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OVERVIEW

Sola Gratia is simply acknowledging that the Bible teaches that the totality of our salvation is a gift of grace from God. Salvation is based on God's grace and mercy and not on anything good in us. It is an amazing grace that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"- Rom.5:8. Finally, sola gratia is important because it is the basis of our assurance of salvation as sinners before a holy God. If we deny sola gratia, then we cannot have any true assurance of our salvation. Since everything we do is tainted by sin, how can we have confidence that our "decision for Christ" was effective, and how can we know if we have enough faith to be saved? Fortunately, the Bible reveals the true gospel, one based not on what we do but on what Jesus Christ has done.

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BUT GOD

Ephesians 2:1-10

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



- 1. What does this passage teach us about who we were before we came to Christ (v. 1-3)?**
- 2. What does this passage teach us about how God addressed our desperate need (v. 4-7)?**
- 3. How are we called to respond? What does this passage teach us about God's grace (v. 8-10)?**



HEIRS

Titus 3:3-7

"For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

1. How does this passage require us to behave as Christians (v. 1-2)?

2. Why are we to behave that way? What is motivation given in verse 3?

3. How has God treated us? What does this passage teach us about God's grace (v. 4-7)?



MERCY

1 Timothy 1:12-17

"I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."



1. What was Paul's life like before coming to Christ? How was his similar to/different from yours?

2. What does Paul say about what Jesus did for Him? How is that similar to what He's done for you?

3. Why did Jesus treat Paul this way? To what end was his salvation designed? Is it the same for us?



FORGIVING

Exodus 34:6-7

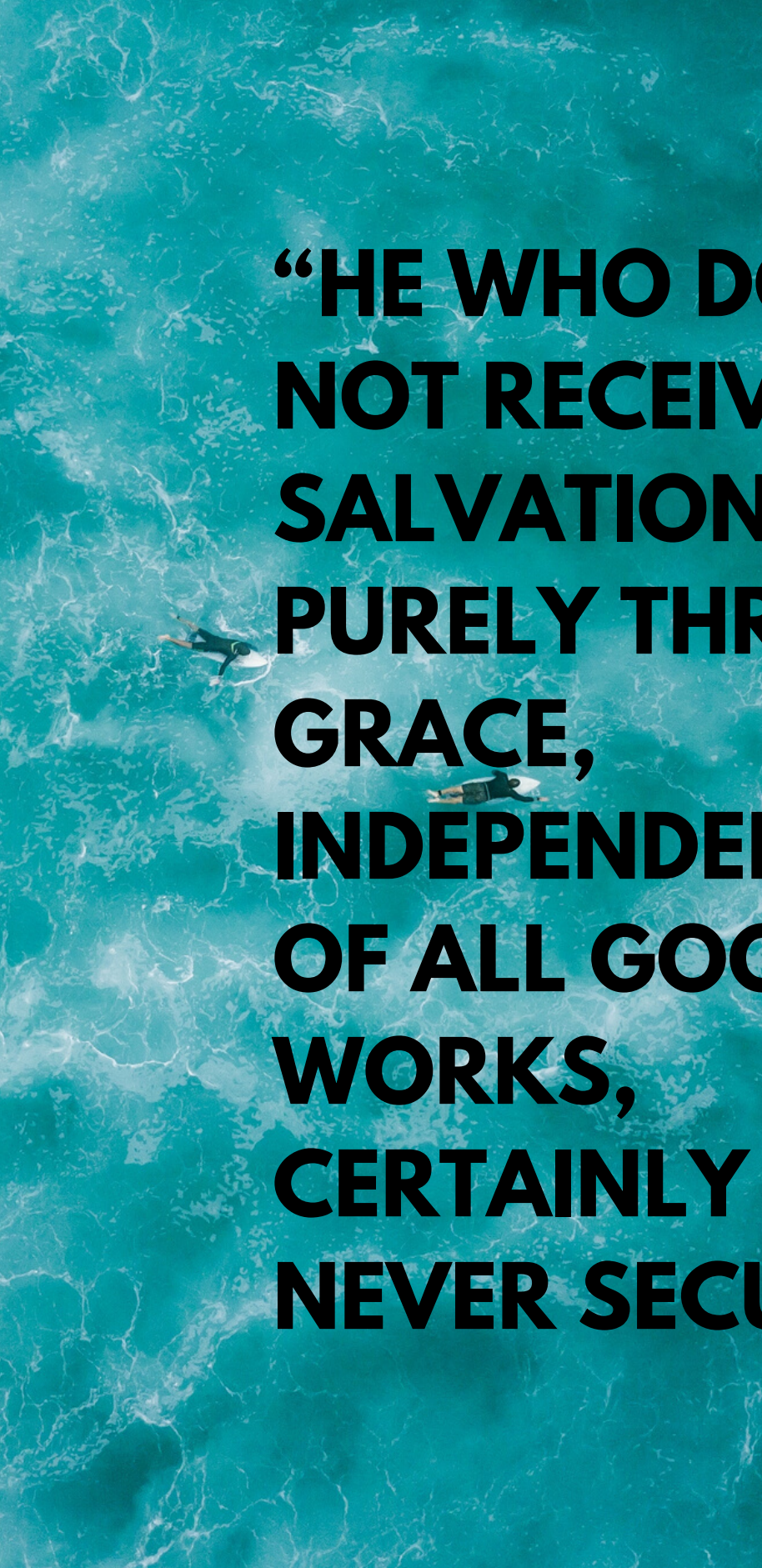
"The Lord passed before Him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

1. What do these verses teach us about the nature of God?

2. What tension do these verse express? How does that tension get resolved in the work of Christ on the cross?

3. Since we bear the image of God, how should these verses shape how we interact with others?





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- MARTIN LUTHER

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SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**

ACTS 1:8