

“GIVING BY GRACE”

(2 Corinthians 9:7-15)

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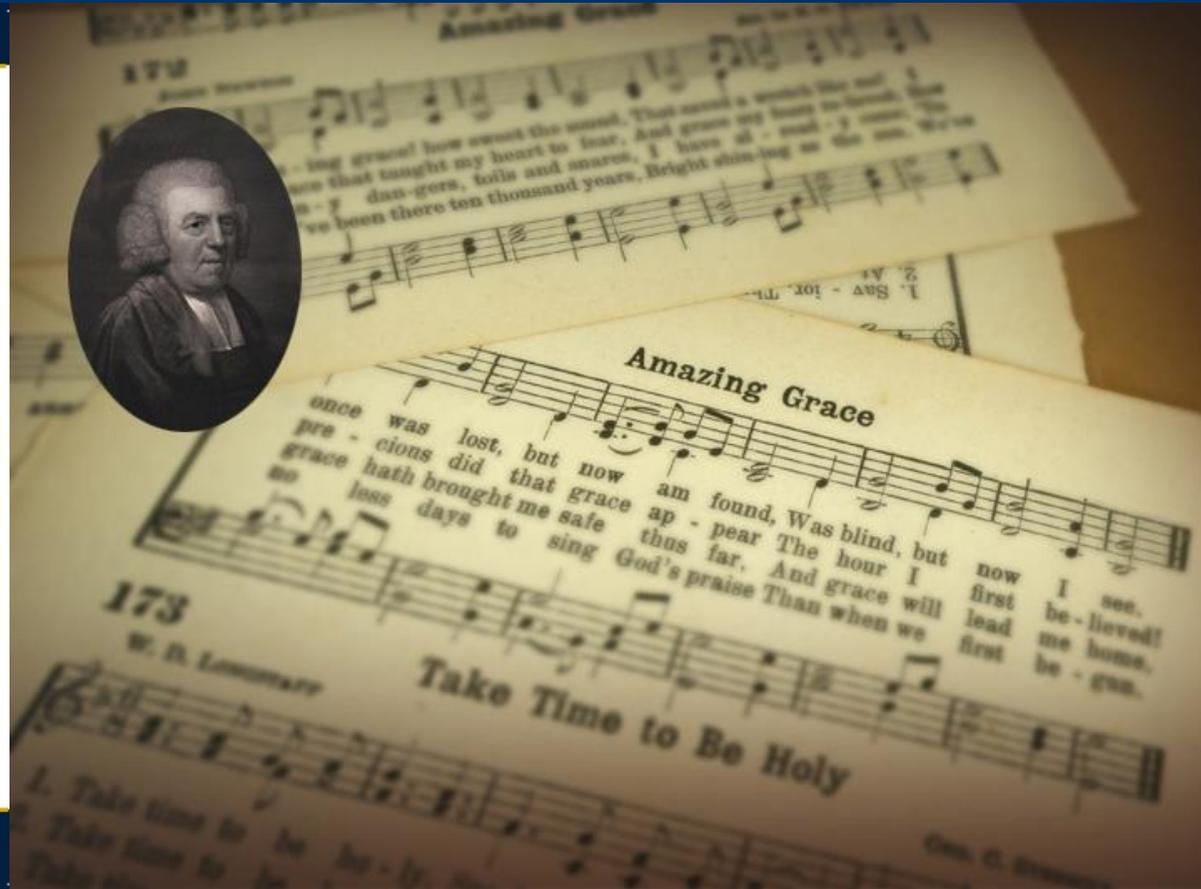
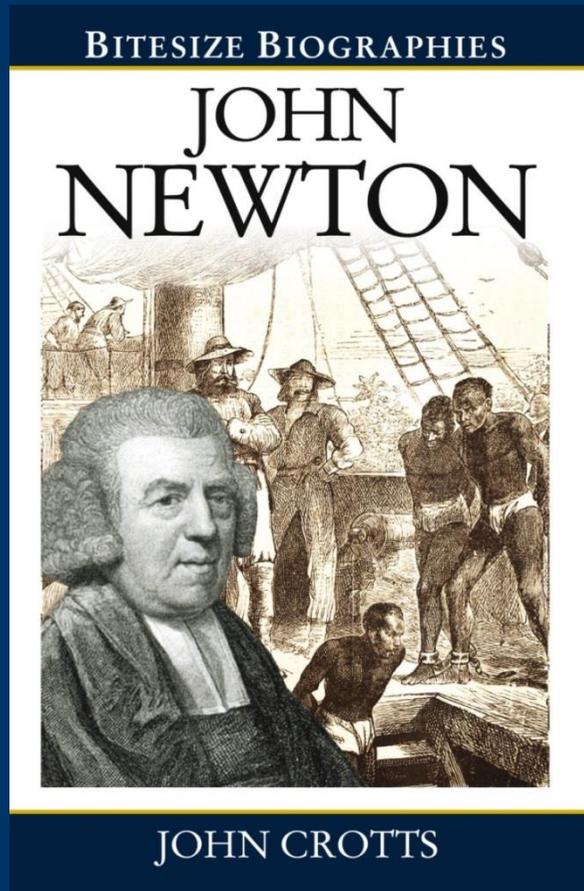
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INTRODUCTION:



