



Talk-It-Over

"What To Expect When You Are Expecting"

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LifeGroup Week: May 12-19, 2013

READ Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

READ Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- What is the relationship of grace & faith in the Ephesians 2:8?
- What is the relationship of grace & good works in Ephesians 2:10 & Titus 2:14?
- What is the relationship of grace & turning from sin in Titus 2:11?
- Have you ever felt you were not good enough for God to accept? How might any of the truths in the verses above help us or someone else out when feeling that way?
- Has a moment of temptation ever become more tempting when you think of the grace of God? How might any of the verses above help us or someone else if that were to occur?
- Salvation by grace, through faith, as a gift from God has often been met with the objection that it would lead to careless, loose living & a life void of good works. How do the above verses extinguish that objection?

READ Acts 20:22-24

²² And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

- What do you think made Paul so determined to keep preaching about God's grace no matter the cost? Fear? His love for Jesus? Jesus' love for him? His love for people? A mixture of these? Why?
- How is Paul's life an open book into how the grace of God changes people?
- Paul lived a cross-centered, grace driven life. What are some practical things we can do in our lives that will "fan the flame of our love for Christ" so that our hearts come closer to verse 24?

