

Pure Grace
John 4:46-54

Most people believe today that this is how you receive eternal life: Try to ensure that your good deeds _____ your bad ones and hope that God will consider the good you do your _____ to heaven. This belief is _____ to the 2nd sign miracle Jesus performed to demonstrate that He was the Messiah sent from God.

Though Jesus had performed, and would perform, many other miracles, this healing of the royal official's son is the second of only _____ John specifically calls "signs." They were signs in that they pointed to some aspect of the nature of Jesus' _____ and the kind of _____ He would bring.

This particular sign miracle stands out as one that is accomplished as an act of _____ on Jesus' part. Grace can be defined as unmerited favor—receiving something which is neither _____ nor _____. The only thing the official did was ask and then take Jesus at His word. It is in this act of grace on Jesus' part and the simple act of faith on the official's part that we see the "sign" John was talking about. Jesus is a Messiah who offers salvation and life _____ so that it can be received simply by faith.

God's Messiah offering salvation to eternal life by grace through faith alone is _____ for us. Even many who have accepted God's salvation in Christ struggle with feelings of losing out on God's love and salvation because of inadequate _____.

No one earns the salvation to life and membership in the family of God that Jesus offers by piling up good works to _____, and no one remains in the family by continuing to _____ by good works. Salvation is a gift of grace on God's part received by faith—a simple decision to _____.

The truth is, there was a _____ which took place on a cross over 2000 years ago. Jesus paid for your salvation and mine by offering His life on the cross. And with the price for your sin and mine already paid, He says _____.