
BROKEN. AND POURED OUT

Broken! Shattered, to the core.
A glass table top-no more!

Shards, splintered glass,
Beauty in pieces,
My life in pieces?

Shards swept up, dumped in a cauldron.
Out of sight! Out of mind?

Burning hot, melting!
In a pot, melting!
Heat and stress! The pressure!
"I'm a mess, That's for sure!"

From the flame, poured out into a frame.
"O Glass Table, You'll never be the same!"
Out of the mold for all to see,
A glass swan!! How can it be?!?

Beauty! Gleaming!
Tears! Streaming!
The Glass Blower, in whose hands
My life's pieces, He remands.

Say, as an old hymn puts it,

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to your cross I cling;
Naked, come to you for dress,
Helpless, look to you for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Key: page 2: feelings; credulity; optimism. Knowledge; response; commitment.

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Saved by Grace

Ephesians 2:8-10

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A Metaphor...

John 3:7 You must be born again.

All of Grace

Eph. 2:8-9 For it is by grace that you are saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

2 Cor. 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Matt. 9:13 Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

What Faith Isn't

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- Faith is not subjective f_____.
- Faith is not c_____.
- Faith is not o_____.

What Faith Is

- Head k_____.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5 ...of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred ...

- Heart _____.

James 2:17 ... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

- Personal c_____.

Mark 1:15 "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

We are not saved by good works

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We are saved and being “restored”

*Ephesians 2:10 **For we are God’s handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Handiwork- “poiema,”

Jeremiah 18:3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

We are saved to do good works

*Eph. 2:10 For we are God’s workmanship, **created in Christ to do good works**.*

■ *Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “**The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few**. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, **to send out workers into his harvest field**.”* ■
