

## "Amazing Grace"

### GRACE

Greek: χάρις Transliteration: charis

Pronunciation: khä'-rēs

Definition:

good will, loving-kindness, favour

of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

Strong's' Dictionary of New Testament Words

#### *The Scripture*

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this

not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-13

#### **Before Grace**

Dead in your transgressions  
& Sins  
Objects of (God's) wrath  
Separated from Christ  
Excluded from citizenship  
Foreigners to the covenant  
Without Hope and  
Without God in this world  
Far away

#### **After Grace**

Alive!  
Saved!  
Raised Up  
Seated With Christ  
Brought Near

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**Question:**

Having been saved by grace how do I live in it?

#1 Stay close to the \_\_\_\_\_

*When you're intensely aware of your own sinful nature, it's a lot harder to be judgmental about other people.*

#2 Stay close to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*You need people in your life who accept you and welcome you and just love you no matter what.*

#3 Stay very close to sinful people who need grace and extend it to them.

*Get real close to sinful, lost people who need grace and extend it to them and love them and share your life and heart with them. Share your faith with them.*

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*All scriptures NIV unless otherwise noted.*