

The Week

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Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

- *There's no such thing as a free lunch.* Is this true in your experience? Is there always a catch to any free gift?

Worship

Read Psalm 131

- How do you respond to this Psalm's central image of the soul as a weaned child?

Give everyone a chance to respond to this image. You could:

- Play some music and let everyone reflect in their own hearts.
- Provide some art materials and let people respond with colour, shape or picture.
- Let people quietly talk over their memories of precious moments when a child was still in their arms...

Word

Read Ephesians 2: 1 - 3

- These words were addressed to people who had converted to Christianity from paganism. Summarise what was bad about their spiritual situation before they came to Christ. Who is 'the ruler of the kingdom of the air'?
- Do any of these descriptions resonate with your own life story?

Read Ephesians 2: 4 - 9

- Discuss the meaning of the word 'grace'.
- What was the basis of the Ephesians' salvation?
- What is the basis of your salvation?

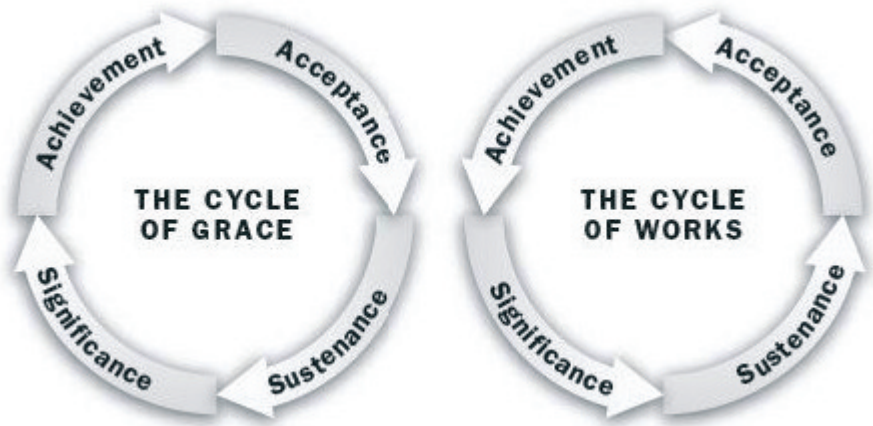
Read Ephesians 2: 10

- What place to good works have in the plan of salvation?

Response

- Study the diagrams overleaf.
- Which one illustrates the Ephesians reading?
- Which one typifies your approach to life?
- Which one would make you most effective in living out your Christian faith?

- What spiritual practices would help you go the right way around the cycle?



Source: Soul Keeping Study Guide: Caring for the most important part of you, John Ortberg.