

Digging Deeper

Connection Card “Next Steps”

Mark them here so you don’t forget them!

- [] Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9.
- [] Write out a paragraph or two about the miracle of faith that God has worked within me.
- [] Do something to strengthen my faith and then something to share it.

Read through the following passages and note what they have to say about God’s gift of faith.

Deuteronomy 4:37

Isaiah 60:21; 61:3

Jeremiah 2:13; 13:11

John 3:16; 6:37, 44, 65; 15:1-16

Romans 3:21-26; 8:29-33; 9:10-24; 11:4-5

1 Corinthians 1:1:2, 26-31

Ephesians 1:4-5

Philippians 1:6

Colossians 3:12-14

2 Thessalonians 2:13

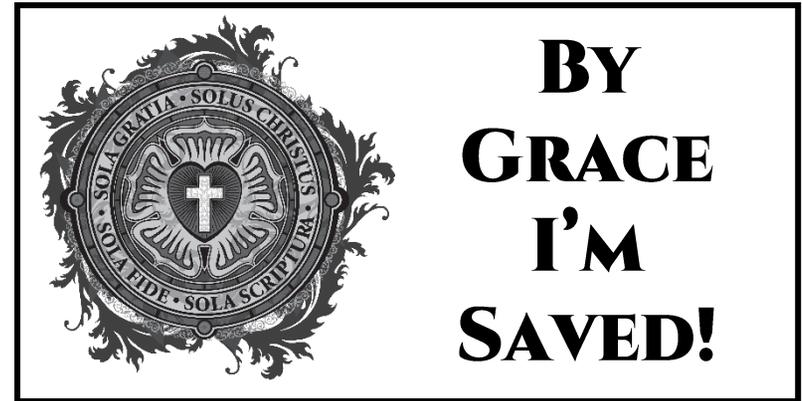
2 Timothy 1:8-9

Titus 3:4

1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9

Closing Prayer

Close with prayer for the spiritual needs of your family, your spiritual family, and people everywhere.



Connection Group Study Guide

For the week of July 30 – August 5

Ephesians 2:1-10

By Grace I’m Saved: God’s Gift of Faith

Opening Prayer

Getting to Know Me

What would you consider to be your greatest, personal accomplishment and what do you consider the greatest gift someone has given to you?

Into The Bible

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

What is sin and how does it affect us?

Who is the ruler of the kingdom of the air? Why is he called that?

What do all of us deserve according to our nature?

Read Ephesians 2:4-7

What big “but” does Paul present to us in these verses?

According to verse 7, for what purpose has God done this? How does He accomplish that purpose?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

Explain the relationship of these words: Grace, Gift of God, Faith, Not of works.

Are good works necessary?

Connecting

Why can't I work for my salvation? Why am I not entitled to it?

Who am I in Christ? What is it exactly that God has done for me? What does it mean that I am God's handiwork? Where does faith fit into all this?

What is the greatest comfort of knowing that faith is a gift from God?

What can I do with that gift? What would it take for my church to be an operation center in my community where God creates and strengthens faith?