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EVERY NATION
CHURCH · PENANG

**Honor God,
Make Disciples**

2019

OBJECTIVE

**Greater
understanding
of the biblical
doctrine of
faith so that
we know how
to apply it to
meet the
challenges in
our lives.**



**GREAT
FAITH**

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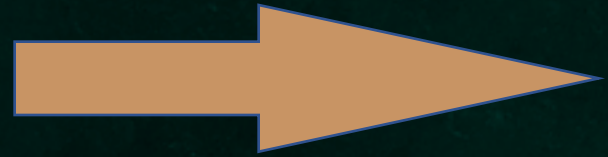


**AMAZING
GRACE**

SERIES OBJECTIVE:

The Church will discover, understand and apply the theological, biblical, and practical view of grace that results in a deeper appreciation and experience of God's amazing and life-transforming grace.





AG#1 : ABUNDANT GRACE



AG#2 : JUSTIFYING GRACE

AG#3 : SANCTIFYING GRACE

AG#4 : SUFFICIENT GRACE

AG#5 : ENRICHING GRACE

AG#6 : INVITING GRACE



PART 2:

JUSTIFYING GRACE

HOW GOD'S AMAZING GRACE TRANSFORM OUR ETERNITY



TITUS 3:3-7 (ESV)

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.



TITUS 3:3-7 (ESV)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,



TITUS 3:3-7 (ESV)

⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



JUSTIFICATION

[dʒʌstɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n]

