

Amazing Grace Week 1

Grace.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—not of works, lest anyone should boast.
[Ephesians 2:8-9]

1. You Were

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air...All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.
[Ephesians 2:1-3]

As for you...
[Ephesians 2:1]

“Guilt is the starting point for grace.”

“If you want God’s grace, all you need is need, all you need is nothing.”
[Tim Keller]

But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins; He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.
[Ephesians 2:4-5]

2. But God

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3. By Grace

Grace is the unmerited, undeserved, unearned kindness and favor of God.

“Salvation is not a goal to be achieved; it is a gift to be received.”

God is not looking for good performers, but good receivers!

“The gospel is for us but not from us.”

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

[Ephesians 2:10]