

AMAZING GRACE!

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

- Introduction:
1. "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me..."
 2. Grace answers man's greatest need — it provides pardon.
 3. We all have been separated from God because of our sins (Isaiah 59:1-2).
 4. Were it not for grace, this separation would be eternal (Romans 6:23).
 5. Let us examine what God said about His amazing grace.

I. Man's Old Condition—Dead To God

- A. (Ephesians 2:1-3).
- B. We become dead through sins (Ephesians 2:1).
- C. At one time, sin was a lifestyle for us (Ephesians 2:2).
- D. Our lives were subject to Satan (Ephesians 2:3; Romans 6:20).
- E. We were by nature (custom, practice) the children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).

II. Man's New Condition—Alive To God

- A. (Ephesians 2:4-9).
- B. From hopeless to hope (Ephesians 2:4).
 1. God is rich in mercy.
 2. The reason—because he loved us (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).
- C. The extent of God's love (Ephesians 2:5).
- D. God restores man's dignity that had been lost (Ephesians 2:6).
- E. God has not exhausted his kindness to us (Ephesians 2:7).
- F. The means of our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - a. Grace through faith.
 - b. It is not grace only—nor is it faith only.
 - c. It is not by human merit.

III. Man's Continuing Condition—Accountable To God

- A. (Ephesians 2:10).
- B. This salvation that God so graciously offered, that we cannot earn or merit, does however, place obligations upon us.
- C. We can receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1).
- D. Grace instructs us how to live (Titus 2:11-12).

- Conclusion:
1. Because of God's grace, we have hope.
 2. God can bring us from death unto life.
 3. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In Christ we are a new creation...
 4. Are you in Christ?
 - a. We enter Christ through baptism (Galatians 3:27).