

*Cease striving and know that I am God... ~ Psalm 46:10a (NASB1995)*

**SAVE ME PRAYER:** Jesus, I know I can never be good enough to earn salvation but I also know I don't have to be. I know You will change me and guide me to do good works in Your name from this day forward but I realize I don't have to do good works to earn Your love. All I have to do is receive it. Thank You for offering Your perfect righteousness to me and for dying on the cross in my place. Please Jesus, SAVE ME! I place my Saving Faith IN You and ON You as the sure foundation.

Be the Lord and Savior of my life. In Your name I pray, Amen.



❖ MESSAGE NOTES ~ July 28, 2024

**LET US PRAY ~ Week 1 ~ Save Me**

*You believe that God is one. You do well;  
the demons also believe, and shudder. ~ James 2:19 (NASB1995)*

### **THREE CATEGORIES OF "BELIEF" PEOPLE**

- 1) THE "ROOF CAVERS"
- 2) THE "NOT GOOD ENOUGH YETS"
- 3) THE "GOOD ENOUGHS"

### **MOST COMMON MISCONCEPTION IN ANY RELIGIOUS SYSTEM**

Salvation/God's approval/eternal life can be earned or merited if we know enough, believe enough, do enough, are good enough.

**2014 GALLOP POLL:** 43% of Roman Catholics, 20% of Protestants agreed with this statement. "Heaven is a divine reward for those who earn it by their good life."

**ACU POLL:** 54% of U.S. adults believed they would go to heaven if they lived a good life.

### **FOUR PROBLEMS WITH THAT VIEWPOINT**

- 1) Who sets the standard for what is "good enough?"
- 2) Nobody can ever be "sure" if they are okay with God.
- 3) This view asks God to ignore all of our remaining sins.
- 4) It contradicts what God has already revealed to us in His inspired Word, the Bible.

**GOD'S STANDARD FOR "GOOD ENOUGH"  
is 100% perfection, 100% of the time.**

*For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. ~ James 2:10 (NASB 1995)*

*And He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ~ Luke 10:27 (NASB1995)*



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*All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one. ~ Romans 3:12 (NASB1995)*

**Few of us are probably as bad as we COULD be  
but none of us are as good as we SHOULD be.**

**All faith requires a specific OBJECT and a specific CONTENT.**

**Jesus is the object of Saving Faith.**

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." ~ John 14:6 (NASB1995)*

**The content of Saving Faith is that God has taken the initiative to reconcile humanity to Himself by providing a way for Jesus' perfect righteousness, to be awarded to everyone else. And if we will accept what God is offering us, we will be saved.**

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ~ Romans 5:8 (NASB1995)*

*But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ~ Matthew 14:30-31 (NASB1995)*

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. ~ Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)*

**For it is by grace you have been saved**

**GAR - GREEK ~ "for it is by" or "because of" or "since" or "the reason for something."**

**Grace is a word that simply means "unmerited favor."**

**God's**

**Riches**

**At**

**Christ's**

**Expense**

**you have been saved through faith**

**DIA - GREEK ~ "through" or "the means by which something happens" or "the avenue, road or path that you take to reach your intended destination."**

**and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.**

*... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved ~ Romans 10:9 (NASB1995)*

*... for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." ~ Romans 10:9,13 (NASB1995)*

*So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic." ~ Isaiah 28:16 (NIV)*

**AMAN - HEBREW ~ "to believe," "to trust," or "to be faithful."**

**"the one who relies on it" can be understood as  
"the one who puts their weight on it" or  
"the one who trusts completely in the stability of it"**

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ~ Matthew 7:24 (NASB1995)*

**You can never do anything to make God love you any more and you can never do anything to make God love you any less.**

**God loves you right where you are AND  
He loves you too much to leave you there!**

**Definition of Faith: The confidence that Jesus is exactly who He says He is and that He will do everything He has promised to do.**

**"HOW DO GOOD WORKS FIT IN PASTOR G?"**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ~ Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*