

**“The Only Response to the Cross God Accepts”
Ephesians 2:8-9**

“All historians must confess that the turning point of the human race is the cross of Christ. It would be impossible to fix any other hinge of history. From that moment, the power of evil received its mortal wound. It dies hard, but from that hour, it was doomed.” Charles Spurgeon

His death was “payment in full” for the sins we had committed.

John 6:47

God is calling every human being to a response of faith in the work Jesus performed on the cross.

Ephesians 2:8-9

The human heart wants to default to religion. Religion is sinners working to save themselves. Grace is God saving sinners.

- “You were dead in your transgressions and sins” Ephesians 2:1
- “...we were dead in transgressions...” Ephesians 2:5

“...the Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.” Acts 16:14b

Grace is Jesus walking into your life through His Word! Through a message preached or a witness shared.

“For Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” Romans 10:13-14, NLT

We are saved by grace through faith.

Charlotte Elliott ~

“Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

“Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

“Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

“He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37 KJV

Observations from Ephesians 2:8-9

1. Faith is a conscious response of trust in God's grace and gift.

Ephesians 2:8

Faith is a complete trust in Christ and His work as the basis of one's relationship to God.

Acts 16:31

Ephesians 2:8

The word 'this' refers to the whole experience of salvation, including faith.

2. Since we have not been saved by our good works, we cannot be lost by our bad works.

Ephesians 2:9

3. Jesus doesn't enter our lives just to save us from Hell.

Ephesians 2:7

4. There won't be room for an ounce of pride in Heaven.

"...so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:9