I Peter 1 - Lesson 2 - True Grace of God

Chosen According to Foreknowledge	What Is the True Grace?	Salvation	How Are We Saved?
Chosen (elect) #G1588 - eklektos - picked out, select, chosen by God - I Peter 2:4-6 - living stones that would be built up into a spiritual house - we are choice (chosen) - worship and bring glory to God - I Peter 2:9 - chosen people/priesthood/nation/ God's people so we may proclaim Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light - Col 3:12-13 - put on a heart of - Ro 8:33 - who will bring a charge against the elect? No one can separate us from God (34-35) - II Tim 2:10 - we endure for the sake of the chosen so they may obtain salvation - Rev 17:14 - those with Christ are called, chosen, and faithful (faithful to the end) Foreknowledge #G4268 - prognosis - a perceiving beforehand, previous determination, to know ahead of time - Eph 1:3-4 - we were chosen before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him - I Pet 1:20 - Jesus (death) foreknown before the foundation of the world - appeared in the last times for us - II Pet 3:17 - you know how things are going to be beforehand - be on guard - don't get carried away by error - Acts 2:23 - Jesus' death was a predetermined plan, known beforehand by God - Ro 8:29-30 - predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son - Ro 11:2 - God has not rejected Israel	Eph 2:8-9 By grace You have been saved Through faith God's grace is salvation Grace, faith, and salvation - linked - equally important - basic tenet of Christianity	Salvation is - act of being delivered, redeemed, rescued - since fall of man - each person is born into sin inherited from Adam (Ro 5:12) - Sin brings death (separation) - Separates us from God - Eternal separation from God in hell This is the state of all mankind We need to be delivered from that Need salvation from sin and sin's penalty Sin - harmatia - miss the mark, miss the bull's-eye	Most religions - we need to atone for our sin - good works - Contrition (say I'm sorry) - Moral life (I will do better) Sorrow is necessary - won't save us Repent from sin - determine to not sin again - important - but we are not saved by our good intentions Good works - may do many - just 1 sin makes you a sinner in practice - We are already sinners by nature - There aren't enough good works to overcome this We need something more than this

Grace	Grace Through Faith	Faith	Salvation By Grace Through Faith
Grace - undeserved favor bestowed by God on those He has called to salvation through His love (Eph 2:4-5) - we are justified by His grace - redemption that came by Christ (Ro 3:24) - We are vindicated and declared sinless in God's eyes - No longer separated from God or condemned to hell - It is a free gift - Not earned by any effort on our part - We can't earn heaven - Grace comes from God's goodness and love not obligation - If we try to pursue good works to earn God's favor - we will fail! (Ro 3:20) cf Jn 1:17	- God gives us grace through faith Faith = being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (He 11:1) Have faith in God's Son - Jesus and what He has done - Died - Buried - Rose again on the 3rd day - Fulfilled Biblical prophecy - Did this for our salvation	Faith is also a gift from God (Eph 2:8; Ro 10:17) - nothing we can do can generate that faith - God gives saving faith and saving grace to redeem us from sin and deliver us from sin's consequences - Ps 3:8 - salvation belongs to the Lord - Jesus died to provide salvation we can't achieve on our own - Jesus is the author and perfecter (completer) of our faith (He 12:2) He starts it and finishes it - Jesus wrote the story of our redemption (Eph 1:4-6) - Died for our sins - Rose for our justification - He forgives fully and freely	Salvation by grace through faith The faith and how we come by it is a depth we can't begin to understand Eph 1:6-14 - to the praise of the glory of His grace (6) - This is in accordance to His will (11) - To the praise of His glory (12, 14) MAN doesn't like this - man wants to add something of himself Paul challenges man's pride to relate our salvation to the notion that I have to do something - came out of 5th century - heresy called Pelagianism - "theological position that holds that the original sin did not taint human nature and that humans have (in their own power) the free will to achieve human perfection without divine grace" In Ephesians - Paul reminds us of a bigger picture - we could never make a decision to seek salvation - God draws us to Himself - Salvation comes as God gift of true grace through faith If salvation is totally of God and not a result of what we do - seems to easy - Human nature (sin nature) demands to tack something on that we have to do - Man is totally depraved