

## THE OBJECTIVE OF GOD'S PLAN

Romans 3:23, 6:23  
 God only can save, it is however our response through faith to become his workmanship.

## Ephesians 2:4-10

- **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- **6** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- **7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*
- **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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## :4 God's Love Behind His Grace

- :4 but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- John 3:16
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- Isaiah 55:6-9
- **6** Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: **7** let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. **9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## :5 God's Gifts Growing Out Of His Grace

- :5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)
- Romans 6:11-13
- **11** Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus. **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: **13** neither present your members unto sin (as) instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members (as) instruments of righteousness unto God. **12** having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.
- Colossians 2:12-13
- **12** having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. **13** And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, (I say), did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses

## :6 We Have Been Risen Up Together In Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus

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- John 18:34-36
- **34** Jesus answered, Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee concerning me? **35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

## :7 God's Projections for His Grace

- :7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- Ephesians 1:3-4
- **3** Blessed (be) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly (places) in Christ: **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love
- Galatians 3:25-29
- **25** But now faith that is come, we are no longer under a tutor. **26** For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. **28** There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one (man) in Christ Jesus. **29** And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

## :8 No Man should Glory: Salvation is By Grace

- :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God*
- Romans 1:16-17
- **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **17** For in it *the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:8-13
- **8** But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. **9** For God appointed us not into wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. **11** Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do. **12** But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; **13** and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

## :9 No Man should Glory: Salvation is Not of Works

- :9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- James 2:14, 21-26
- **14** What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? ... **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect; **23** and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. **24** Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. **25** And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? **26** For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.
- Matthew 7:22-23
- **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## :10 No Man should Glory: Salvation is Unto Good Works

- :10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- Romans 6:6
- **6** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with (him), that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin
- John 15:2-8
- **5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. **6** If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. **8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and (so) shall ye be my disciples.
- Luke 17:10
- **10** Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

## CONCLUSION

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