

## Grace plus faith plus nothing—that's salvation!



**J**ESUS, GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE TO US, is just that, a gift. We just have to receive Him humbly. We can't possibly pay enough to buy our way into Heaven, to buy eternal life, to buy the happiness that Jesus brings. Accepting salvation through His Word is a work of God's grace. "For by grace have you been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). You can't earn a gift or else it wouldn't be a gift.

Salvation is not a reward, it's not pay, it's not wages; it is a gift that you can't earn by faithfulness or by any kind of works of your own. Your good works can't save you and your bad works can't damn you. We're saved purely by faith in Jesus, the gift of God, by His grace. The worst sinner can go to Heaven by faith, and the "best" person can go to Hell because of unbelief. Heaven is full of sinners, saved by grace through faith.

Do you depend totally on God's grace and His mercy? Do you give Him all the glory and all the credit? It's wonderful when you realize that *you* don't have to do it. Jesus has done it for us!