



The passage of Scripture that we will be examining this morning is the well known story of "the penitent thief." These verses have comforted troubled minds; they have brought peace to many uneasy consciences; they have healed many wounded hearts; they have been just the right spiritual medicine to many sin-sick souls; they have snatched many a dying man and woman from the grasp of the devil moments before entering into eternity. Wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, this passage of Scripture will always be lifted up, honored, and proclaimed with the smile of Heaven upon it. The verses before us today tell the story of the greatest trophy of grace which Christ ever won. In fact it is the story of each one this morning whose baptism we witnessed, and it is the story of every sinner who has ever been saved by the grace of God..."*FOR BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST.*" (Ephesians 2:8-9).