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Foundational Truth #11

Salvation and Life by

Grace Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8-10

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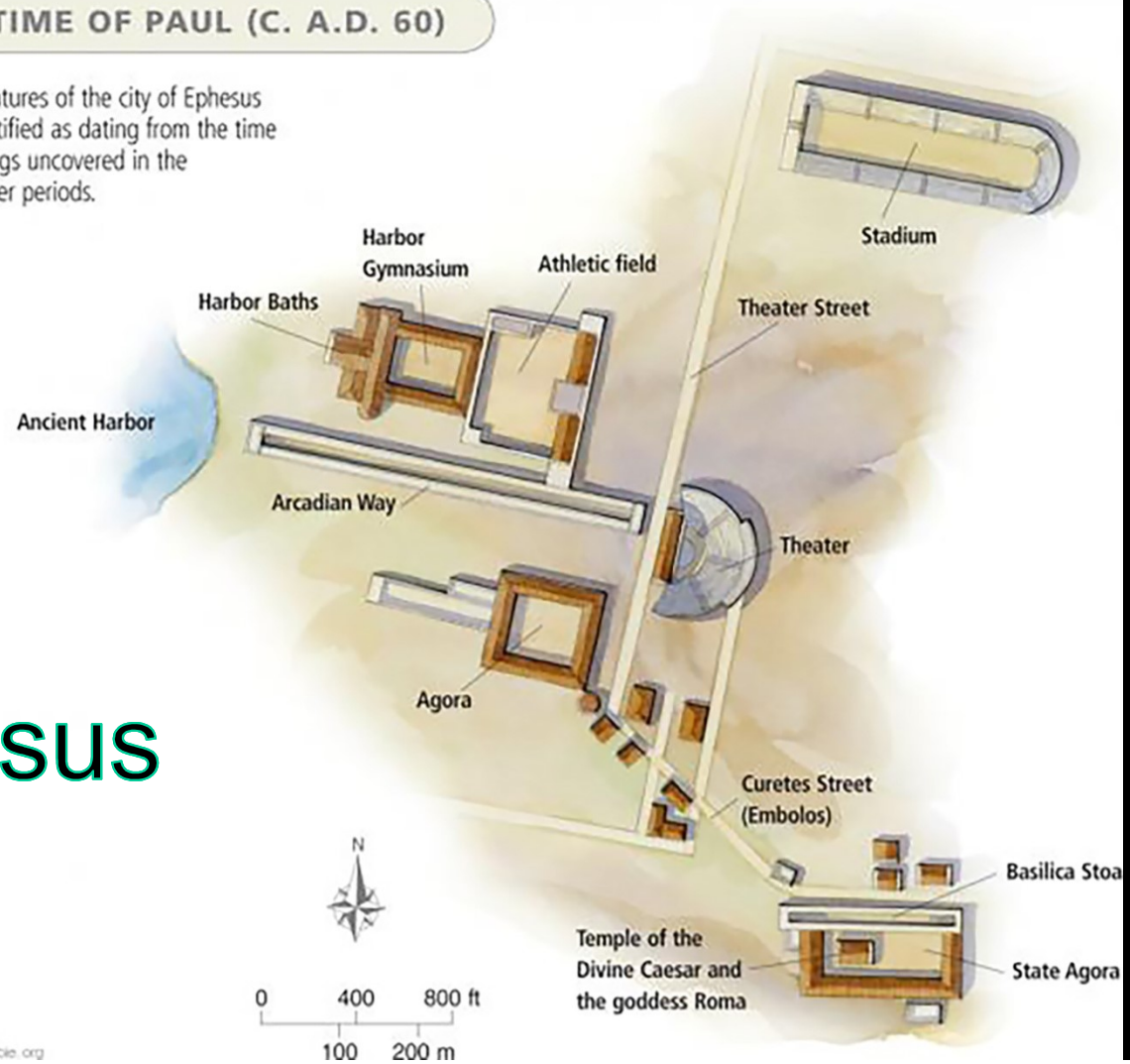
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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing (not of yourselves); it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

