

Am I Saved by Faith or Works?

Reality Check, Pt. 3

Acts 16:25-34, Ephesians 2:1-9, Matthew 7:21-24

Ephesians 2:8, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Acts 16:28, But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" **29** The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:31, They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:32, Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. **33** At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. **34** The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

What Is the Relationship Between Grace, Faith and Works?

1. The Grace of God Is the FOUNDATION of Salvation

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

Romans 5:8, But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Titus 3:5, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

2. Faith Is How We RECEIVE Salvation

Romans 10:9, If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 3:28, For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Galatians 2:16, know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 3:24, So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

3. Good Works Are the Result of Salvation-Not the CAUSE

Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:18, But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

Romans 6:1, What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the

dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.