The "Trio" in the "Tapestry"

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Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 2:8 NIV For it is by grace you have been saved, through ***faith*** [Greek: *"**Pistis**"*]—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

PASSAGE PARAPHRASE AND BIG IDEA: (1) Based on his _____ alone [*"by grace…not by works"*], (2) God has welcomed us into his Son's "_____" family [*"saved"*], (3) a priceless gift activated and sustained by _____ [*"through faith"*], (4) _____ us to be what we most deeply desire [a doer of *"good works"*].

(1) Based on his generosity alone [*"by grace…not by works"*]

(2) God has welcomed us into his Son's "extraordinary" family [*"saved"*]

Ephesians 2:6 NIV And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

(3) A priceless gift activated and sustained by allegiance [*"through faith"*]

"Pistis" 1. *Faithfulness; reliability; commitment.* 2. *Believe in; Trust in*

a. "The gospel" is the message of the full career of Jesus, with special emphasis on his present _____.

*See Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:42-43; Rom. 1:1-5; I Cor. 15:1-8; 20-28; II Tim. 2:8; the evangelistic sermons of Acts like 13:16-52

b. The purpose of "the gospel" is to create cheerful _____.

Romans 1:1 ESV Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, …5 through whom we have received grace…to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,...

Romans 16:25 ESV Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel…26…to bring about the obedience of faith—

Matthew 19:21 ESV Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

JAMES 2:14-26 SERMON BIG IDEA REMINDER: Rather than any set of rules, justifying faith is (1) lifelong **RESPONSIVENESS** to King Jesus, (2) rooted in loving **RELATIONSHIP**, and (3) lived out in practical **SERVICE**.

(4) Enabling us to be what we most deeply desire [a doer of *"good works"*]

What I Learned From This Message:

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