



*A Gospel for Everyone: Faith, Not Works, Brings Salvation*  
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**Key Scripture:**

Romans 9:30-10:21 – "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

## Objective:

This fully immersive and transformational activity set is designed to deepen participants' understanding of the biblical truth that salvation comes by faith alone, not by works. Through in-depth scripture analysis, personal reflection, hands-on activities, and real-world applications, participants will strengthen their faith, develop confidence in sharing the gospel, and experience the true freedom that comes from trusting in Christ's righteousness instead of their own efforts.

By engaging in this study, individuals will:

- **Understand** the contrast between faith-based salvation and works-based righteousness.
- **Recognize** how God's grace extends salvation to all, regardless of background, status, or past mistakes.
- **Identify** and address common misconceptions about earning salvation through human effort.
- **Develop** an unwavering trust in God's promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Apply** biblical principles of faith and grace in everyday life, relationships, and personal evangelism.
- **Share** the gospel effectively with others by confidently articulating the message of salvation by grace through faith.

## Section 1: Reflect and Discuss

### Deep Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean that salvation is a free gift from God and not something we can earn?
2. Why do people often struggle with the idea that faith alone is enough for salvation?
3. How does salvation by faith bring freedom and joy, rather than burden and fear?
4. In what ways do people unknowingly rely on works to try to earn God's approval?
5. How does the inclusivity of the gospel message impact how we view others and share our faith?
6. What is the difference between righteousness by the law and righteousness by faith, as outlined in Romans 9:30-32?
7. Why do some people stumble over the simplicity of salvation by faith, as Paul describes?
8. How does believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth reflect true and living faith?
9. Why is humility crucial in accepting salvation as a gift rather than something earned?
10. How does this understanding change the way we approach life, obedience, and relationships with others?

## Family or Group Discussion Prompts:

### Faith vs. Works: Understanding the Difference

- Read Romans 9:30–10:21 together and discuss why Israel pursued righteousness through the law rather than through faith.
- How does relying on works for salvation create stress, insecurity, or a sense of pride in our spiritual lives?
- What does Ephesians 2:8–9 teach us about grace, faith, and works?

### Faith as a Personal and Public Declaration

- What does it mean to believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord?
- How does our faith influence the way we live and how we treat others?
- What are some practical ways we can express and demonstrate our faith daily?

### The Inclusive Nature of the Gospel

- How does knowing that salvation is available to everyone impact our willingness to share it?
- What barriers might prevent people from accepting salvation by faith, and how can we help them understand the gospel?
- How can we ensure that we do not create barriers that make others feel unworthy of salvation?

## Section 2: Engaging Hands-On Activities

### Activity 1: Faith Journey Map

**Objective:** Encourage participants to reflect on their personal faith journey, identify moments of God's grace, and recognize areas where they may have relied on works instead of faith.

**Materials Needed:**

- Large poster boards or notebooks
- Markers, pens, and stickers
- Reflection guides with key scriptures

**Instructions:**

1. Have participants create a timeline of their spiritual journey, marking key moments where they relied on faith and instances where they leaned on works.
2. Encourage them to use different colors or symbols to distinguish between moments of self-reliance and moments of trust in God's grace.
3. Facilitate a discussion where participants share insights from their maps and reflect on how they can continue to grow in faith.

## Activity 2: Grace Collage

**Objective:** Create a visual representation of God's grace as a free gift, emphasizing faith over works.

### Materials Needed:

- Magazines, newspapers, printed words/images
- Scissors, glue, and poster boards
- Markers for writing reflections

### Instructions:

1. Provide participants with materials to create a collage that represents salvation by grace.
2. Encourage them to include images, words, and colors that symbolize freedom, faith, and the gospel message.
3. Once completed, invite participants to explain their collages and share their reflections.
4. Display collages as a reminder that salvation is received, not achieved.

### Activity 3: Sharing Faith with Confidence

**Objective:** Equip participants with the ability to explain salvation by faith clearly and effectively.

**Materials Needed:**

- Scenario cards with common questions or objections about faith-based salvation
- Bibles and notebooks
- Discussion guide with scripture references

**Instructions:**

1. Assign participants a scenario card with a real-life question about faith vs. works (e.g., "Don't I have to be a good person to go to heaven?").
2. Have them research biblical responses and craft a concise, loving explanation.
3. Allow them to role-play their responses with a partner.
4. Gather to discuss insights, challenges, and strategies for effectively sharing the gospel.

## Challenge of the Week:

Encourage participants to find one person who misunderstands salvation by faith and share a testimony, scripture, or message of grace with them. Challenge them to reflect on how the conversation impacts both them and the listener.

## Social Media Engagement:

Invite participants to share their favorite scripture about salvation by faith along with a short reflection on what it means to them, using a designated hashtag to encourage discussion and outreach.

## Final Reflection and Prayer:

1. **Thanksgiving for God's Grace:** Express gratitude for salvation as a free gift through Jesus Christ.
2. **Commitment to Trusting in Faith:** Pray for a deeper understanding of faith and surrender of any reliance on works.
3. **Encouragement to Share the Gospel:** Ask for boldness and wisdom to communicate God's love to others.
4. **Declaration of Confidence in Christ:** Encourage participants to speak aloud a statement affirming their belief in salvation by faith alone.