Noun: the action of showing something to be right or reasonable

Theology: the action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God



1. *What is Eternity?*

2. *Why should we be interested in Eternity?*

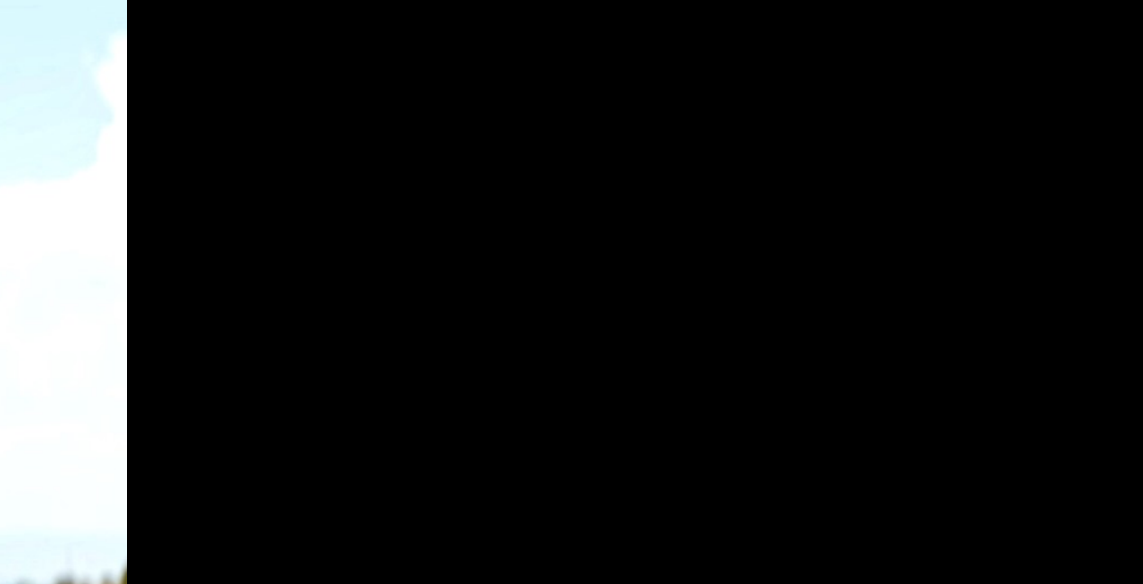


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Eternity /ə'tɜrnədə/

- Noun: Infinite or unending time
- Theology: Endless life after death

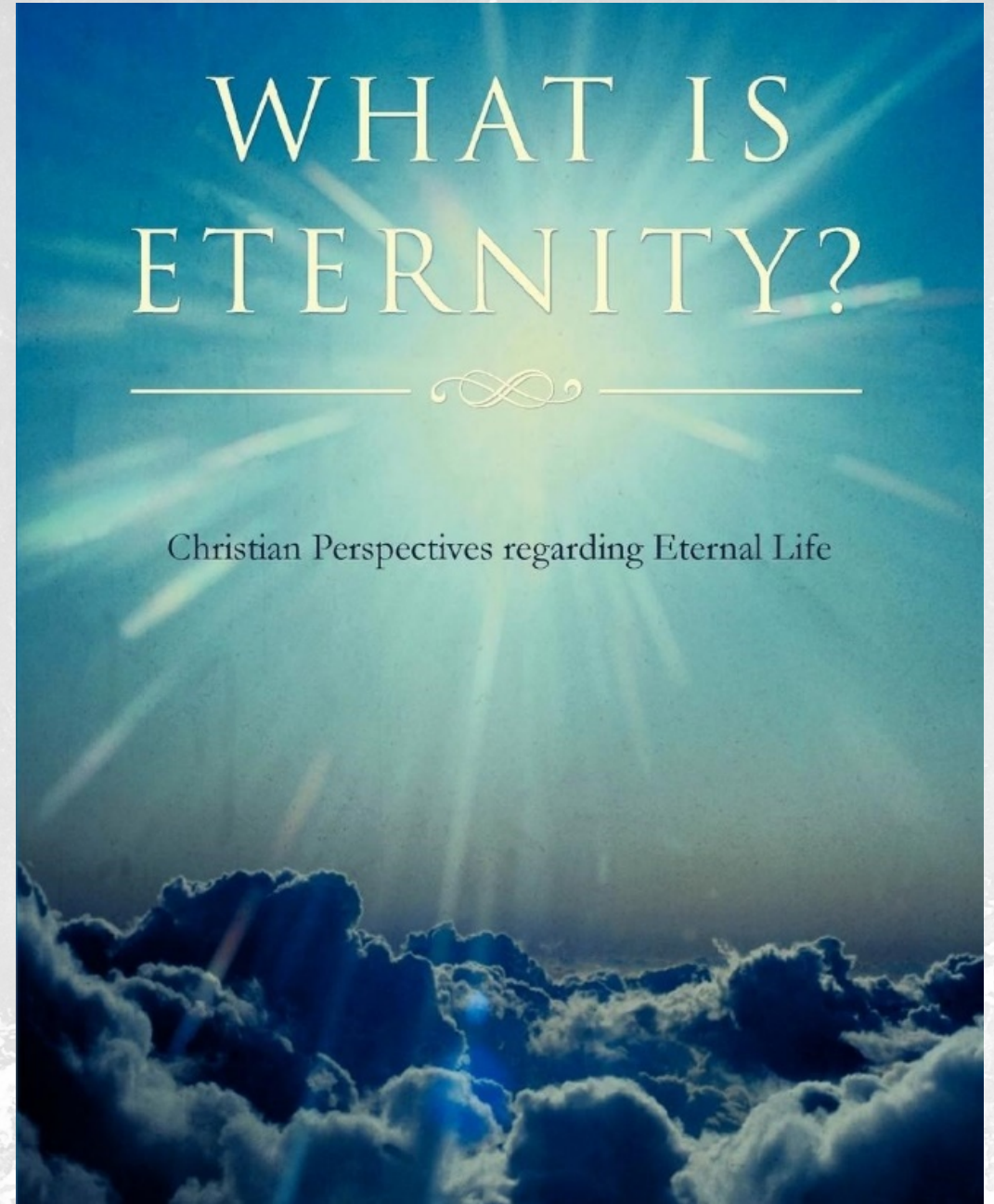




THERE ARE HEROES.
THERE ARE SUPERHEROES.
AND THEN THERE'S... **HANCOCK**
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- Christians believe in eternal life because Jesus talked about it and furthermore his resurrection is seen as a solid evidence that death is not the end.
- Christians also believe that Jesus came to restore humanity to a relationship with God the Father who Himself is eternal...this means that we can spend eternity with our Heavenly Father in Heaven!



How does God's Amazing Grace transform our eternity

Transformation journey to eternity
begins when we understand the
3 "A" TRUTHS



1. ADMIT that we were *once sinners...*



TITUS 3:3-7 (ESV)

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.



- v.3 - “For we ourselves were once”...
- means now we are no more...

Do you sometimes
still struggle with sin
OR struggle to
believe that we are
free from sin’s
dominion?



