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Law/Gospel

Because of sin, there is nothing I, or anyone, can do to earn salvation or come to God. **God gives me and all people, young and old, the gift of Baptism, through which He forgives sins and makes us His children.**

Bible Words

By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the gift of saving faith through Jesus that You have given us by Your grace in Holy Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, make us bold proclaimers of the Gospel in every place we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paul Baptizes the Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:25–34

Once a figure of immense authority within the Jewish establishment, Paul now suffered ridicule, rejection, harassment, beatings, and—as we read in today's passage—imprisonment. God worked great faith in Paul's heart. As a result, Paul was able to withstand harsh treatment for the sake of the Christ, even singing hymns of praise to God while in prison.

Disturbed by the earthquake, the Roman guard rushed to the cells and found them standing open. Assuming the prisoners escaped, and anticipating execution for what he believed to be his failure, the jailer resigned himself to suicide. Paul intervened, telling the jailer he mustn't harm himself. As with Paul, God had other plans.

"What must I do to be saved?" the jailer asked Paul. In addition to the earthquake, the jailer recognized something special in Paul and Silas, but he was not able to trust in Christ without the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit works through the Word to create faith. He uses Paul's words in this instance to do exactly that.

The jailer and his entire household were baptized. Baptism saves because Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again. Through the Word, this Gospel message is tied to the water, and together, this divine washing makes a lost, condemned sinner one of God's children forever.