

**Series: Path to Paradise: What is "Grace Through Faith"**

**Sermon: God Doesn't Want Nice People**

**Bible Verses: Luke 18:9-14**

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I can \_\_\_\_\_ be saved by God's grace, through my faith in Jesus.

Grace is getting something \_\_\_\_\_, even though we deserve something \_\_\_\_\_.

- Grace is what God gives because he is God, and \_\_\_\_\_.

- We can do nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ grace!

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is being sure of what we \_\_\_\_\_ and certain of what we do \_\_\_\_\_."

- Although we can't do anything for grace, the one necessary element we play a part in is faith: The \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ will give us grace.

PHARISEE

1) For the Pharisee, salvation is not about hope for the future or \_\_\_\_\_, it is about how good he \_\_\_\_\_!

2) It wasn't about what he couldn't see - it was about what he saw \_\_\_\_\_ doing!

TAX COLLECTOR

1) The tax collector was hoping \_\_\_\_\_ and grace from God!

2) The tax collector's certainty was that God was real, and God was \_\_\_\_\_, and God was \_\_\_\_\_, even though he did not see God.

**The result is that the tax collector was \_\_\_\_\_ by God, and Pharisee was \_\_\_\_\_.**

Admitting \_\_\_\_\_ to God results in Him honoring you!

***Practical Application:***

(1) Stop believing that \_\_\_\_\_ good deeds make God like me more.

(2) Stop believing that I'm good \_\_\_\_\_ to get into Heaven.

(3) Ask Jesus to have \_\_\_\_\_ on me, because I don't meet his standards.

(4) Enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of being forgiven and knowing it depends on God, and not me.