

MORNING WORSHIP

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Title: "By grace you have been saved"

Text: Ephesians 2

(I) THE DOCTRINE OF OUR SALVATION REVISITED

1. The scope of our salvation

- a) Sins Forgiven (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- b) Sonship offered (**Ephesians 1:5**)
- c) Sealed with the Spirit of God (**Ephesians 1:13-14**)

2. Different aspects of God's attributes involved in our salvation

- a) The mercy of God

*"...rich in mercy..." **Ephesians 2:4***

- b) The love of God

*"...His great love..." **Ephesians 2:4***

- c) The right to confer honour

*"And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" **Ephesians 2:6***

- d) The kindness of God

*"...in His kindness toward us..." **Ephesians 2:7***

- e) The riches of His grace

*"...the exceeding riches of His grace..." **Ephesians 2:7***

(II) THE GREATEST DECLARATION

*"...by grace you have been saved." **Ephesians 2:5***

*"By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest anyone should boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9***

1. Declaration of a Salvation that is A Gift of God

*"...it is the gift of God." **Ephesians 2:8***

2. Declaration of salvation by grace alone

“...you have been saved...by grace...” Ephesians 2:5, 8

3. Denial of any meritorious works of man

“Not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:9

(III) THE PLACE OF FAITH

1. It is the means of understanding

“By faith we understand...” Hebrews 11:3

2. It is the means of appropriation of salvation by grace

“For by grace you have been saved through faith...” Ephesians 2:8

(IV) OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOD’S SAVING GRACE

1. Deep humility

2. Tremendous gratitude

3. Heartfelt appreciation

4. Unbounded joy

5. Defence of our salvation by grace