

Saved by grace

Have you ever wondered : If I am saved by grace, (which means the unearned, unmerited, undeserved favour of God). why does God also expect me to do good works?

To answer this, imagine you can see a little train. It is a three-piece train, with an engine at the front, and two carriages. The engine represents God's grace, the first carriage represents our faith, and the last part of the train represents good works.

Now, see what happens if you mix the order up. Can good works go before God's grace? No. Can our faith pull the train? No. Can God's grace come last? No. Yet we need all three to make us a Christian.

What actually happens is that first of all God offers us salvation (the engine), but that salvation is useless to us unless we grasp it by faith (the first carriage), and then, the reason we are saved is so we can live like Christians should (good works).

We need all three. We need God to save us, and our faith to take hold of that salvation, and we need to show we are saved by the way we live.



The Bible says : *"Faith without works is dead"*. James 2:20