



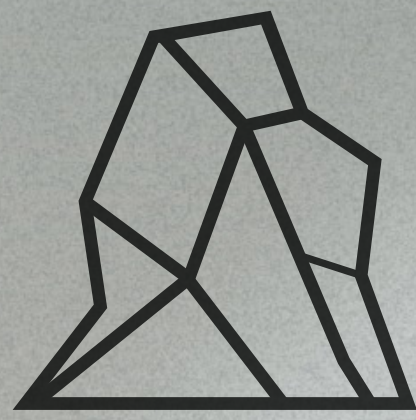
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TODAY'S MESSAGE | OCTOBER 31, 2021

## Masterpieces of the Master's Grace

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Our passage is one of the most significant in the entire Bible about salvation because of its simple clarity. When read literally, one has to be really obstinate to reject the truth of being saved by Faith alone. Coincidentally, today is Reformation Day, one of the few days it falls on a Sunday this decade. This very same truth is what the Reformers preached about, suffered for, and many died for. We owe them for this.

What does this excellent summary of the theology of salvation (Soteriology) tell us about the heart of God? We will frame this again as a catechism (a summary of doctrine in Q and A form):

### 1. **HOW ARE PEOPLE SAVED? We are saved by Grace, through Faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9)**

#### a) **The BASIS of salvation is purely God's Grace:**

*"this (salvation) is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

#### b) **The MEANS of salvation is only through Faith:**

*"not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

*"Faith is not a blind, irrational conviction. In order to believe, we must know what we believe and the grounds on which our Faith rests."*

– Charles Hodge

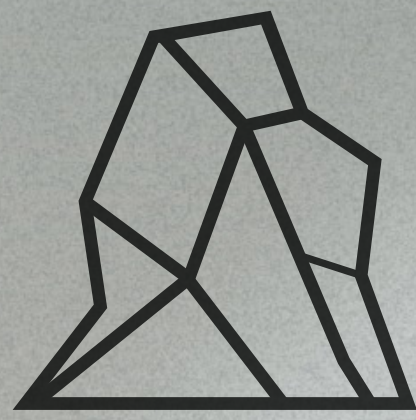
Here is an excellent summary of how people get saved: We are saved by Grace alone, through Faith alone in Christ alone.

*"I'm glad we are saved by Grace, not good works. Because I don't want to sit in heaven and listen to everybody brag for eternity of how they got there!"* – D.L. Moody

#### **Implications:**

- If this is how people get saved, am I?
- If this is how people I care about can get saved, do they know?





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## 2. WHY ARE PEOPLE SAVED? (Ephesians 2:7, 10)

a) You were saved to show God's *"kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."* (Ephesians 2:7)

*"God wants us to worship Him. He doesn't need us, for He couldn't be a self-sufficient God and need anything or anybody, but He wants us. When Adam sinned, it was not he who cried out, "God, where are you?" It was God who cried out, "Adam, where are you?" – A.W. Tozer*

b) You were saved to do the works of God. (Ephesians 2:10) *"For we are His workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works."*

- When you become a believer, your good works are God's work. Astounding as it is, God has delegated His work on earth to us!
- What are some good works that *"God prepared beforehand"* for us to do (with overlaps)?
  - Living out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
  - Acts of kindness to fellow believers (Galatians 6:10)
  - Compassion for the underprivileged and marginalized (James 1:27)
  - Calling out evil (heresy, societal sin)
  - Telling others about Christ (Matthew 28:18-20)

### Implications:

- If we are saved to do good works, am I doing what I was saved for?

### FINAL THOUGHTS

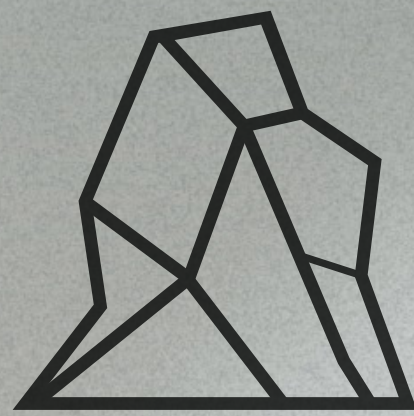
From God's Word alone: we are saved by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone, for the glory of God alone.

These are the *Five Solas* of the Reformation to which our Baptist heritage owes so much. Throughout history, God had always preserved a remnant who stayed faithful to His Word, even when it meant ridicule, ostracism, suffering, and even death. May we who benefited from their sacrifices and from the supreme sacrifice of Christ Himself, be found faithful for what they died for!

