

Salvation Chart - After you have shared the gospel, this can help students diagnose if they are putting their faith in good works or in Jesus alone, especially if they are from a very religious background.

- Draw a chart that looks like this:

| | Saved by | NOT saved by |
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| Eph. 2:8-9 | | |
| Titus 3:5 | | |

- Look up Ephesians 2:8-9 in the Bible and ask the student to read it.
- Ask: “What do you think ‘saved’ means... What are we saved from? What are we saved to?” (*saved from wrath of God/separation from God, saved TO a life of peace with God*)
- Ask: “What does this verse say we are saved BY?” (*grace, through faith*) Write this in the chart.
- Ask: “What does this verse say we are NOT saved by?” (*works*) Write this.
- Ask: “What do you think ‘works’ means?” (*good morals, religious deeds*)

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| Eph. 2:8-9 | grace | works |
| Titus 3:5 | | |

- Look up Titus 3:5a in the Bible and ask the student to read it.
- Ask: “Why does this verse say that God saved us?” (*because of His mercy*) Write this.
- Ask: “What does this verse say we are NOT saved by?” (*righteous things we have done*) Write this.

| | Saved by | NOT saved by |
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| Eph. 2:8-9 | grace | works |
| Titus 3:5 | God's mercy | righteous things |

- Ask: “What do you think it means that we are saved by grace and by God’s mercy?” (*Grace is getting what we don’t deserve - relationship with God through what Jesus did on the cross. Mercy is not getting what we did deserve - eternal separation from God because of our sin.*)
- Ask: “If you were to die today and approach the gates of heaven, and someone were to ask you ‘why should you be allowed into heaven?’, what percentage would you be thinking about this ‘saved by’ column - and what percentage would you be thinking about this ‘not saved by’ column?” Write the percentages they say above the appropriate columns.
- Explain that to put your trust in Jesus means to put all of your trust in Jesus’s record and none in your own record.
- Ask them if they want to transfer all of their trust to Jesus today.