

Are You Saved?

From What: Lifelessness

God's grace is the cause of our salvation. God's free gift is what gives us the power to even choose Him or choose to do good works. We do not merely "collect" or "receive" His grace, but we become active participants with Him.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever collected anything? If so, what? If you haven't, what is something you might like to collect? Why?
 2. Can you think of a recent experience where you decided not to do something because you didn't think you were going to get anything out of it? (Going to class, going to Mass, getting together with friends and family, prayer, etc.) Did you regret not doing it? Why or why not?
 3. When it comes to the question of "Faith alone" or "Faith and works", and the differences between Catholics and many Protestants with regard to salvation, have you ever had a discussion or conversation with someone about our differences? How did it go? If you were to have one now, what would you emphasize or say?
 4. In the child and Father shooting a basket analogy, where does grace fit into your life? Do you try to do it all on your own? Are you looking to Him for assistance? Are you letting His gift of grace pick you up and give you life? Are you actually letting go of "the ball" instead of keeping the gifts you've been given for yourself? Are you asking Him to pick you up and to help you again? Please share.
 5. Even in our most broken moments and deepest sufferings, through grace we still have something to give. Have you ever thought about how your sufferings can be an opportunity for self-giving rather than self-serving? What strikes you most about that?
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God in Real Life

This week, when you show up for class, for work, when you experience sufferings, what is one practical way that you can go into it with the mindset of giving something instead of getting something?

To the Heart

"The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers." Psalm 146: 8-9