**HAPPY REFORMATION DAY!**







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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. It is wisely said, “We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.” How does Ephesians 2:10 explain this?
2. How does Ephesians 2:10 change your perspective about the mundane or tedious tasks that you do in everyday life?
3. Have you passed from death to life? If yes, share with the group what makes you so sure. If not, ask for help from the group and open your heart to God’s Word as they explain.
4. Close in prayer, and if anyone came to faith in this session, pray for their spiritual growth. If all are believers already, thank God for the gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Download the study guide: [bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides](https://bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides)



# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Bong Durana  
GCF Mercy Ministry



The current health crisis and natural calamities that hit the country continue to provide great opportunities for the GCF Mercy Ministry (GCF MM) to share God's love and compassion to the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. With our partner organizations, generous donors, selfless volunteers, and prayer partners, we have conducted community outreaches through our "Bayanihan Food Stalls", feeding activities for kids, mobile kitchens, and love packages with Tagalog Gospel tracts distribution in the poorest-of-the-poor communities in Pasig, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Marikina, Quezon City, Boracay, Hinigaran Negros Occidental, Pilillia, Rizal, and soon in Pampanga.

We did the same with our love packs distribution for delivery riders and construction workers in front of the GCF driveway last May and to needy persons in random streets of Cavite and Quezon City last August.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last October, GCF MM and GCF Operation Compassion launched the GCF Oxygen Supply Program. This program aims to provide oxygen tanks for supportive home treatment of COVID-19 for GCFers and their families, and non-GCFers too. We also donated relief packs to Typhoon Maring victims in the four municipalities of Cagayan province, namely, Sta. Teresita, Lasam, Tuao and Rizal. We also distributed relief packages at Aparri Baptist Church right after their Sunday worship service.

On October 28, GCF Mercy Ministry and Operation Compassion Philippines (OCP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a strategic partnership sharing a vision of lives and communities transformed through Jesus Christ. The iRebuild Barangay Puraran Project aims to provide shelter assistance and livelihood augmentation for the Typhoon Rolly victims in Barangay Puraran, Municipality of Baras, Province of Catanduanes.

From our limited resources, we provided financial and medical assistance to GCF members and non-members who are struggling due to health or economic reasons. We aim to do more, not just in relief distribution, but soon also in rehabilitation and development assistance in areas where God would lead us to. Join us as we respond to His words in 1 John 3:18 to love not only in word or talk but in deed and truth; and Proverbs 19:17, that whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord. You and your Growth Group can take part in His great work through prayers and participation in all GCF MM initiatives by signing up as a Mercy Ministry volunteer at this website:

**[bit.ly/GCFMMVolunteer](https://bit.ly/GCFMMVolunteer)**

As soon as the government's health restrictions allow, let us all get involved in outreaches to share God's love for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable people. For GCF MM concerns, you may reach us at **[mercy@gcf.org.ph](mailto:mercy@gcf.org.ph)** and **0917 532 7672**.



# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

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Send a copy of your transaction document to **[finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

## GCF BAYANIHAN FOOD STALLS

The GCF Mercy Ministry continues to accept donations, here's how:

**For In-Kind Donations:** drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**For Cash Donations:** give via the GCF bank accounts ([gcf.org.ph/give](https://gcf.org.ph/give)).

Email your deposit slip to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph) with the subject "For Bayanihan Food Stall". For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or [mercy@gcf.org.ph](mailto:mercy@gcf.org.ph)

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate "**For COVID-19 Fund**" when you email your transaction document.



# CHURCH UPDATES

## WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US ON-SITE!

10:00 AM Worship Service

Present your vaccination card as you enter the building.

### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. service only

### REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

### KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. • Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### LIVESTREAM (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto | Zoom: [bit.ly/FamilyGGEx](https://bit.ly/FamilyGGEx)

Passcode: familyGGEx | For Inquiries, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

### TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

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[gcfocstef@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocstef@gmail.com) (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn) | [gcfocluan@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocluan@gmail.com) (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

### OIKOS APPLIED: LEARN HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Sundays | 1:30 PM via Zoom | Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Open to all GCFers | Pre-registration Required: Visit [bit.ly/OikosApplied](https://bit.ly/OikosApplied)

### UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS: ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Pre-registration Required: Ms. Marj: 0917 779 1549 Ms. Jen: 0917 773 2378

### 2021 CANDIDATES FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

The list of candidates is now available at the GCF Election website.

To see the list and their profiles, visit [election.gcf.org.ph](https://election.gcf.org.ph)

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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## ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

**Zoom Room: [bit.ly/WelcometoGCF](https://bit.ly/WelcometoGCF) | Welcome Form: [bit.ly/GCFWelcome](https://bit.ly/GCFWelcome)**



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