

The Gifts of God *His Amazing Grace*

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Also known as saving grace, it is the free and unmerited favor or beneficence of our beloved Creator - God's grace, is manifested in the salvation of sinners. It is divine favor, that is lovingly bestowed upon the sons and daughters of men. Other words, that might help you better understand it's special meaning are - **Pardon, benevolence, sanctification, generosity, leniency and compassion.**

There are many ways to describe this beautiful and redeeming virtue of God: breathtakingly generous, extraordinarily kind, enormously beneficial, lovingly benevolent, unbelievably precious, absolutely priceless, gloriously sanctifying, stunningly beautiful, extremely valuable, wonderfully liberating, exceptionally thoughtful, incredibly affectionate, divinely inspired, and desperately needed!

Amongst God's gifts (and there are many), this is the most precious one of all!

It is God's unmerited favor, His loving kindness, His undeserved goodwill, that is generously bestowed upon us in our darkest hours, when we need it the most, through the life, death and resurrection, of Jesus or Yeshua (his hebrew name).

Unlike another powerful virtue of God, called **Mercy** - which is God not giving us **what we do deserve**; **Grace** - is God giving us **what we do not deserve!**

In truth, we cannot even lift a finger to save ourselves; for us, 'the Grace of God' is like a precious life-line, that is thrown to us, in the midst of turbulent waters; like a powerful storm at sea, we are trapped in our sins, and are utterly helpless, completely unable to rescue ourselves, from the terrible predicament we are in.

On our own, we try desperately to keep our heads above water, with no possible way of ever saving ourselves; then, when all is lost, and all hope is gone, we see the Lamb of God, with His loving hands outstretched towards us, to deliver us from the wild and angry seas (of our own sins), so He can bring us back to God.

Without the precious life-line of Jesus to help us, we would eventually go under and disappear forever; thankfully, our Heavenly Father doesn't want anyone to perish, that is why He is making His gift of salvation freely available - **all you have to do**, is to put Him first in your life, with a sincere heart. You will find that He cares deeply for us, and desires very strongly, to be able to hold us close, and protect us from all harm - just as any loving Father would do, for His children.

This is not rocket science at all, you do not need to have a complex university degree or many years of higher education, to be able to relate to this very simple and easy to understand concept - the concept of a loving God, who provides us with a way out of this mess that we are in (up to our necks), a mess called sin.

God knew that we would never be able to save ourselves on our own without His divine assistance, and through Jesus, He has provided us, with a rock solid way back into His glorious presence; indeed, it is the **only way** back to Him, a way of total reconciliation, it would be as though, none of this ever happened!

In the end, our beloved Father in Heaven desires very strongly, to have all His children back in His loving presence, in His eternal place, so He can embrace us all with much gladness in His Heart. Our beloved Maker, will be able to hold us close to Him, and no-one, will ever be able to take them away from Him again.

If you can relate to this simple concept, then you are already a step closer to understanding the love of a caring Father, who desires to have all His children fully returned to Him, and the amazing dedication of His son, who was willing to help Him achieve all of this, no matter what the personal cost was to Him.

When the **Amazing Grace** of God comes to us, we are sanctified in His sight, (set apart for God's purposes). By His loving kindness, we are lifted out of the mess we are in (up to our necks); we are gloriously liberated from the bonds of sin, and returned into the loving presence of God, through our beloved Savior.

God's **Amazing Grace**, is 'lovingly giftwrapped' in the person known as Jesus.

For those of us privileged to have received this wonderful gift from above, we know that we did not earn it in any way; for us, it is a gift of unparalleled value and benefit (on a heavenly scale), direct from the Heart of our beloved Creator.

Through His **Amazing Grace**, God's wonderful virtues flow forth generously towards us: such as Love, Compassion, Mercy, Forgiveness and Patience; how are we even worthy to receive such beautiful gifts from above - WE ARE NOT!

No, not in the slightest! We are completely dependant upon 'the Grace of God' for all that we are; for without His grace, we would all just descend into death.

The wonderful hymn called **Amazing Grace** - it has been recognized the world over, as being one of the most beautiful and well known 'songs of praise' of all time. Those of us, who have had our eyes opened by the **Amazing Grace** of God, can sincerely identify, with every word in this beautiful song, for all eternity.

