

A WEEKLY WORD

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- READINGS: [Numbers 21:4-9](#) • [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#) • [Ephesians 2:1-10](#) • [John 3:14-21](#)

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

What does it mean to be saved by grace? I have thought a lot about that, and to me it means that God the Father sent the Son (Jesus) to bring us salvation, not by anything we did or could have done, but simply because He, the Father, loves us so much.

When Adam and Eve were tempted in the Garden of Eden, and fell into sin, they dragged all of humankind along with them. Sin entered the world because God gave them the gift of free will. After that we were out of harmony with God and were born and died in sin.

Because of Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross, we have been given a free gift of salvation, available to all who wish to say YES. We can't earn it, we can't buy it, we just have to accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and receive the free gift of salvation.

If you find yourself in these weeks approaching Holy Week and Easter questioning where you stand in the scheme of things with Jesus, ask yourself who is Lord to you? If the answer isn't Jesus, reach out to Him and ask Him to show you where your loyalties lie. He will show you the way to Him if you are open to receiving Him as your Lord and Saviour and accepting that free gift of grace.

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