

I. The LORD saves by grace alone (whole passage)

- **Ephesians chapters 1 and 2 are essentially the theological explanation of this scene**, when it comes to how and why God saves His people like this. 1) He saves by grace alone.
- **EPHESIANS 1:3-6** 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us[b] for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
- God planned the Redemption; God performed the Redemption, and God perfects the Redemption of His people.
- The Father picked, the Son purchased, the Spirit purifies and protects.
- He is the Author, He is the main Actor, and we get to the share the stage and reap the benefits of it all with Him as he Accepts the Award!
- **The LORD saves by grace alone. Q. Why?**

II. The LORD saves by grace alone so that we may *BOAST IN HIM* alone (2)

- **EPHESIANS 2:8-9** 8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
- **Romans 3:27** “Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded.”
- **1 CORINTHIANS 1:29-31** 29 “[God saves by grace alone] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 31 ...so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”
- **1 CORINTHIANS 4:7** “What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?”
- **GALATIANS 6:4** “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”
- **Q. Who do you talk mostly talk about when you tell someone the gospel, you/them/or what God has done in Jesus?** Tell me who you talk about when you are proclaiming the gospel and I will show you who you are *BOASTING* in!
- Tell me who you talk about when you explain why or how you are a Christian & I’ll show you who you are *BOASTING* in!
- **In Acts 2, Peter spends the majority of His sermon talking about what? Man’s response? No.** He spends the majority of his sermon **PREACHING ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN CHRIST!** That’s the gospel—we’re called to repent and believe.
- “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”
- **The LORD saves by grace alone so that we may *BOAST IN HIM* alone.**

III. The LORD saves by grace alone so that we may *WORSHIP HIM* alone (15)

- **The LORD not only saves by grace alone, He also *TELLS US* He saves by grace alone (Eph. 1).**
- He reveals it to us that we may worship Him, ascribe all glory to Him, yell praises to Him, “proclaiming the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into marvelous light!” (1 Peter 2).
- **So that we may worship Him like those in the throne-room of heaven depicted in Revelation 5:** “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”
... “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
... “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
- **The LORD saves by grace alone so that we may *WORSHIP HIM* alone.**

IV. The LORD saves by grace alone so that *OUR SALVATION AND HIS GLORY ARE SURELY FIXED*

- **In no way did God leave your salvation to chance.**
- **Romans 8:30** “...those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”
- **In Christ, your eternal redemption is more secure than Fort Knox and more solid than the Rock Gibraltar!** No one can snatch you out of the Lord Jesus’ hand; no one can stay His hand or thwart His plan!
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