## Saved By Grace. Now What?

We are not saved by what we do, so we're often extra careful to not talk about our actions just in case we might sound like we're suggesting they contribute to our salvation. But yet it is important to talk about how our actions change because of our salvation and what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul's instruction to Titus helps us ponder this balance of justification by grace and what we need to do as a result of our salvation as well as fills us with hope for eternal life.

**AWARENESS** Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you define justification?
- What is grace?



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**READ** Titus 3:1-8

**REFLECTION** After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does remembering our original sinful nature, as the apostle Paul encourages in <u>Titus 3:1-3</u>, help believers combat the pitfalls of pride?
- In your experience with church, have the concepts of justification by grace and justification by faith been at the heart of your church's teaching and ministry? Describe the experiences that inform your answer and the effects they had on your faith.
- Can you identify ways your behavior changed as a result of your salvation by grace? How often do you think about or reflect on the connection between your faith and your behavior? What effect has intentional reflection had on your behavior?
- Based on <u>Titus 3:1-8</u>, how do you think Paul would define good works? How would you define or describe good works in the life of a Christian? Do they always involve some form of volunteerism or philanthropy or are there other ways a Christian can live out good works as fruit of their faith?

## **RELATED PASSAGES** for further study

Ephesians 2, James 2:14-26, Romans 1:18-2:11, Romans 5:6-11

## CONCLUSION

Spend time thinking about the opportunities you've had or currently have to disciple new believers or discuss faith with unbelievers. How does Paul's discussion of justification by grace and the importance of doing good works as a result of faith influence what you might say to each person? What do you think is important to communicate verbally and what might be better communicated nonverbally? Take time to write down your thoughts and reactions.

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