

Grace and Works

Introduction:

- A. Pat said she would like to hear me preach on salvation by grace.
- B. I believe God's elect are justified by His grace. - Romans 11:1-6
- C. What is the relationship between grace and works in the justification of God's elect?

I. Grace

- A. Salvation by grace means we do not earn or deserve justification. - Romans 4:4
 - 1. We all deserve death - Romans 3:23; 6:23
 - 2. Salvation is a free gift. - Romans 6:23
- B. God's grace is according to His election. - Romans 11:5 ("election": "the act of picking out, choosing" (Strong))
- C. God's choosing is without partiality. - Romans 2:11
 - 1. He loves all. - John 3:16 (Pat said she was troubled when she learned God didn't love her parents!)
 - 2. His will is that all be saved. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4
 - 3. His saving grace is for all. - Titus 2:11-14
- D. God elected that salvation would be to all who come to Christ by faith. - Romans 1:16-17; 5:1-2
 - 1. Faith comes by hearing the Word. - Romans 10:17
 - 2. Saving faith is obedient faith. - Romans 1:5

II. Works

- A. Justification cannot be both by works and grace. - Romans 11:6
- B. But if works have nothing to do with our justification:
 - 1. How will God judge us according to our works? - Romans 2:5-11
 - 2. How are we justified by faith? - John 6:28-29
- C. The works that will not justify are those of the law. - Romans 3:20,27-28; cf. Galatians 3:10-11,16-17
 - 1. Justification by the works of the law demanded flawless, sinless obedience. - Romans 10:5
 - 2. This is because the law had no sacrifice that would take away sin. - Hebrews 10:4
 - 3. We won't be justified this way. - Romans 3:20,23
- D. But the obedience of faith does not nullify grace. - Galatians 5:6; Joshua 6
- E. To be justified in Christ by obedient faith we must.
 - 1. Hear the Gospel. - Romans 1:16-17; 10:17
 - 2. Believe. - Romans 10:8-10
 - 3. Repent. - Romans 2:5
 - 4. Confess - Romans 10:8-10
 - 5. Be Baptized - Romans 6:3-4; 5:9-10
 - 6. Live a Transformed Life. - Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion:

- A. Offer a dollar bill to any child who will come get one. They had to do something (work) to get the money, but it was a free gift by my grace. It was not earned.
- B. We are justified freely by His grace, but we must come to Him in obedient faith.