

“Amazing Grace”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Mark 10:17-22

I. Is Being “*Good Enough*” Good Enough?

A. Striving to be “Good Enough” to be Saved!

1. In our Scripture Reading we read of a man any church would love to have as a member!
 - a. He did all of “right things,” *‘Do not murder, adultery, steal, lie, honor... All these I have kept...!’*

Mark 10:26-27

- b. Jesus wanted the man, His apostles, and us to understand God doesn’t desires a “DO-based” faith!

Mark 10:28-30

B. Salvation: What & How

1. God created man for His purposes; to love us, bless us, and have a close, peaceful relationship with us.
 - a. Yet He desired for us to “love Him back,” so He created mankind with FREE-WILL.

Genesis 1:26

- b. The words *saved/salvation* refer to being delivered from *something...*

Isaiah 59:1-2

Genesis 3:16-19

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

2. So who does God want to save?”

Romans 3:23

Matthew 7:13!

3. Yet God's desire to save us must be joined with our free-will (i.e., we must want to be saved!)
 - a. God's plan to accomplish this is called "*the gospel of the grace of God.*"

Acts 20:24

Ephesians 2:8

Hebrews 11:6

- b. Some have mistakenly been taught that *grace*, "makes up the difference for what we lack."

Galatians 3:3

4. Others who have been indoctrinated into a "Do-based" faith often warn, "Because of your teaching on grace people will just go and "DO" whatever they want – including sin!"

John 8:11

John 3:16

1 John 4:19

John 14:15

1 John 5:3

5. We do not come to God based on our performance (i.e., a DO-faith), but through the blood of Jesus!

CONCLUSIONS:

Mark 16:15-16