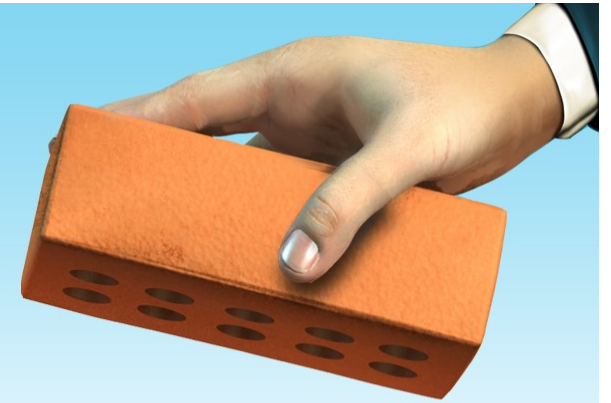
EPHESUS IN THE TIME OF PAUL (C. A.D. 60)

The city plan below shows those features of the city of Ephesus that archaeologists have so far identified as dating from the time of Paul. Many of the notable buildings uncovered in the excavation at Ephesus date from later periods.

Ephesus



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A. Saved by Grace

Many definitions:

God's riches at Christ's expense

Unmerited or undeserved favor

God's goodness given to those who don't deserve it

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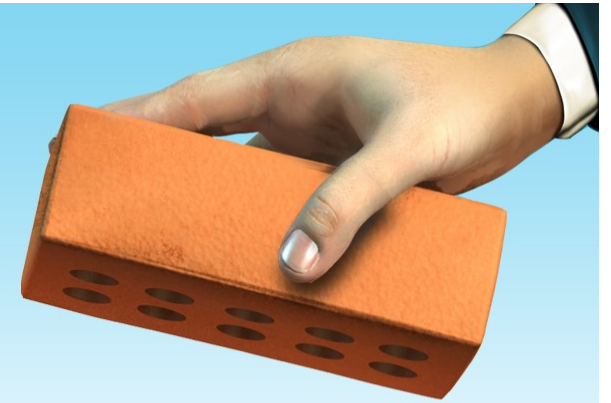
“Charles Spurgeon and Joseph Parker both had churches in London in the 19th century. On one occasion, Parker commented on the poor condition of children admitted to Spurgeon's orphanage. It was reported to Spurgeon however, that Parker had criticized the orphanage itself. Spurgeon blasted Parker the next week from the pulpit. The attack was printed in the newspapers and became the talk of the town.

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People flocked to Parker's church the next Sunday to hear his rebuttal. "I understand Dr. Spurgeon is not in his pulpit today, and this is the Sunday they use to take an offering for the orphanage. I suggest we take a love offering here instead." The crowd was delighted. The ushers had to empty the collection plates 3 times. Later that week there was a knock at Parker's study. It was Spurgeon. "You know Parker, you have practiced grace on me. You have given me not what I deserved, you have given me what I needed." "

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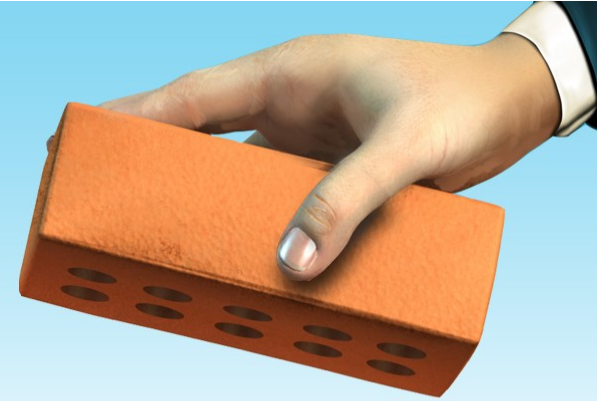
A. Saved by Grace

We were enemies of God and HE took the initiative in Christ.

We are responsible, but we cannot be saved without God's grace!

