

# **SALVATION**

**WHAT ARE WE SAVED TO?**

**WHAT ARE WE SAVED BY?**





**IT WILL BE A REAL PLACE  
+ YOU'LL HAVE A REAL BODY**

**"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away"  
(Revelation 21:1)**

# IT WILL BE A REAL PLACE + YOU'LL HAVE A REAL BODY

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.  
The body that is sown is perishable, **it is raised** imperishable;  
it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;  
it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;  
it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual **body**.

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

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**THERE WILL BE NOTHING BAD**

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)

**DO IT  
AGAIN!**



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**WE WILL BE WITH GOD**

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**ALL DEATH CAN NOW  
DO TO CHRISTIANS IS  
TO MAKE THEIR LIVES  
INFINITELY BETTER**

**Tim Keller, 1950-2023**







**Timothy Keller**  
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“There is no downside for me leaving, not in the slightest.” See you soon Dad.

-Michael Keller



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**CHRISTIAN AUTHOR, PASTOR TIM KELLER DEAD AT 72**

**OUTNUMBERED**



**SET FREE FOR  
SACRIFICIAL LOVE**

**ESPECIALLY TO GIVE PEOPLE  
WHAT MATTERS MOST**

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**WHAT ARE WE SAVED BY?**

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# the whole message in a single word... GRACE

Paul says

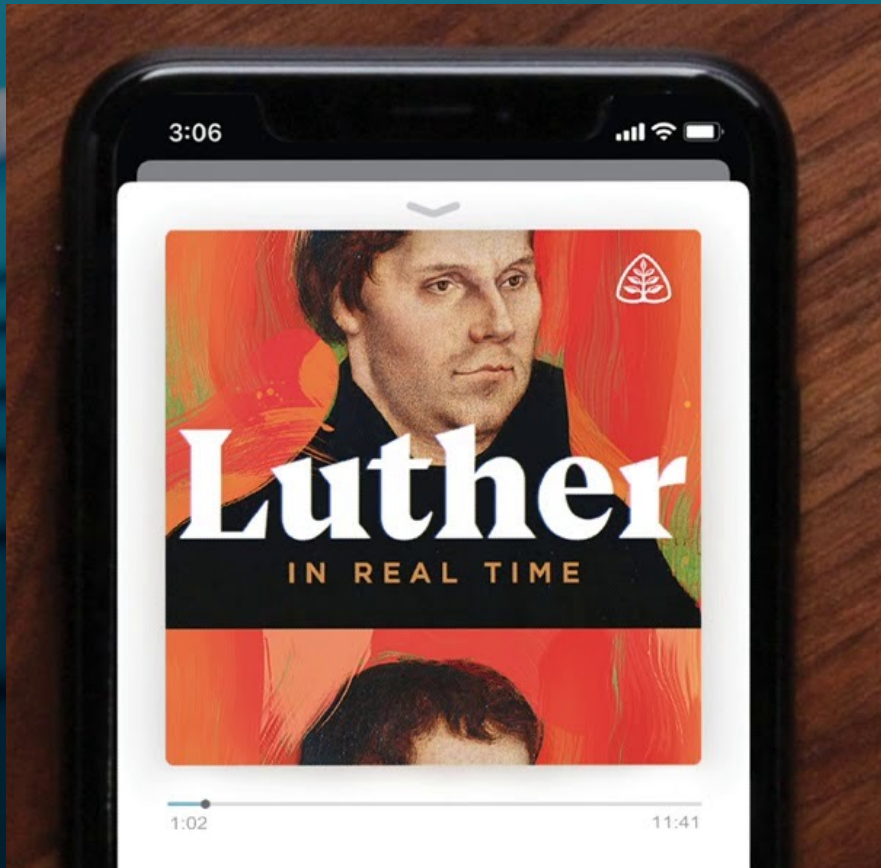
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ACTS 20:24

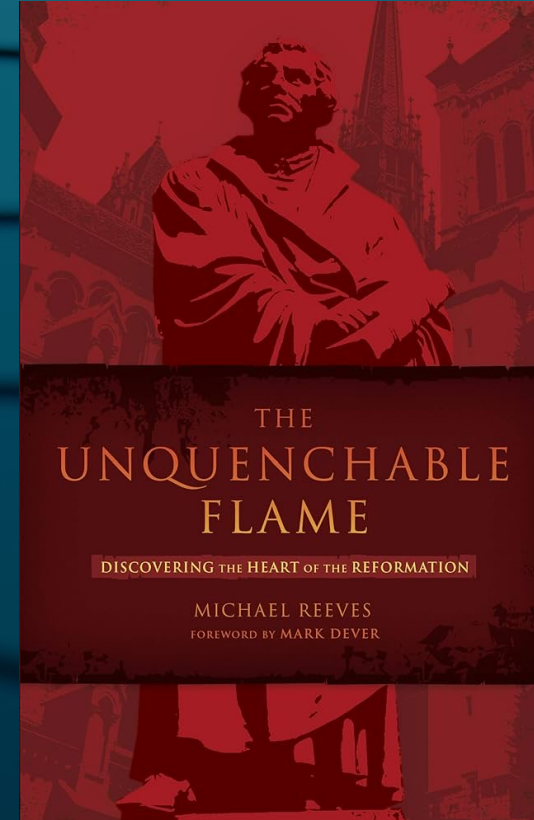
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but what is grace?

# The Reformation



Podcast  
Luther: in Real Time



Book:  
The Unquenchable Flame  
Michael Reeves

# 2 UNDERSTANDINGS OF 'GRACE'

## KIND HELP

"I will help you by grace"

"You are good enough to be saved"



"With your help, I will try to be good enough"

## GENEROSITY / GIFT

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"The grace of Christ is the gratuitous gift that God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it. It is the sanctifying or deifying grace received in Baptism. It is in us the source of the work of sanctification."  
(Paragraph 1999)

"Since the initiative belongs to God in the order of grace, no one can merit the initial grace of forgiveness and justification, at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life."  
(Paragraph 2010)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Vatican website*

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**HOW TO BE SAVED?**

try your best

**WHO SAVES?**

Me  
(with Jesus' help – team effort)

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**HOW TO BE SAVED?**

Trust Jesus

**WHO SAVES?**

Jesus alone

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Not this:

**GOOD WORKS**  
**(with God's help)**



**SAVED**  
**(team effort)**

But this:

**SAVED**  
**(God's grace alone)**



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6. "have been saved" not will be saved (v5 + 8)

7. The cross

8. Who God is

9. God's goal

# The 5 "Solas" of the Reformation

Salvation is...

by **GRACE ALONE**

because of the work of **CHRIST ALONE**

received by **FAITH ALONE**

as revealed in **SCRIPTURE ALONE**

for the **GLORY OF GOD ALONE**

# WHAT DO YOU DO WITH GRACE?

Be **CONFRONTED** by grace

Be **CONVERTED** by grace

Be **COMFORTED** by grace

Be **CHANGED** by grace

Help **CARRY** the message of grace

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