



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter



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My Friends,

How do we know it is true? My faith continues to increase month by month, year by year, but is often challenged by others; some who are seeking the truth and some who are just in it for an argument. Some don't believe in God. Others don't believe in original sin which separates us from God. Others don't believe Jesus is necessary, but a "good guy" with some good ideas about living life. Others simply don't believe in Jesus, who He said He is, nor even that He really exists. Others don't believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. Some have good arguments about what they believe which sound good, but have always failed to move me away from following Jesus. Because of my faith, I believe if someone who has been presented with the atoning sacrifice of Jesus and rejects that sacrifice (that belief in Jesus Himself) they remain separated from God now and will be separated from God in the eternal. This brings me pain and sadness which sometimes brings me to tears. Why I am telling you this is to let you know I do not ridicule others who do not share my same belief, but rather feel a deep pain because I believe they will miss living a life on this side of heaven which can only be achieved through a relationship with Jesus (who lives with God as God) and that a continued rejection of Him and His grace will bring them to an ultimate separation of God forever...I believe this with all my mind, heart and soul.

So how do I know my belief is true? There is logic (which I believe is a hallmark of God), there is personal testimony from my experiences, there is the Bible which I believe is the inspired word of God, but all this still pales in comparison to the one big thing which is simply FAITH (the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen). God gives me faith, it is not something I can learn, not something I can contrive, but rather a gift which God must give without which belief is impossible. We can discuss and go back and forth on many issues with convincing arguments on each side, but in the end it is simply faith that will ultimately win the day...and that is God's arena. When Jesus asked us to make disciples, the starting point is telling people about Jesus and having God, through the Holy Spirit, convict the person to have faith which then allows us to begin the journey with them of becoming a disciple. There is simply nothing you nor I can do to give a person faith...it is simply a gift of God. While things like living our life as Christ calls us to do will open up hearts, start conversations, make people wonder who it is we serve, ultimately it will be up to the Holy Spirit to convict the person and give them faith to believe in Jesus...and that remains my hope for all.



Are you reading Tammy's blog? It shows you what your donations are doing everyday in Kenya. It is the best way to stay informed. The issues and triumphs continue to go on in the country of Kenya and with the people God has called us to serve with your help. It is always a rough road, but the victories outweigh the costs. The country continues to have its problems (PBS recently had a segment on the corruption there and it is just as intense as ever), but the people you are assisting are seeing something which they have never experienced before which is HOPE. I have always said I agree with Mother Theresa when she said the worst poverty is not monetary, but that of being unloved, unwanted, and uncared for.....basically having no hope. The people we deal with are seeing hope because of people who they don't know, will never meet, but yet are caring for them by assisting them in various ways. We make sure they know the reason they are being helped is because Jesus commands us to do so. He tells us to love them the way we want to be loved by giving ourselves for them (the way He gave his self for us). They sometimes can't believe what they are seeing, but they praise God for what He is doing in their lives...to God be the glory. So, thank you for continuing to partner with us for His glory and our brothers and sisters and their children's good. Keep looking at the [blog](#) and you will literally watch as lives are being changed and hope is brought to those who had none.

Dates are set, people are coming, you can be part of the 2016 Kenya trip. Tammy and I will be heading back to Kenya around August 6 and will be there until the first of November. We have a few people who have already committed to coming during that period to discover first hand what living out the Gospel is like in Kenya through Saved By God's Grace ministry. If you are feeling led to do so please contact us immediately and we can begin to work with you to get ready for an experience

you will never forget. My email is chuck@savedbygodsgrace.org and tammy's is tammy@savedbygodsgrace.org. You can reach us at those emails and we can begin to talk about you coming to Kenya...I assure you it will be a life-changing experience.

If you would like to support any projects we do, please take time to go to our website at www.SavedByGodsGrace.org by clicking [HERE](#). We are showing the love of Christ daily through many outreaches and would love to have you participate with us. Once at the website you can peruse it and see what is happening. As I mentioned above, you can go to the [blog](#) and see what is occurring right now and the immediate needs. You can click on the "[Donate Now](#)" button and make a one-time or a monthly recurring donation on the website. Anything you are led to do would be appreciated. Everything done is for the glory of God and the good of His people to show them love and hope. We truly believe by doing this they will come to know the true God, Jesus Christ, who is the True Hope. Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you as you can.

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck

Missionary to Kenya

