## How Grace Sustains Us Wednesday April 9, 2025 Dr. Pete Norris

Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (John 6:26-27 NKJV)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval." (John 6:26-27 NLT)

Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free. "Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last." (John 6:26-27 MSG)

"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14 NKJV)

"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:33-35 NKJV)

"This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."" (John 6:58 NKJV)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the

Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water**." (John 7:37-38 NKJV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **(Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV)** 

He is working on you.

For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it! **(Ephesians 2:8-10 TPT)** 

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 given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, (II Timothy 1:9 NKJV)

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." (Romans 10:5 NKJV)

For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. (Romans 10:5 NLT)

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" (John 6:28 NKJV)

Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord." **(Exodus 19:8 NKJV)** 

The Jews had confidence in themselves. All that He speaks we will do.

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (John 6:29 NKJV)

God's work on you is to get you to believe. You are stuck on doing the work. Trying to get you to just believe on me. The work I have got to do is to get you to stop doing work and just believe on me. If you believe that means you totally and completely depend on Him.

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. **(Romans 11:6 NKJV)** 

And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved. **(Romans 11:6 NLT)** 

Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, (Romans 4:4-5 NKJV)

When people work, they earn wages. It can't be considered a free gift, because they earned it. But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in his eyes. It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account! (Romans 4:4-5 TPT)