Reasons why we are still struggling with sin:-

- still living in this world
- we are a WIP (Work-In-Progress)
- susceptible to temptations

Warning:-

Feeling of guilt and struggle can be used by the enemy to make us doubt our *justification*...



GOOD NEWS!!!

we are not justified by feelings

BUT

we are justified by *FAITH!*



To be **JUSTIFIED**, we need to
admit that we were once sinners!



2. ACCEPT that we were *saved by grace*,
not by works...



What does it mean to be “*saved by grace*”?

- You cannot save yourself
- You need an advocate

Therefore...

It's *not* by our works that saved us

BUT our salvation is *by grace through faith in Jesus Christ*



Why can't our works save us?

- If we can save ourselves, then we don't need a savior anymore!

Why do we need to be saved?

- Because of our live of sin.



TITUS 3:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,



GAL 1:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.



- Saul (Paul) thought that obedience to the Mosaic Law will guarantee his salvation
- That was why he persecuted (*“the righteous work”*) the Christians to advance Judaism
- He was focused on the law and not on God

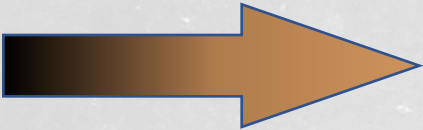


LAW

- Given as a mirror, a curb and a guide.
- Useful to show us our sins
- Useless to save us

Law can only identify the lawbreaker...
it cannot save the lawbreaker!



ADVOCATE  SAVIOUR

Jesus' incarnation was more than just being human.

He came so that He can *justify* our sins by:-

- Experiencing what we go through in life
- Dying on the cross – bearing all our sins and shame



GOOD NEWS!!!

God's *saving* actions
are a demonstration of
God's *gracious* nature



To be **JUSTIFIED**, we need to
accept that we were saved by grace
and not by works.



3. ACKNOWLEDGE that we ARE
justified by grace for eternal life...



TITUS 3:3-7 (ESV)

⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



What does it mean to be “justified by grace”?

- God’s grace declares us forgiven

What happens when we are forgiven?

- Our relationship with God the Father is reconciled.



Once we are justified, we are sanctified
and sanctification is a continuous process...

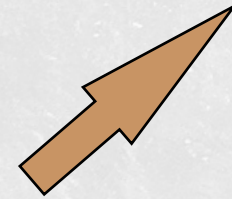
ACKNOWLEDGE that we **ARE** *justified by grace*
for eternal life...



EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ For by *grace* you have been saved through *faith*. And this is not your own doing; it is the *gift* of God,

⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



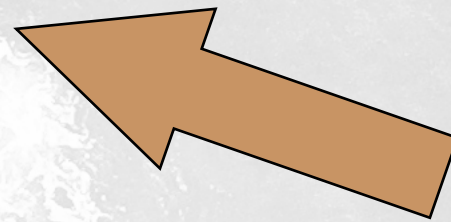
If we are saved by our works then we will feel entitled



ROMANS 3:24 & 28 (ESV)

²⁴ and are *justified* by his *grace* as a *gift*, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

²⁸ For we hold that one is *justified* by *faith* apart from works of the law.



Remember
Saul???



Justification takes place by faith...
And the result is peace with God!

v.7 also adds that “we **might** become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

“Without faith, there is no justification...
without justification, there is no salvation.”



Looking at how we are saved (justified) should fill us with hope.

This hope is not temporal and/or situational...

Rather it's *eternal* because it's based upon an **inheritance** that will never stop!



ROMANS 5:20 (ESV)

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more

Misconception: Because grace abounds, we can continue to sin.

Truth: Despite the measure of sin, God's grace abounds and is sufficient for you.



GOOD NEWS!!!

whatever your sin is
God's grace
is sufficient for you!



We receive **ETERNAL** life when we begin to *acknowledge* that we are justified by grace.



CONCLUSION:

Only God's Grace can bring Salvation that gives Eternal Hope.

Hope doesn't imply something that may or may not occur...rather eternity in heaven is something positive that we anticipate when we are saved by grace.



Eternal transformation starts from
earthly change.

The time on earth is for sanctification.

Once you leave earth then everything is
concluded...done deal...
account closed.



CHALLENGE:

Do you want to be co-heirs
with Christ in eternity?