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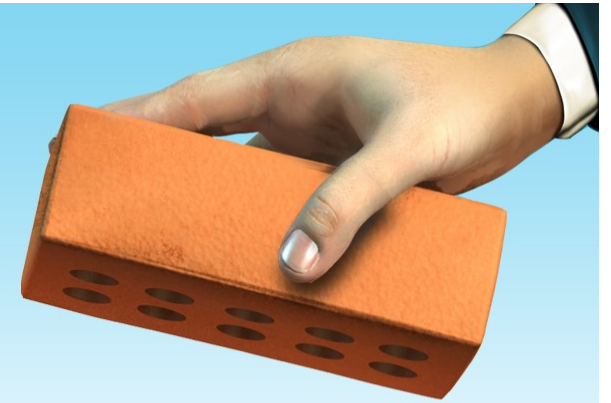
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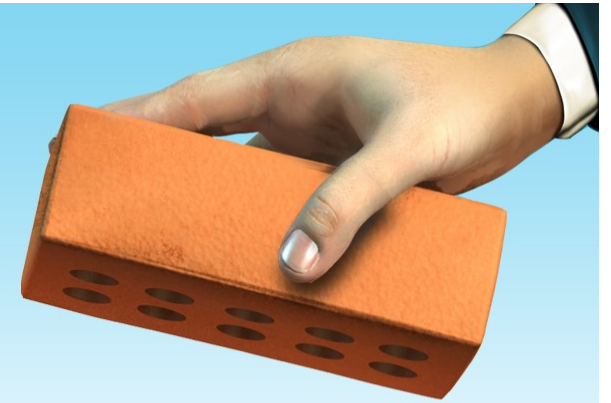
For by works of the Law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through **faith** in Jesus Christ for all who **believe**. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His **grace** as a **gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by **faith**. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith** in Jesus.

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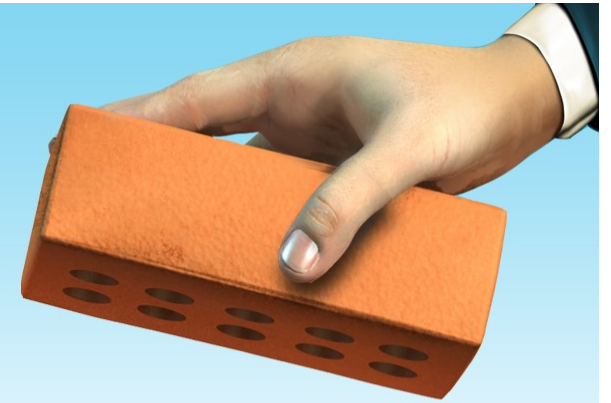
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If someone says, "I have faith."

The question you need to ask them is:

Faith in what or who?