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

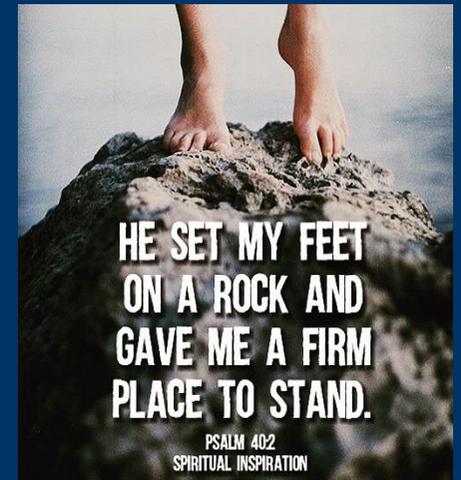
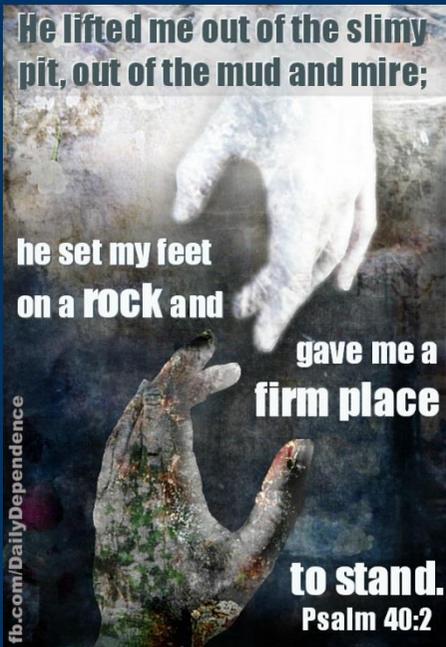
I. A FEW THOUGHTS ON GRACE

A few thoughts come to mind when thinking of grace.

A) Grace stoops to where we are and lifts us to where we ought to be.

Ps 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.



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***Ps 40:3** He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.*



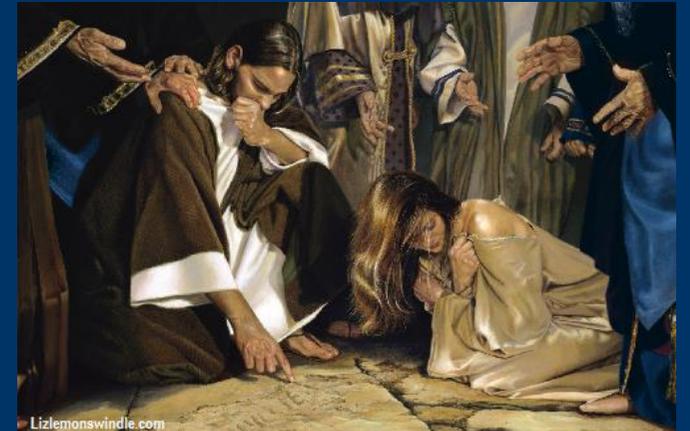
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B) Grace softens the harsh demands of the Law and offers hope to go on.

John 8:7b "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.



