

Sola Gratia. Sola Fide.

Ephesians 2:1-10

God saved us by His grace through our faith for His glory to do good works.

- I. Our Old Condition: _____ (1-3)
- A. Walking according to the world: our _____
- B. Walking according to the Devil: our _____
- C. Walking according to the flesh: our _____
- II. Our New Position: _____ (4-7)
- A. God _____ (4-5)
- B. God _____ (6a)
- C. God _____ (6b)
- III. Our Future Action: _____ (8-10)

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

- “Yes, dear friend, you must first possess heaven and salvation before you can do good works. Works never merit heaven; heaven is conferred purely of grace.”
- “Our salvation must exist, not in our righteousness, but . . . in Christ’s righteousness . . . Let his righteousness and grace, not yours, be your refuge.”

John Calvin (1509-1564)

- “. . . we maintain, that of what description soever any man’s works may be, he is regarded as righteous before God simply on the footing of gratuitous mercy; because God, without any respect to works, freely adopts him in Christ, by imputing the righteousness of Christ to him, as if it were his own. This we call the righteousness of faith: that is, when a man, made void and empty of all confidence in works, feels convinced that the only ground of his acceptance with God is a righteousness which is wanting to himself, and is borrowed from Christ.”

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531)

- “For when man through repentance has come to the knowledge of himself, he finds nothing but utter despair. Hence, wholly distrusting himself, he is forced to take refuge in the mercy of God. But when he has begun to do that, justice makes him afraid. Then Christ appears, who has satisfied the divine justice for our trespasses. When once there is faith in Him, then salvation is found; for He is the infallible pledge of God’s mercy.”