

*"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus Came Into The World To Save Sinners**; of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15 KJV*

Believers often secretly esteem themselves above the common sinner, but the truth is; without the Grace of God, "we would all likewise perish. For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD." We cannot risk the foolish pride of self-worth if we would attain Eternal Life and please God for it is by Him and through Him that we have any standing at all. Jesus is the reason I stand forgiven and righteous before the Father. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us." We stand forgiven, because we first stood guilty. One of the greatest Apostles, by men's standards, that ever trod upon earthly soil understood himself the least worthy of God's Grace, calling himself the "CHIEF" of sinners. We must ever remain in that mindset if we are to reach the souls of men with the glorious Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Believers cannot afford to indulge in self-worth of any form. I am only worthy, because God Loves me and "without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." It takes only the slightest misstep to remind us that the Blessed Holy Spirit and the Word of God are the only things that stand between us and eternal perdition! We remain faithful through the Power granted to us by God through faith. "As many as received Him (Christ, God's Word), to them gave HE Power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Our worth is determined by our relationship with Jesus, God's 'Word made flesh.' He said, Himself, "Without Me ye can do NOTHING." Without the true humility garnered by evaluating yourself against the Righteousness of Christ, there is no repentance, because repentance is the beginning, again and again if necessary, obedience to God's Word. If we keep His Word in our mind constantly it will effect our obedience, because "as a man thinketh...so is he" You think what you receive and believe. Disobedience is unbelief, because if you believed it, you'd do it! Without repentance there is no forgiveness. The unforgiven are destined for eternal torment. We must warn any who will listen of their impending peril. While there is life there is hope. God forgives the REPENTANT sinner, and so should we, but He "is angry with the wicked (unbelievers) every day." After all, but by God's Grace, there go I! Never lose sight of from where God has brought you, what you have been given, and to where He's taking you. Not one of us ever deserved the slightest notice of a Holy God. He covenant with Himself to extend Mercy, Grace, and Love to sinners. "Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see!"



I, chief of sinners, must remain,
My foolish pride I must contain,
If I would precious Gospel preach,
So saving Grace might lost souls reach. -CGP

Men are saved from eternal torment only by Grace through the GIFT of faith, given by the Word of God.

"When Jesus heard it, He saith unto them, 'They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came NOT to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'" Mark 2:17 KJV