

**Saved By Grace
Through Faith -
Just Like The
Ephesians**

Text: Ephesians 2:8-9



Biblical Illiterates?

- **Only 4 in 10 Americans know Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount**
- **A majority cannot name the four gospels**
- **Only 1/2 believe in the devil, but nearly 56% believe in UFOs**
- **1/3 have faith in astrology**
- **While nearly 3/4 believe in Hell, hardly any believe it to be their likely destination**



Their Pre-Conversion

- **Acts 19:1-7** - “Disciples of John” - Not of Christ
- **Acts 19:11-19** - “Exorcists, Magicians”



Their Pre-Conversion

Ephesians 5:8

“once in darkness”



Their Pre-Conversion

Ephesians 2:1-3

Were “dead in trespasses and sins”

“Walked according to the course of this world”

“Conducted themselves in the lusts of the flesh”

“Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind”

“Were by nature children of wrath”



Their Pre-Conversion

Ephesians 2:11-13

“Were without Christ”

**“Aliens from the commonwealth
of Israel”**

**“Strangers of the covenants of
promise”**

**“Having no hope and without
God in the world”**

“Were once far off”



Their Pre-Conversion

Ephesians 4:14, 17-20

“Carried about with every wind of doctrine”

“The trickery of men”

“Futility of mind”

“Understanding darkened”

“Ignorant”

“Works of the flesh”



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith They “HEARD” The Word Of Truth

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith They “HEARD” The Word Of Truth

Acts 19:5, 10

⁵When they **heard this**, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus...¹⁰And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia **heard the word of the Lord Jesus,** both Jews and Greeks.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith They “HEARD” The Word Of Truth

Acts 20:26-27

²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They “BELIEVED” The Message Of God

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What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They “BELIEVED” The Message Of God

Acts 19:18

And many who had **believed**
came confessing and telling
their deeds.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They “REPENTED”

Acts 19:18-19

¹⁸And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They “CONFESSED” Christ As Lord

Acts 19:17-18

¹⁷This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸And many who had believed came **confessing** and telling their deeds.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They Were “BAPTIZED” In The Name Of Christ

Acts 19:5

When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They Were “BAPTIZED” In The Name Of Christ

Ephesians 4:4-6

⁴There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called in one hope
of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith,
one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of
all, who is above all, and through all,
and in you all.



What They Did To Be Saved By Grace Through Faith

They Were “BAPTIZED” In The Name Of Christ

Ephesians 5:26

that He might sanctify and
cleansse her with the washing
of water by the word



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

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.



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God
prepared beforehand that
we should walk in them.



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

Ephesians 5:8-12



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

Hebrews 3:12-14

¹²Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

Titus 2:11-12

¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age



God's Simple Plan Of Redemption

Titus 3:3-8



Have You Been
Saved Like The
Ephesians?