If you want to be personally touched, by the heart-stirring words of this beautiful song, then click on this link (to a youtube video), of an angelic singer, singing the words to Amazing Grace - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG0vH4WYChQ> just hold the cursor over this link and click it, and it will take you to this video; as you listen to it, come back and read the lovely words that are written below.

*Amazing grace, How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come,
'Twas grace has brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.*

*Amazing grace, How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

We sing these beautiful words in our hearts, with tears rolling down our cheeks; it reminds us, of the heart-stirring message that it brings - that forgiveness and redemption, can come to anyone, regardless of the sins they committed, and that the soul can be delivered from absolute despair, through His **Amazing Grace**.

This song is our heavenly anthem, for those of us who sometimes feel we have gone too far for God to even save us... but His **Amazing Grace** says otherwise!

The words resonate strongly within us, as we go down life's long road, with the trials and tribulations we endure, with the help of our beloved Lamb of God!

If you want further proof, of how this wonderful song affects those who hear it, you only have to look at what's been put down, in the comments section of Youtube -

'It is the song of salvation'/'With Jesus, your footprints won't be alone in the sand anymore'/'Who would have thought you could find the Power of God, in such a beautiful song'/'Hauntingly beautiful'/'Breathtakingly valuable'/'The lyrics may be simple, but the power within this heartfelt song is colossal, as if all heaven fills our soul'/'It is a song from the Heart of God, from everlasting to everlasting'/'It is one of the most powerful and touching songs, of all time!'

These are some of the honest words that have been written, that come from the hearts of those, who have been personally touched, by this loving song of God.

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For those of us **who know Him**, and more importantly, that **He knows us**, we live in absolute awe and amazement, for all that He has been able to achieve for us, by doing the 'heavy lifting' of our salvation, which we could not do ourselves.

He has a steely determination, to always fulfil the Will of God (no matter what the cost), including having to endure one of the most barbaric and torturous methods of personal execution, ever devised by the hearts of men, and He went through it voluntarily, for the sake of His Heavenly Father's Will, so He could save us.

In truth, **as the Lamb of God**, His sacrifice on the cross (on our behalf), is so much more meaningful, than the sacrifice of animals, for the forgiveness of sins.

The reasons for this are - As a human being, He has the gift of 'Consciousness', **the animals do not**; He knows what He's doing, **the animals do not**; He did this of His own free choice, the animals **do not have a choice**, when being sacrificed.

**He was not born in sin** (like we were), because He did not have two biological 'human' parents (as we did), only His biological mother and the Holy Spirit), and He never sinned during His lifetime on earth; so therefore, in the eyes of God, He is like an innocent lamb; not knowing sin, and without blemish, in any way.

Hypothetically, **if He had been born in sin** (like the rest of us), and went to the cross to die, His death would be for Himself alone (and not others), because He was already a sinner, and paying the price for committing sins against God.

But because **He was not born in sin**, and lived His life completely free of it, while He was here on Earth; this means that His 'personal and voluntary' death upon the cross, **'is worth so much more'** than the sacrifice of many animals; and that **He only had to die once** for the remission of sins, instead of animals having to be sacrificed for us on a regular basis, and only as a temporary measure.

Remember, His wonderful sacrifice, was done **'on behalf of us'**, meaning that, it is as close as possible, without us actually being put to death personally, for our sins against God (as it should have been, from the first human sin), had He not **'stepped up to the plate'**, and allowed Himself to be violently crucified, for us!

Because of His loving sacrifice and rising from the dead (that defeats the powers of darkness in one swift action), we are now completely cleansed and purified in the sight of God, for all time. What an incredibly precious gift He has given us!

He has single-handedly brought us back, into the breathtaking presence of our beloved Father in Heaven - that before, was absolutely impossible for any of us to acquire for ourselves, on our own, because of our sin-drenched natures.

Through His loving Grace, He has done for us, what we could not do ourselves!

Has the Wisdom of God finally come to you, and opened your eyes? Can you see just how magnificent His loving Grace truly is? Come and partake in God's great riches through His son, and ask Him for His **Amazing Grace** for yourself.

In the name of our beloved Savior - Jesus / Yeshua (His hebrew name)

God bless