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By Grace Through Faith



Key Scriptures

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

Romans 5:20-21 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the [a]assurance of things [b]hoped for, the [c]conviction of things not seen.

The Big Point:

Martin Luther put the truth of an unearned salvation by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. No work of man or work of church affects salvation. Martin Luther also stopped short of applying the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his character, resorting to tragic anti-Semitism. It is imperative in the life of every believer that one knows they know they have received this free gift by faith, or believing Jesus instead of self, works, any other thing.

Important points from the message:

- Martin Luther found salvation to be a free gift.
- The Church in his time was not teaching this
- Luther had flaws of hatred we don't need to have
- We are saved by grace through faith, no other way

Important quote:

- "Luther's intense body punishment, the payments and regulations of the Church did not earn salvation. Christ's sacrifice alone did."
- "Being "right" by revelation doesn't excuse hate, it should destroy it."
- "Faith is when the nature of God is greater than our own thoughts, efforts, understanding, influence."

Questions that may get your group talking.

- When did you first experience God?
- Have you ever experienced God while reading the Bible?
- What are things you know (without a doubt) in God?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- How do we keep our salvation "free" without trying to earn it? How do we keep grace "free"?
- When was a time you laid yourself aside and operated in faith? What was the outcome?
- Is there a time you feel you have "discovered" something biblically?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text RLCserve to 97000 today.
- Ask Holy Spirit to give you faith resulting in confidence in your salvation and ask to be led to give that faith to someone else in need for their salvation