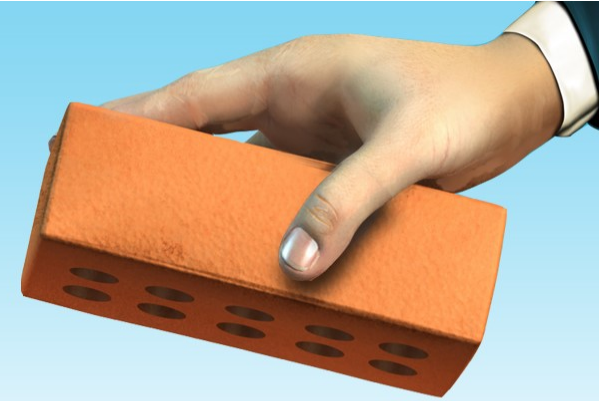
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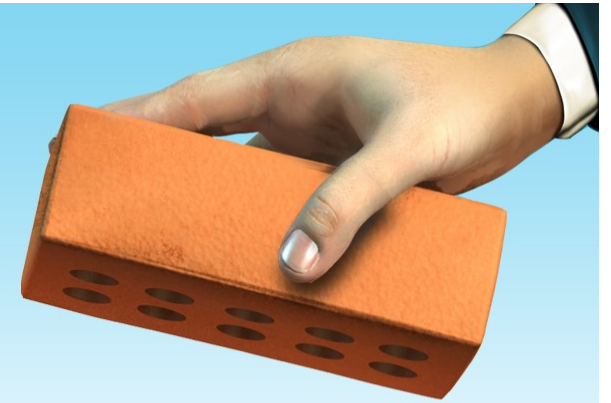
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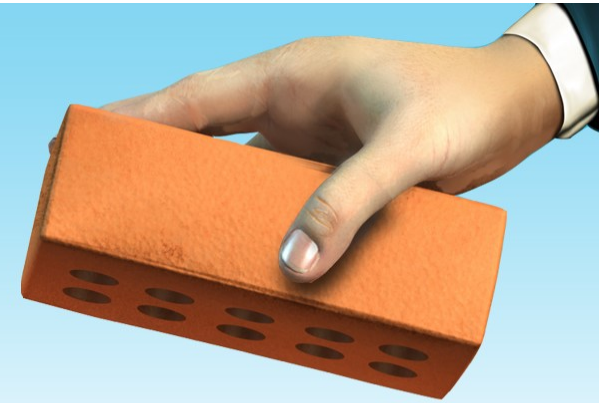
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The Mosaic Covenant was NOT the basis for God's relationship with Israel.

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C. Not Based on Works

The Abrahamic Covenant was!

The Mosaic Covenant (Law) was added due to sin and to give them their culture.

Israel was to **DO** the Law and God would bless them:
Exodus 24:3-8.

Later, God promised a New Covenant: *Jeremiah 31.*

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Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one - who will justify the circumcised by **faith** and the uncircumcised through **faith**. Do we then overthrow the law by this **faith**? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

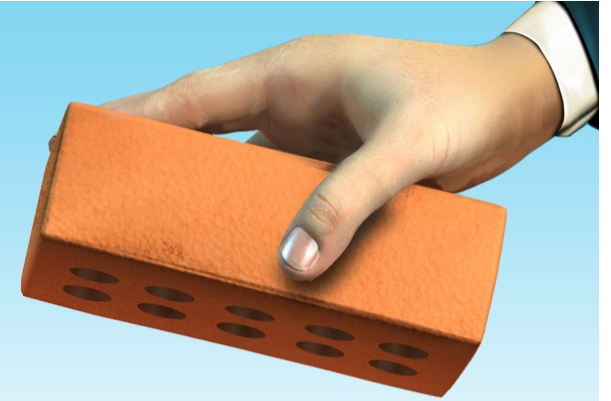
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KJV and NASB – “we **establish** the law”

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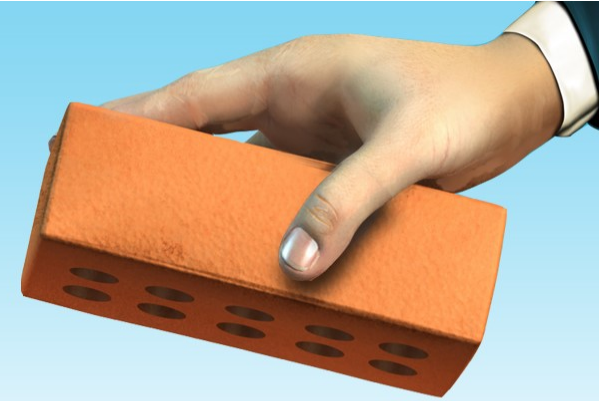


C. Not Based on Works

What if salvation was based on works?



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Ask those who believe they can be saved and/or kept by works:

How much is enough?

What about those who do more than you?

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D. Saved for “Good Works”

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The word for this is “*poiema*” and where we get the word...

It refers to something made, like a product.

We are His *masterpiece*!

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D. Saved for “Good Works”

This does not refer to specific things to do...

This was a Hebraism for the conduct of life!