The Free Gift is Jesus Wednesday March 19, 2025 Dr. Pete Norris

Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. **(Hebrews 10:38 NKJV)**

And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away. (Hebrews 10:38 NLT)

Righteous because I am in Christ.

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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **(Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV)**

Saved in Greek is Sozo means "protect, deliver, healed, preserved, to make whole."

But to <u>each one of us grace was given</u> according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Ephesians 4:7 NKJV)

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. (Psalms 51:5 NKJV)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,** and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **(Romans 5:1-2 NKJV)**

Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all **(Romans 4:16 NKJV)**

So the promise is <u>received by faith</u>. <u>It is given as a free gift</u>. <u>And we are all certain to receive it</u>, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. **(Romans 4:16 NLT)**

We are trying to use our faith to get what grace has already given. We are using our faith to try to earn gifts. You receive what grace has given through faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, (Ephesians 2:8 NKJV)

We know grace is a gift and salvation is a gift. We must know faith is a gift.

Who has <u>saved us and called us with a holy calling</u>, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and <u>grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began</u>, (II Timothy 1:9 NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those **who are the called** according to His purpose. **(Romans 8:28 NKJV)**

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)

But as many as <u>received Him</u>, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13 NKJV)

Not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:9 NKJV)

To us faith requires work.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

Death once held us in its grip, and by the blunder of one man, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace and continue reigning as kings in life, enjoying our regal freedom through the

gift of perfect righteousness in the one and only Jesus, the Messiah! (Romans 5:17 TPT)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:17 NKJV)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29 NKJV)

We look away from the natural realm and we focus our attention and expectation onto <u>Jesus who birthed faith within us</u> and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! (**Hebrews 12:2 TPT**)

For I say, through the grace given to me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to every man **the measure of faith.** (Romans 12:3 KJV)

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, **once for all time**. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, **good for all time**. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. **(Hebrews 10:10-12 NLT)**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **(Titus 3:5-7 NKJV)**