

Daily Devotion For March 12, 2022

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9

Yesterday I had a nice conversation with my next door neighbor. In the midst of our conversation he mentioned, “I hope I’ve done enough good stuff to get me into heaven.” My neighbor is 10 years younger than me but he had a tough upbringing. He was verbally and physically abused by his father, he had been in and out of jail, but as he shared with me he said, “I’ve turned my life around. I’m not in the best of health but I don’t smoke or do drugs anymore.”

I think there are a lot of people like my neighbor who think that they will get to heaven by what they do. So, upon hearing his comment I quoted the above scripture verse. I told him, we are not saved by what we have done, but solely by God’s grace through faith. That if we could get to heaven by what we did, then what was the purpose of Jesus coming to earth to die for our sins.

Thought For Today: Do you know people who think they will get to heaven by what they do? According to the Ephesians 2:8-9, what is the means of salvation? Where does salvation come from? Why can no one boast about their salvation?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God today for the “gift” of your salvation. Pray that my neighbor and those you know who think like him will come to understand the truth of salvation. Deo Volente.