



SERMON NOTES

The Faith We Sing

Week 1 (April 11):
“Amazing Grace”

Ephesians 2:1-5, 8

I. John Newton and Amazing Grace

- A. John Newton, after being transformed by the grace of God, wrote the words to Amazing Grace in _____.
- B. Grace is unmerited _____.

II. Saved By Grace

- A. If you are without Christ, you are _____ in your sins.
- B. We were dead in our sins, **but God** made us _____ with Christ.
- C. Salvation is a gift that we receive by the _____ of God.

III. The Practical Part of Grace

- A. The question we need to ask ourselves is "how would we determine where we stand with God?"
- B. All the Christian values we live out are a response to what God has _____ for us.
- C. When you embrace the grace of God you'll find _____.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

John Newton and the Apostle Paul experienced transformation in their lives by the amazing grace of God. John Newton responded by writing the lyrics of the beloved hymn “Amazing Grace,” and the Apostle Paul wrote about the theology behind the grace of God. We are all familiar with the words to the song, but what is God’s grace?

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-3

The apostle Paul says if you are without Christ, you are dead in your sins and deserve God’s wrath. That sound really harsh. What do you think about what Paul says? Do you see yourself as a person who needs God’s grace? Why or why not?

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:4-9

Paul is clear in this passage that salvation is a gift we receive by God’s grace. There is nothing we can do to earn favor with God. If that’s the case, does our behavior matter? Why or why not? Why should we forgive, why should we love others etc.?

Wednesday: Acts 9:1-19

The apostle Paul once persecuted Christians and then he was transformed by the grace of God and became the greatest missionary in the Christian church. He was once lost, but now he is found. Describe a “but God” moment in your life. How have you seen God’s amazing grace at work in you?

Thursday: Luke 23:32-43

Clearly, the criminal on the cross could do nothing to earn salvation at this point in his life. But Jesus says “today you will be with me in paradise.” Do you think it is fair that a criminal gets the reward of eternal life with Christ? Is it fair to people who served God their entire lives? Why or why not.

Friday: John 1:14-18

John tells us that we have all received grace. In your own words, how would you define God’s grace to someone who asks you?

MOVING FORWARD

Sometimes we believe that we have to earn God’s favor through our actions and behavior. But, Christians believe that God made the first move in our relationship with Him. Christians believe that God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son. When you receive that gift by faith, the stress of trying to earn that favor ends and the relationship begins. Obedience to God is a voluntary response of gratitude for what he’s given you.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) 1772, B) favor. IIA) dead, B) alive, C) grace. IIIA) standard, IIIB) done, C) peace