”

— ReasonableTheology.org —

“Paul says, ‘*Salvation is by grace through faith **alone**, not as a result of good works, so that God alone gets the glory.*’ (Eph. 2:8, 9)

— Bible.org —

“Sola Gratia: Christians Are Saved by the Grace of God Alone”

— Ligioner.org —

“The five *solas* of the Reformation, . . . include *sola scriptura* (Scripture alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone), and *soli Deo gloria* (glory to God alone).”

— TheGospelCoalition.org —



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Eph. 2:4-10

- **A Salvation That Was Needed**
 - They Were Dead in Sin **v. 1; 2:12**
 - They Once Followed the World **vv. 2, 3; 4:22**
 - They Were 'Sons of Disobedience' and 'Children of Wrath' **vv. 2, 3; Col. 3:6, 7**



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Eph. 2:4-10

- **But God Saved Them**
 - **He Made them Alive Together w/Christ** v. 5
 - **He Raised Them Up w/Christ** v. 6; 2:12; Isa. 59:2
 - **His Workmanship, for Good Works** v. 10



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Outside of Christ: Dead in Sin** **w. 1, 12**
 - **The Result of Sin**
Rom. 6:23; Jas. 2:26; Isa. 59:2
 - **In Christ is Life**
1st John 5:12; John 5:24; 10:10



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are Saved by God's Mercy** **v. 4**

- **Definitions**

the outward manifestation of pity; it assumes need on the part of him who receives it, and resources adequate to meet the need on the part of him who shows it.

- **In Spite of/Because of Our Condition**

v. 5; Rom. 5:8; Titus 3:3-5



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are Saved by God's Love** **v. 4**
 - **Demonstrated in Christ's Death**
Romans 5:8
 - **He Loved All**
John 3:16; Romans 3:23



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are Made Alive by God** **v. 5**
 - **We Who Were Once Dead in Sin**
vv. 1, 5; John 1:4; 5:39, 40
 - **When? How?**
Colossians 2:11-13; Romans 6:3, 4




WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are Saved by Grace . . . Thru Faith** **v. 5, 8**
 - **God's Grace/Gift: Salvation**
v. 8; Romans 6:23
 - **Faith That Obeys**
Colossians 2:11-13; Galatians 3:24-27

WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are NOT Saved by Works** **w. 8, 9**
 - **Lest We Should Boast**
v. 9; Romans 4:2; 11:6
 - **Baptism is NOT A Work!**
cf. Colossians 2:11-13



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **God's Grace is TRULY Amazing!**
 - **Salvation Offered to All, Though All Sinned**

Romans 3:22-24

- **Access by Faith**

Romans 5:1, 2

- **Do We Recognize This?**

1st Corinthians 15:9, 10; 1st Timothy 1:12-16



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- It Is Important to Access God's Grace
 - Again, Through Faith

Romans 5:1, 2

- Only Through Faith in Christ

John 14:6; Ephesians 2:18

- This Faith Comes by Hearing God's Word

Romans 10:17



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **We Must 'Walk In' Good Works**

- **Proof of Faith**

James 2:14, 17, 20, 24, 26

- **The Disciple's Responsibility**

Titus 2:14; 3:1, 7, 14

- **That God May Be Glorified Through Us**

Matthew 5:16

