

Amazing Grace

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Reading: [Ephesians 2:4-7](#)

Prayer

A. Amazing Grace!

1. “how sweet the sound!”
2. “I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see!”

B. Does anything amaze us anymore?

1. David Copperfield’s magic
2. How computers do what they do.
3. Women?
4. What is more amazing than God’s Grace?
 - a. Forgiving the very ones who crucified his son?
 - b. Allowing his Son to die for those who sin against him?
5. Let’s look at the acronym “GRACE”

#1 God’s Grace Given [v. 4-5](#)

A. Mercy

1. “Undeserved Compassion”
2. Grace—“Unmerited Favor”

B. Love

1. [John 3:16](#)—He gave his only begotten!
2. [Romans 5:8](#)—while we were sinners!
3. NONE of it earned or deserved

C. A Gift!

1. [Romans 6:23](#)-- For the wages of sin *is* death, but the *gift* of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
2. Are we too proud to receive it? “you shouldn’t have.”
3. *Amazing Grace must be received!*

#2 God’s Grace Revoked

A. Is it possible to fall from Grace?

1. [Luke 8:11-15](#)—2 of the four “grounds” involve falling from grace.
2. [1 Corinthians 9:27](#)—“Lest I myself should be a castaway!”
3. [Hebrews 10:19-29](#)

B. “With every Privilege there is responsibility”

1. Can we receive grace without changing? [Ephesians 2:10](#)
2. Can we continue to be what grace freed us from being? [Romans 6](#)
3. *Amazing Grace must be lived!*

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#3 God’s Grace Assured. [v. 5-6](#)

A. Made us alive, raised us together, to sit together!

1. What could give us more confidence than Christ’s resurrection?
2. If we sit with HIM, who can challenge our position?

B. “If you sin...”

1. [1 John 2:1](#)—We have an Advocate
2. [v. 2](#)—He Himself is the propitiation for our sins!

C. “That you may KNOW...”

1. [1 John 5:11-13](#)—*And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*
2. *Amazing Grace must be trusted!*

#4 God’s Grace Commended

A. Highly Praised

1. Celebrated, applauded, much admired
2. [Isaiah 12:1-5](#) (**Read**)
3. Psalm 148—*Praise the Lord!* (**Song 148**)

B. Entrusted to us

1. Can we have this grace and not speak of it?
2. [Mark 5:19-20](#)—“**Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.**” And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.
3. *AMAZING GRACE must be told.*

#5 God’s Grace Eternal [v. 7](#)

A. “In the Ages to come!”

1. [Romans 5:21](#)—as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. [Titus 3:7](#)—having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of *eternal life*

B. The whole purpose!

1. [John 3:16](#)—but have everlasting life!
2. *Amazing Grace is ETERNAL*