

Saved by Grace Alone. Let Your Works Respond Accordingly.

The apostle Paul wrote extensively about salvation and the Christian life. He firmly teaches that we are saved by God's grace through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. He also teaches how believers ought to behave. Join us as we study Paul's teachings in his letter to early Christians. Together, we'll see how his message clarifies how we walk in step with the Holy Spirit, growing in Christlikeness, as we keep Christ's work on the cross at the center of salvation through Grace alone.

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

- How would you describe what a "Christian life" looks like?
- What do we mean when we talk about "Christlikeness"?



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READ [Galatians 2:19-21](#), [Galatians 3:1-3](#), [Galatians 5:13-25](#), [Romans 8:1-4](#), [Colossians 3:12-14](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Reflect on this statement from host Darrell Delaney: "When the cross is at the center of everything, it shifts us from performance to presence, because his [Christ's] life is visible in our lives, and we stop asking how can we prove our worth and start asking how can we stay in step with the one who lives in me." How does that make you feel? What does that mean to you?
- What are some intentional things you do to stay in step with the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
- At the end of segment 2, Darrell said it was beautiful and powerful to see the Spirit "ripen" in ordinary people. When have you attributed a change in yourself or someone you know to the work of the Holy Spirit?
- In segment 3, host Scott Hoezee offered two ways to think about the relationship between grace and works Paul teaches about in [Colossians 3:12-14](#): 1) Our identity comes first as a gift of grace, which makes us who we are: chosen, holy, and dearly loved, and then, we put on the wardrobe of our Christlike actions, the "Jesus sweater." 2) Grace is the ticket to the kingdom. "Works are the attire of the citizens who got into the kingdom by grace alone." Then Scott reminded us that "Grace does not make effort unnecessary; grace makes Christlike effort possible." Which of Scott's statements resonates most with you? In what ways do they bring clarity to your understanding of the relationship between grace and works in your faith journey?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[John 19:28-30](#), [John 15:1-17](#), [Titus 2:11-14](#), [Romans 7:21-25](#)

CONCLUSION

When we live a Spirit-led life, rightly attributing our salvation to the good work of the gospel and grace, our good works become a reflex in our daily lives. As Scott and Darrell closed the episode, they identified three takeaways from their study of Paul's teachings on the relationship between grace and works in our lives.

1. Keep Christ crucified as the center of everything.
2. Walk in the Spirit.
3. Wear the wardrobe. Clothe yourself with the attributes of Christ. Be Christlike everywhere you go, in all you do.

Where do you feel the Spirit nudging you, identifying an area for intentional growth in your faith life? What do you feel led to pray for?

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