



1. WE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH _____
IN JESUS CHRIST.
Romans 3:20-22; Romans 3:27-30; Romans 4:1-6; Romans 4:13-16
2. FAITH _____ ALL CREDIT GIVEN TO GOD.
Galatians 2:16; Galatians 3:2-7
 - Calvinists often argue that faith would be meritorious if people could believe in Jesus for eternal life, and therefore, faith is a work. "Faith is a work performed by God."
 - _____ is not meritorious, boastful faith, or earning my salvation!
3. FAITH _____ IN REGENERATION *Ephesians 2:1-9*
 - Regeneration does not precede _____; faith precedes regeneration.
 - When Paul speaks of the unregenerate as being 'dead in sins,' there is no question that 'dead' is being used metaphorically.
 - There are other biblical figures of speech used to connote depravity which do not indicate or imply total inability.
4. FAITH IS _____ TO WORKS.
 - Calvinism teaches God saves you and then gives you faith as a gift.

Four Views on What is the "Gift of God"

1. Faith is the Gift of God - False
2. Grace is the Gift of God. - False
3. Faith is Especially the Gift of God. - False
4. "By Grace You Have Been Saved" is the Gift of God. - Correct

In Ephesians 2:8-9, the word "that" (Gk., *toutō*) is neutral, but the word "faith" (Gk., *pictis*) is feminine. So also is "grace" (Gk., *charis*). In fact, if we keep looking for a neutral noun to which the pronoun "that" can refer, we will search in vain. It means "This/That" is not of your own doing or "that not of yourselves" is not connected to just the word "Faith" specifically.

That is what Calvinism needs it to mean so that faith is the gift, but "this/that" is neutral. Since it's not connected to any one word, it means "For by grace you have been saved through faith" is the "this/that."

"For by grace you have been saved through faith" is THE GIFT OF GOD!
It's the whole idea... not just a piece. "This" is not plural. It is an inclusive term about salvation!

Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from February 6, 2022

1. Total Depravity vs. Total Inability
 - **TOTAL DEPRAVITY:** Total depravity is the doctrine of original sin that says that the sinner has been blighted by sin in all of his parts. Every person in the human race is corrupted, perverted in his soul, spirit, body, intellect, emotions, will, mind, and understanding. Total depravity does not mean that all of the sinner's behavior is as bad as it could possibly be. It does not mean that all sinners are equally outrageous in their sinful acts. It does not mean that the sinner cannot make some good decisions or choices by God's grace. Man is a free moral agent and able, by God's grace, to make choices within the parameters of his nature. *Total depravity* is often confused for *total inability*. They are not the same thing. Calvin's doctrine of total inability means that the sinner does not have to co-operate with God in order to be saved. Strong Calvinists go well beyond total depravity. They embrace total inability because they do not believe that a sinner can co-operate with God by believing *until after he is regenerated*. This doctrine is known as "monergism." Strong Calvinists believe this "monergism," this doctrine of total inability, because they believe that regeneration must come before believing, that the sinner must be regenerated *before* he is saved, and therefore, the sinner cannot co-operate with God. Biblically, man is depraved in need of a Savior. We reject Total Inability.
 - *1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 3:9-12; 1 Corinthians 15:22*
2. Take a look at point 5 in Pastor's notes. How does *Ephesians 2:8-9* disprove "Total Inability?"
3. In *Acts 17:30*, who does God call to repent?
4. Calvinism states that "man cannot believe the Gospel, and that man cannot believe until he is born-again." What do the following Scriptures say? *John 1:12, 3:15, 16, 36, 5:24, 6:40, 7:39, 12:36, and 20:31*
5. Read *2 Peter 3:9* & *Acts 11:18*. What needs to happen first before someone comes to Christ?
6. Does God mock men by asking them to do what they cannot do?
7. What do *Ephesians 2:8-9* and *Titus 3:5* make clear?