

Title: Stop trying so hard
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Saved by grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Inseparable

Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It's not about your sacrifice

Psalms 51:16

¹⁶For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

Hosea 6:6

⁶For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Pressure time

Psalms 40:11-12

¹¹Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your loving-kindness and Your truth continually preserve me. ¹²For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

1: Choose to praise

Psalms 40:1-10

¹To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. ²He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. ³He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD. ⁴Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. ⁵Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. ⁶Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." ⁹I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. ¹⁰I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your loving-kindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

2: Obey

1 Samuel 15:22

²²Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.