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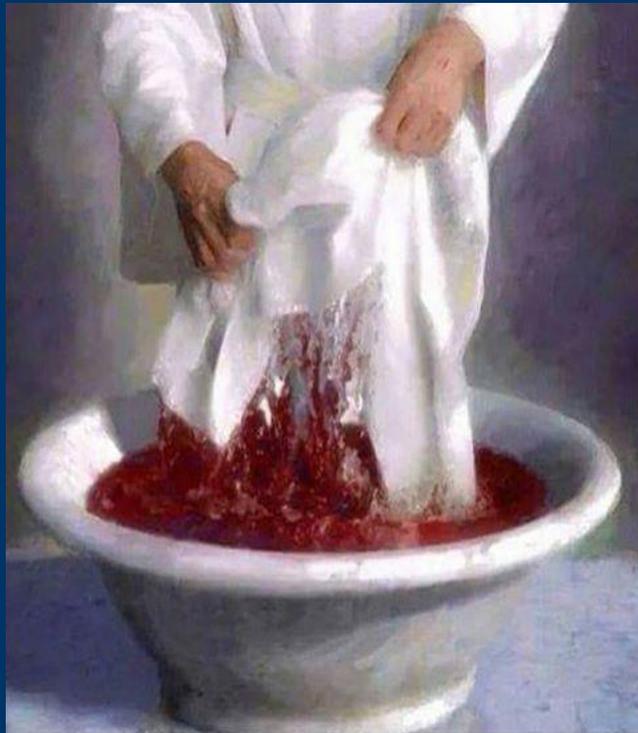
John 8:10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 "No one, sir," she said.



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C) Grace becomes our guide in responding to God and others.

Isa 1:18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

*"Though your sins are like **scarlet**, they shall be as white as **snow**; though they are **red as crimson**, they shall be like **wool**.*

II. SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF GRACE

A) Bountiful Sowing



2 Cor 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Pro 11:24 It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. (LB)



Lk 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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B) Cheerful Giving



2 Cor 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Cheerfully!



SHE CLAIMS IT'S BECAUSE OF LAST WEEK'S "CHEERFUL GIVER" SERMON, BUT I THINK SHE JUST MISSES HIGH SCHOOL



Not Reluctantly!

II. SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS OF GRACE

C) Liberal Providing

2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."



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2 Cor 9:10 *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

11 *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*



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2 Cor 9:12 *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

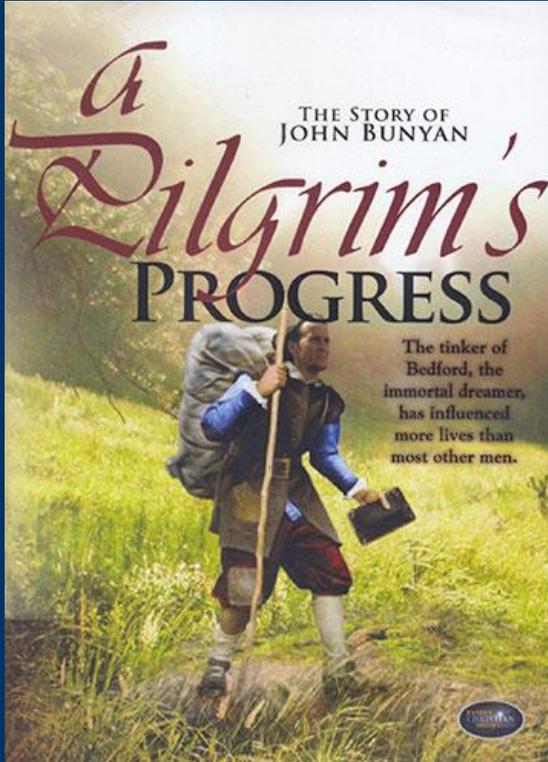
2 Cor 9:13 *Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

