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- o Rom. 6:23 Free gift of God
- Eph. 2:8-9 By **grace**, saved through faith
- Jn. 14:6 Through **Jesus** (way, truth, and life)
- o Tit. 3:5 − Not because of any works we have done, but His mercy
- o Gal. 3:26 Through **faith**
- Rom. 5:1 Justified by <u>faith</u>

#### But Is That All???

- Those passages are favorites of denominational groups who teach faith only.
- o But they still reflect God's Word, and they are truths we cannot shy away from.
- We obviously cannot be saved without God's grace and mercy, the sacrifice of Jesus, or faith.
- Yet, we must declare the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27, cf. Lk. 7:30) while considering the audience.

## Let's Ask the Right Question...

- o "What must I/we do to be saved?"
  - o Acts 2:37
  - o Acts 9:6
  - o Acts 16:30
  - o Acts 22:10
- o The answers provided were not:
  - o "Nothing—salvation is simply a free gift"
  - o "All you have to do is believe"
  - o "Pray the Sinner's Prayer"

### What Saves Us?

- o Lk. 7:50 − Your <u>faith</u> has saved you
- o Jn. 3:16-17 Belief in the Son
- Acts 16:30-31 Believe in the Lord
- o 1 Cor. 15:1-2 − The Gospel; saved, if you hold fast the word
- Eph. 2:8 Grace through faith
- Tit. 3:5 <u>Mercy</u>
- 1 Pet. 3:21 <u>Baptism</u>

## Eph. 2:8 v. Tit. 3:5

- o Eph. 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
- Tit. 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but <u>according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of</u> <u>regeneration</u> and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"

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- oEph. 2:8-10 by grace through faith
- oTit. 3:5 by mercy through baptism
- oGod's gift for us is so great it is difficult to summarize in one word or one passage; we must take God's word as a whole.
- oHeb. 10:22-24