

Ephesians 2:1-7

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- “this” and “that” – pronoun neuter
 - Jack Lewis “By rules of gender agreement neither grace nor faith can be the antecedent of the pronoun. Grace and faith are both feminine.
 - NASU – footnote for vs. 8 – “i.e. that salvation”

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- Grace and belief are both essential to our salvation.
- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16 NIV)*
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Belief comes from hearing God and involves trusting and obeying.

Paul

- “I have been crucified with Christ... (Gal. 2:20)
- “Wretched man that I am... (Rom. 7:21-25)
- “I have not attained it, but I press on to reach the goal... (Phil. 3:7-12)
- “I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave ... (1Cor. 9:27)
- The first message of the coming kingdom:
 - Repentance – “Unless you repent ... (Luke 13:3)
 - Perceive afterward, turn, change mind and purpose.
 - Involves acknowledging sin, detesting it, change
- Jesus to Pharisees regarding John’s baptism
- Notice the demands – seek first, deny self, love Him more...