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Question:

How does God save us?

Focal Truth:

God saves undeserving sinners by His grace through Jesus Christ.

God's grace is His undeserved favor shown to sinners.

1. God's saving grace shows great love to sinners through Jesus Christ.

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2. God's saving grace shows rich kindness to sinners through Jesus Christ.

...so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:7

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. Tit. 3:4-5

3. God's saving grace is given to undeserving sinners through Jesus Christ.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph. 2:8-9

...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity. 2 Tim. 1:9

4. Salvation comes by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8

...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Eph. 1:6

Daily Use:

- Accept by faith God's grace in Jesus Christ – Be saved!
- Praise the Lord for His gracious favor to sinners.
- Unfavored ones become favored ones by saving grace.
- Undeserving ones become accepted ones by saving grace.

