

Amazing Grace!

The good news of the gospel is that God has the power to transform lives. We have undoubtedly known alcoholics, drug addicts, adulterers, thieves, and others who have been converted to Christ. This ability to change people's lives comes from God's amazing grace.

Grace may be defined as God's loving forgiveness, by which He grants exemption from punishment. Grace includes the promise of temporal and eternal blessings to guilty and condemned sinners, without any worthiness on their part. God the Father (Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 1:4) and His Son Jesus Christ (John 1:17; Romans 3:24) are the sole sources of grace. The apostle Paul was certainly conscious of the grace of God in his life. He wrote, "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:9-10; cp. Ephesians 3:8).

Paul received forgiveness because he was obedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26:19). When faced with the truth, he believed it and repented. God's grace is powerful enough to redeem the worst sinner who is willing to believe (Hebrews 11:6), repent (Luke 13:3, 5), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:10), and be baptized into Christ (John 3:3, 5). Will you obey and share this amazing grace?

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