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5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# Salvation by Grace

*“by grace are you saved...”*

Hello sir,

The book of 1 John talks about the proof of a person knowing God is obedience to him so what if a person is trying to live holy, but isn't meeting his goals, does that mean that person doesn't know God?

C.G.

Dear C.,

Romans 3:23 says we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. This is in the present tense and means that we sin and we continue to fall short of His perfect standard. 1 John 1:8-9 says,

*“<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
<sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9 KJV)*

The point is that in our fallen humanity, we come short of His perfection. Because of this, we need a Savior to rescue us and deliver us from the penalty of sin. This is referred to as being saved by God's grace. No matter how we strive to continue in holiness, we need Jesus' blood to cleanse us from all sin in our imperfect state. Yes, my heart can be turned towards God, yet I fail to meet His perfect standard of perfection. That's why the sacrifice of Jesus was needed and the blood of Jesus Christ will always be needed to meet God's standard perfectly. Because of a change of heart called repentance, I strive towards His holiness, but because of the law of sin dwelling within me I fail, but yet depend on the blood of Jesus and the gift of His righteousness by grace. I hope that helps you as you continue to study His Word.

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