



#2 SAVING GRACE

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Key phrase: We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

Three Errors People Make about Saving Grace:

**Error #1 = It's all God's mercy and so _____
is going to be saved!**

**Error #2 = It's all _____
that'll save me**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 1:12 Yet to all who **received** him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin...**

Galatians 3:21b-22 ...For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²²But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given **through faith in Jesus Christ**, might be given to those **who believe**.

Titus 3:5-6 ...he saved us, **not because of righteous things we had done**, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior

**Error #3 = My salvation rests on _____
= Jesus' death and some of my efforts**

2 Corinthians 6:2b ...I tell you, **now** is the time of God's favor, **now** is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 2:3 ...how shall we escape **if we ignore such a great salvation?...**

Hello My Name is _____

Brother's Keeper Thought: Share with your spiritual partner or someone in your small group the confidence you have in your salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

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