

Ephesians 2:8-9

Justification by grace through faith is the doctrine that salvation is a free gift from God, received through faith in Jesus Christ, not through human effort or merit.

Travel Companion of Paul

Chapter 15 - Is grace-filled

**Chapter 16 - More difficult even
threatening message about money and
the consequences of misusing wealth**

Not Just a Problem for Preachers

Last week both difficult and confusing

This week “painfully clear”

Mission Trust?

Trust the Mission?

**Not about afterlife or
punishment**

Parables

Metaphorical

Exaggerated

Hyperbolic language

How about Life Right Now?

**The chasm between the rich man
and Lazarus isn't new**

If You Have Eyes to SEE

**Before you can have compassion
for people you must SEE them**

Subject of this Parable

Not the rich man

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**How do these questions
shape our life now?**

**Does our faith and experience of the
Risen Lord help us see those we
would prefer not to see and regard
those around us as worthy of
compassion, respect, and honor...**

Or not?

**Will we follow Jesus and make a
difference?**