

Our salvation is only by grace, never by works.



WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES BY OUR OWN GOODNESS or attempts to keep God's laws. We cannot be good enough to earn, merit, or deserve the heavenly perfection of His salvation. It is impossible for anyone to be saved without the miracle-working power of God. It only comes by His grace, His love, and His mercy.

Salvation is free; it is the gift of God. You can't work for it. You can't earn a gift or else it wouldn't be a gift. God's Word says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God's idea of righteousness is a self-confessed sinner who knows he needs God and depends on Him for salvation. God's idea of saintliness is not self-righteousness and sinless perfection; it's a sinner saved by grace, a sinner who has no perfection, no righteousness of his own, but is totally dependent on the grace and the love and the mercy of God. Those are the only saints there are; there are no others. You haven't got anybody's righteousness except Christ's, and He's the only One that can give it to you (Philippians 3:9).