

LESSON 7

The Power that Rebuilds

WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS LOST

INTRODUCTION

There are things we declare “over” such as relationships that are broken so deeply there seems to be nothing left to save. Dreams that burned out without warning. Parts of the heart we bury because they hurt too much to touch.

And time goes on, but pain doesn’t follow a calendar. Some wounds keep speaking long after everything else goes quiet. Eventually we whisper to ourselves: “This can’t be fixed.”

But the Bible presents something astonishing: grace. Not as a church word, but as a real power. A power that enters the very places no one else can reach. A power that doesn’t negotiate with your past; it transforms it. Grace is not a second chance. It is a new life. It is God taking what you labeled “lost” and rebuilding it with a strength you never possessed. Because to God, nothing truly lost is ever out of His reach.

LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

A. Where does salvation come from?

- **Salvation does not arise in the human heart but in God's eternal plan:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16, NKJV).
- **It is a divine initiative:** Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10, NKJV).



B. How is salvation received?

- **By grace:** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV).
- It is not obtained by human works, but by trusting in what Christ already did on the cross (Romans 3:28, NKJV).



C. What did Christ do to save us?

- **He took our place on the cross:** "But He was wounded for our transgressions... and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5, NKJV).
- He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:28, NKJV).
- He rose again to give us the assurance of eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:20-22, NKJV).



D. What does salvation produce in the believer?

- **Peace with God:** "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God" (Romans 5:1, NKJV).
- Secure hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2, NKJV).
- A transformed life, guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV).





LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

1. What keeps me from receiving a gift I cannot pay for?

2. If I already have peace with God through Christ Romans 5:1 (NKJV) what does that look like in a normal day?

3. The hope of eternal life found in Titus 1:2 (NKJV) is not only “for later”. What changes today?

4. If salvation is by grace and not by works, Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV), what place do my “good works” have?

PERSONAL DECISION

Say to Jesus: “I renounce trying to save myself. I receive Your grace. I want to live in Your peace and walk in the life You have already prepared for me.”

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR THIS LESSON

Isn't it enough to just be a good person?

No. The Bible declares: “As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10, NKJV). Doing good deeds does not erase sin or change our inner condition. Salvation is much more than “behaving well”: it is receiving the forgiveness and the new life that only Christ offers.

Are we saved by works or by faith?

Salvation is a gift received by faith, not by human effort. “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” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV). If works were the way, the cross would have been unnecessary.

So, do works not matter?

They do matter, but in their right place. Works are the fruit of faith, the visible evidence that Christ is in the heart. They are not the entry ticket, but the sign that we have already received the gift. As Jesus said: “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20, NKJV).

What happens if I fail after accepting Christ?

Do not be discouraged or run away from God. The Christian life is a journey, not a single act. The Bible promises: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9, NKJV). Forgiveness is constant, as long as we remain in Christ.



DID YOU KNOW...?

The Greek word *charis*, translated as “grace,” also means “undeserved favor” or “free gift.” The Bible’s message is clear: salvation is not earned, it is received.

IMPORTANT TIP

Do not live trying to “earn” heaven. Live grateful because in Christ you already have the promise of eternal life, and let that gratitude produce obedience and love in your daily life. Do not delay what God has already provided. The gift of salvation is on the table; do not leave it unopened. Opening it and receiving it is the greatest decision you can make. Remember that God is our living hope.

KEY TEXT

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OF GOD”

(Ephesians 2:8, NKJV)



FINAL TIP

In 1830, a man named George Wilson was sentenced to die by hanging in the United States. President Andrew Jackson granted him a pardon, a full forgiveness of the penalty. However, Wilson did something unthinkable: he rejected the pardon. The case reached the Supreme Court, which ruled: “A pardon is a piece of paper. Its value depends on its acceptance by the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon.” George Wilson died, not because there was no way out, but because he did not accept it.

Salvation is exactly like that: a gift already provided, but it only takes effect when it is received. Many people live thinking they can save themselves through effort, works, or merits. Others believe salvation is unnecessary, and that it is enough to “be a good person.” But the Bible tells us that sin has separated us from God, and by ourselves we have no way out. The only hope is in Christ and His grace.

The beauty of the gospel is that salvation cannot be bought, earned, or deserved: it is received as a free gift. Jesus paid the full price on the cross. Our part is to accept, by faith, the gift of His grace.

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CONCLUSION

If your story depended only on you, some chapters would have no solution. But it doesn't depend only on you. Your story is in God's hands. And God specializes in what others walk away from. In what you already buried. In what looked completely finished. Grace doesn't repair life— it renews it from the ground up. And when God touches what's broken, it doesn't return fragile.

It returns with purpose. With direction. With future. The power that rebuilds what you thought was lost is still at work. And it can begin in you... today.

EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

1. Matching questions: Match each concept with its correct explanation.

Column A
a. Salvation
b. Grace
c. Faith
d. Works

Column B
1. Cannot save the human being
2. Undeserved gift that God offers in Christ
3. Trust and personal acceptance of God's gift
4. Deliverance from sin and death provided by Jesus

2. According to the lesson, why can salvation not be obtained by works?

- a) Because God does not value good actions
- b) Because sin has separated human beings from God and they cannot save themselves
- c) Because only some people can obey the law
- d) Because works were only valid in the Old Testament

3. What does the story of George Wilson presented in the lesson teach?

- a) That salvation is imposed even if the person does not want it
- b) That forgiveness is effective only if the person accepts it
- c) That forgiveness depends on human effort
- d) That the law is more important than grace

WHAT MOST CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS LESSON

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