

As believers, there's something we must not forget. It's the gratitude for receiving salvation through grace. Yet, many people live forgetting the gratitude of receiving salvation through grace. Therefore, Apostle Paul, while writing a letter to the Ephesian believers whom he dearly loved from prison, emphasizes the importance of remembering and understanding this. This is expressed in verse 8: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

The fact that salvation is given by grace implies that "human effort, striving, or acts of faith do not supplement our salvation." That's why Paul says in verses 8 and 9 that salvation is "not from yourselves" and "not by works."

The word "gift" helps us best understand this grace. When we receive a gift and feel it as grace, feel gratitude, and even for our lives to be transformed, there are several premises. It's when the gift is truly valuable and essential to me. And if I cannot obtain it by my own strength or ability, then it becomes an even more precious gift.

So, when we think about the preciousness of the gift we have received, we should ask ourselves these questions: "How valuable is that gift?" "Is it truly necessary for me?" "And who is the giver of that gift?" "With what heart did the giver give that gift?" These are important.

Let's contemplate on the gift of salvation from God.

Firstly, "How valuable is the gift of salvation?"

We might think salvation is cheap when we hear phrases like "you just need to believe in Jesus to be saved." However, salvation was given at the cost of Jesus' life, at the cost of His blood. Salvation was made possible through Jesus being crucified and dying on the cross. Salvation is as valuable as the life of Jesus. God gave His Son's life to save us. Salvation is truly a precious gift from God. Salvation is God's grace.

Secondly, "Is the gift of salvation truly necessary for me?"

What is salvation? What do we gain through salvation? As we've already looked at in Ephesians 1 and the beginning of chapter 2, we have received salvation by believing in Jesus. This salvation grants us forgiveness of sins, adoption as children of God, and the experience of God's kingdom with Him. Salvation is about us, who were spiritually dead, receiving life. Without Jesus, we would be people walking in sin and guilt, ultimately facing judgment and being cast into eternal hell.

We are sinners in need of forgiveness. For us, who walk through life feeling lonely and fearful, it is such a necessary grace that the Holy Spirit walks with us, making God our Father. Salvation is truly a precious gift from God. Salvation is God's grace.

Thirdly, "Who and why gave the gift of salvation?"

The value of the same gift can vary depending on who gave it and with what heart. Salvation is what God has given us by His grace.

Today, in the passage, Apostle Paul says that the gift we received is a gift from God. The giver of the gift is God. God giving us salvation is "by grace," God says. Grace means love and favor bestowed upon the undeserving. Even though we had no qualifications, no merit, God loved us and you. This is grace. (Romans 5:7-8, John 3:16)

When we understand the value of the gift of salvation given by God, and that grace, we will only praise and thank God (verse 9), and we will come to know our own worth (verse 10).

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Eph. 2:8-9)

**Bible
Reading**

2/12(Mon)	2/13(Tue)	2/14(Wed)	2/15(Thur)	2/16(Fri)	2/17(Sat)	2/18(Sun)
Levi 16-18	Levi 19-22	Levi 23-25	Levi 26-27	Num 1-3	Num 4-5	Num 6-7

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Quiet Time Passage

2/12(Mon)	2/13(Tue)	2/14(Wed)	2/15(Thur)	2/16(Fri)	2/17(Sat)	2/18(Sun)
Mark 14:12-21	Mark 14:22-31	Mark 14:32-42	Mark 14:43-52	Mark 14:53-65	Mark 14:66-72	Mark 15:1-15

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share something new you realized or received grace from through today's message.
2. Share whether you consider the salvation received through grace as the most precious gift God has given to you.
3. Let's pray together for the restoration of the gratitude for the grace of salvation received in my life.