14 *And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.*



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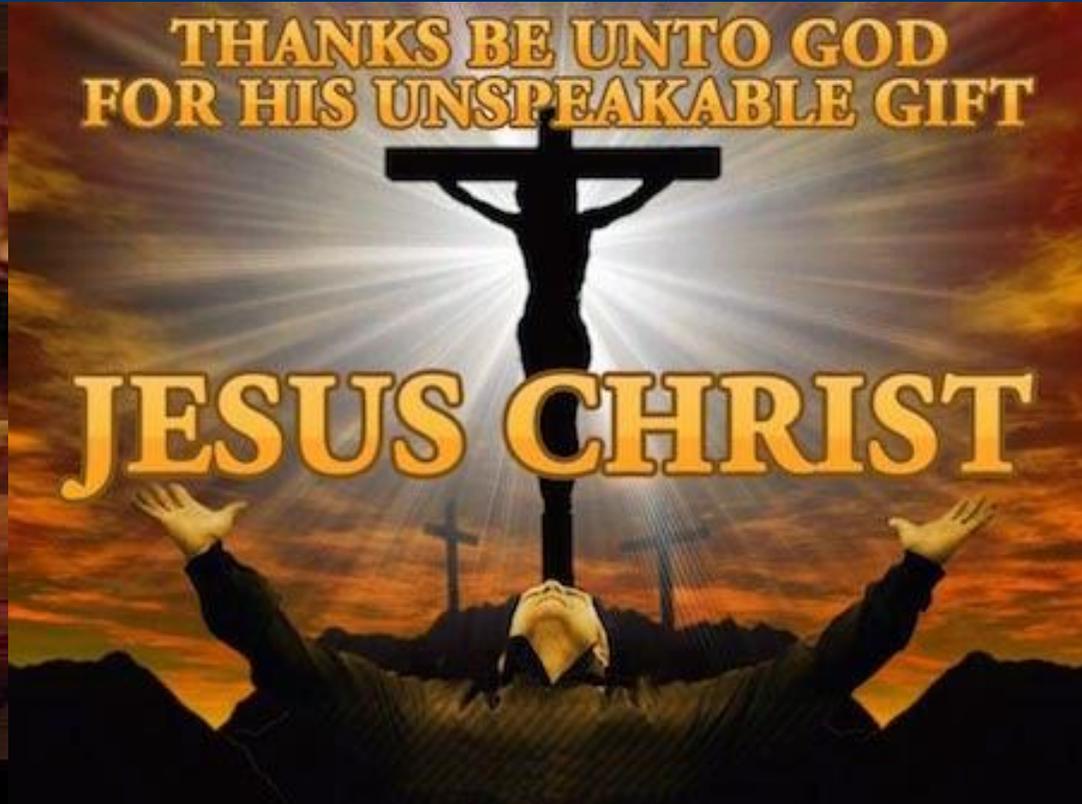
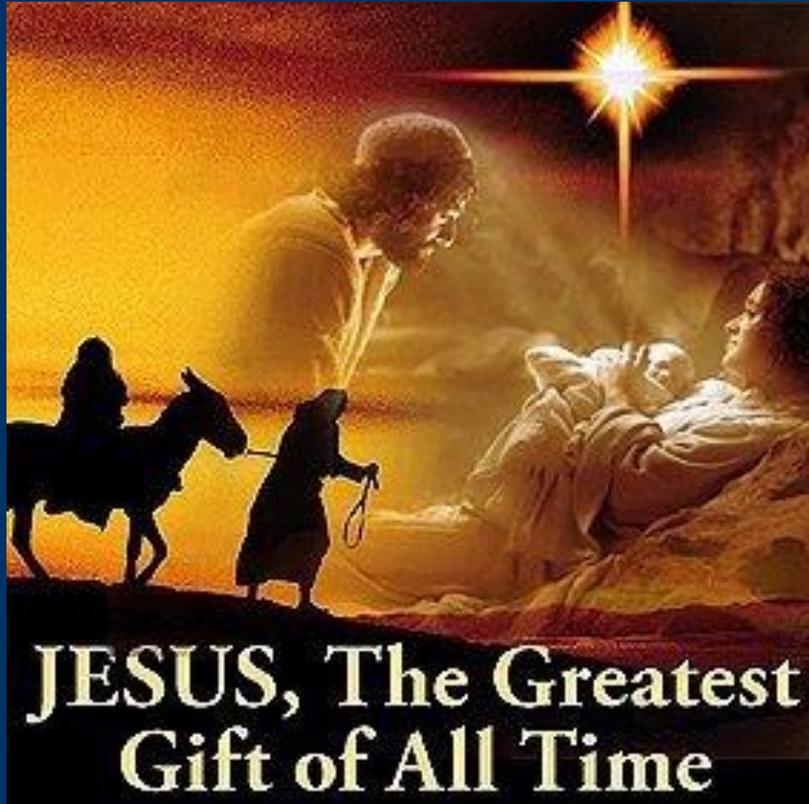
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Rom 5:20 *The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,*

“Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners.”

III. AN INDESCRIBABLE GIFT OF GRACE



2 Cr 9:15 *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

CONCLUSION:



Let us learn to give by grace the way Jesus did.



A) We are to sow bountifully so we can reap abundantly.

B) We are to give cheerfully out of our love for God.

C) We are to trust God in giving because he will provide for us.

D) We are to follow Christ's example in giving by grace.





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How does the way we responded to grace affects the way we live our life for God?*
- 2. How would you describe grace to a non-believer? Is there anyone who does not need grace? Why?*
- 3. How does God's grace affect your life since you place your faith in Him?*
- 4. Is there any difference between now and then in the way you give to God and others?*
- 5. Share from your personal experience an incident where you considered is God's grace in your life?*



Scripture References:

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