



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

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(Ephesians 2:4-9) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, {5} made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. {6} And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, {7} in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. {8} For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- {9} not by works, so that no one can boast.

1. What two questions (from the sermon) can reveal where a person is in his/her relationship to God?

2. How do you think Luther would have answered those questions?

3. The sermon listed 7 characteristics of God's grace. Can you name them? Explain how each applies to God's grace.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

4. Agree/disagree: God's grace is hard to appreciate.

5. Do you agree with the following statement? Why/why not?

Our justification comes from the grace of God. Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.

6. Do you agree with the following statement? Why/why not?

Justification does not consist essentially in the inward transformation of the sinner, nor in his sanctification, but rather in the divine act by which God declares a sinner righteous for Christ's sake.

7. Your friend tells you, "I'm not a bad person. I think God will let me into heaven when I die." What do you say to your friend?

8. What emotions are created in the human heart by a theology of salvation by works?

9. What emotions are created in your heart by the theology of salvation by grace alone?