

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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The Grace of God

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Some reject the grace of God in preference to earning salvation. In the April 2026 issue of the Spiritual Sword, Steve Higginbotham cites a New York Times interview with the former mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg, who said, "I am telling you if there is a God, when I get to heaven I'm not stopping to be interviewed, I am heading straight in. I have earned my place in heaven. It's not even close." No doubt there are many who feel the same in regard to procuring their own salvation. But, if such were the case, grace would be unnecessary and the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross was a serious blunder in the redemptive plan of God.

We must not overlook the underlying belief expressed by the phrase, "if there is a God...." But, if there is a God, He surely would have revealed the nature of our salvation; whether is it something we earn or something given to us on the condition of biblical faith. The matter is settled in Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he writes, "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" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Of one thing, we can be certain: we will not walk into heaven because we have earned it. All have sinned and stand in need of a Savior (Romans 3:23). Denying our need for a Savior suggests sinless perfection -- something that flies in the face of both Scripture and practical experience (1 John 1:10). Ultimately, those who enter into heaven will be those who have been saved by grace through faith.

Grace is a strong motivation to demonstrate our faith through active obedience to God's will. After acknowledging the fact that we are saved by grace through faith, Paul goes on to say, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... so that we would walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). We cannot be saved by works of merit nor can we be saved without an active, working faith (James 2:14-26). Just as faith has a role in grace, so also grace has a role in faith. Paul speaks of the empowering nature of God's grace when he says, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Cor. 15:10). God's grace, then, is our motivation and strength to produce good works to the glory of God.

- Glen Elliott preaches for the Greenbrier church of Christ in Greenbrier, AR.

-Article obtained from bulletingold.com

POTLUCK

June 14, 12:00 PM



LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Cracker Barrel

June 18, 11:30 AM



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

THE LANGUAGE OF SALVATION PART 2

- Regeneration- Titus 3:5, John 3:3,5, Ephesians 4:21-24, Colossians 2:11-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:16
 - ◊ Recreation, renewal, rebirth
- Adoption- Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:15, Ephesians 2:11-12, 1 John 3:1, Ephesians 1:11, Romans 8:17
- Remission- Ephesians 1:7, Acts 2:38, Matthew 18:21-35
 - ◊ Freedom, pardon, forgiveness
- Intercession- Hebrews 7:25, 9:25, 1 John 2:1, Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13, Hebrews 13:20-21
 - ◊ To entreat in favor of
- Glorification- Romans 8:18, 29-30, 1 John 3:2, Philippians 3:20-21
 - ◊ Honor, magnify, clothe with splendor

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 984 We Bow Down

Song: 738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings

Prayer

Song: 859 He Paid a Debt

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-7**Sermon**

Song: 454 Nothing but the Blood

Song: 761 Where He Leads, I'll follow (Vs. 1)

Prayer**Ephesians 1:3-7**

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BLESSED
 GOD
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 ADOPTION
 PLEASURE
 GRACE
 REDEMPTION
 SINS
 RICHES

Ephesians 1:3-7 (NKJV)

- ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
- ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
- ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.
- ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23