

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pr 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

In distributing gospel tracts we get a few responses as – “I’m good.” They might be saying it like we would answer if at a friends house and they asked us “can I get you anything?” “No thanks, I’m good.” I usually take it as they are as the text states; *proclaiming* their “own goodness.”

A man told me the other day when he declined to accept a gospel tract “I’m good,” I asked “are you saved?” he answered “I don’t know” which he sounded sincere. I said “you ought to look into it.” I think he consciously thought about it for a minute anyway.

- Powerful question “are you saved?”

I wish us to look at a few verses from Psalm 71

Ps 71:1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Ps 71:2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Ps 71:15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

Ps 71:19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

Ps 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Did you notice the repeated reference to “thy righteousness?” That is what the believer has to make him justified before God. God’s righteousness is Jesus Christ. And when you accept Him as your personal Saviour you are identified with His righteousness and no longer connected to your sins.

New Testament salvation is God justifying the sinner by faith. It is not gained by religious efforts or “our being good.” God’s standard for “good” is Jesus Christ.

- The psalmist is speaking like a saved sinner. We know whose righteousness to trust.

Ps 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

Salvation includes redemption, justification, sanctification, cleansing, a spiritual birth, the indwelling Comforter, a promise of eternal life, acceptance in the beloved, an inheritance reserved in heaven, power, love, a sound mind, answers to prayer and daily mercies. AND IT’S FREE~!

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Ps 71:21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

### “TRUE GRACE OF GOD”

1Pe 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

*Intro.* True – that is a positive word that we have attached to many things. It means correct, factual, accurate.... opposite of false

In religion and in the world the grace of God is one of the most misunderstood of all the many attributes of God.

Grace is defined as unmerited favor contrasted with the law (John 1:14)

- Grace saves – Eph. 2:8
- Grace secures – Rom. 3:24; Titus 3:7
- Grace sustains – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 12:9
- Grace separates – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:10
- Grace schools – Titus 2:11 – 13

Tonight at 5:00 “LESSONS TO ELIJAH THAT WE CAN LEARN FROM” 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha care center – You know your part - Pray

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study – Zechariah prophecies

Foreign Missionaries for the next couple of weeks: Pray for them (daily)

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