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## My Message Notes

We are saved by grace and not by works, meaning there is nothing we can do to force God's hand in salvation. But what it doesn't mean is equally as important. Being saved by grace doesn't mean we shouldn't work out our salvation or that we shouldn't try to live and love like Jesus. God's grace empowers us to look like Jesus, it doesn't excuse us from that work.

## Part 2 - Grace Works

### Have you ever gotten to fly First Class?

Over the years many Christians have:

- Taken God's grace for granted
- Tried to extort grace to cover their sin
- Tested the limits of God's grace by sinning more

*Can you think of a time YOU treated God's grace poorly?*

Bottom Line:

**"Grace is not opposed to EFFORT it's opposed to EARNING"**

Dallas Willard

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV**

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.

This passage leaves us with two important pieces of info:

1. **GRACE** does the **GRUNT**-work
2. Good **DEEDS** get you **DIDDLY**

**You cannot EARN your way into ETERNITY**

*Can you think of some ways you're trusting what you've DONE to get you through the door?*

Key Points about Grace:

Grace **INITIATES** - 1 John 4:19

GRACE **EMPOWERS** - Ephesians 2:8-9

Expansive - Active - Obedient

Grace **BLESSES** - Ephesians 1:3-14

**Grace is never an excuse for DISOBEDIENCE it's only and ever God's power of OBEDIENCE**

APPLICATION:

**How will what you've LEARNED today affect how you'll LIVE tomorrow?**  
*be specific*

If you never **RELY** on the grace of God, you'll never **REALIZE** your full potential in Jesus.

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 29:11 -  
Are Your Plans God's Plans 🙌

**What is God speaking to you about today? add a note**

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