

AMAZING GRACE

WORSHIP *is* WAR



1 Corinthians 1 (ESV)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge

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6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

The Point

God's grace is amazing because it comes from Him, is freely given through Jesus, and sustains us every day until we reach heaven.

Introduction

- Paul wrote to a very broken church in Corinth — full of sin, division & confusion.
- Instead of beginning with anger or correction, Paul began with grace.
- He reminded the Corinthians & reminds us that worship is our response to God's grace.
- Grace is not just what starts our faith; it sustains & completes it.
- Every part of our salvation story is an act of God's grace.

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- Grace originates in God's heart.
- Like the Nile River starts from a spring, every drop of grace in our lives flows from the heart of God.
- We didn't find God—He found us.

***10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
(Luke 19:10 ESV)***

Exploring God's Grace

- Grace is unearned & undeserved - Salvation is not a paycheck; it's a gift.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

(Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV)

Exploring God's Grace

- God's grace meets us where we are — even in our failures or weakness.
- Grace reveals who God truly is - From Genesis to Revelation, God is consistently gracious.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8 ESV)



TRANSFORMED
BY GRACE

Transformed By Grace

- Grace rescues, not coaches.
- God didn't stand on the shore shouting "Try harder!" — He reached into the water & pulled us out.
- Grace cost Jesus His life - It is free to us but not cheap.

20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:20 ESV)

- Grace finds us even when we run — God gives us mercy instead of anger.

Transformed By Grace

- Grace gives us new life & new identity.
- We are not just forgiven — We are transformed.

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
(2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)*

Transformed By Grace

- Grace is abundant and overflowing - God never runs out of grace, no matter how much we need.

20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, (Romans 5:20 ESV)

A rectangular image of ocean waves, showing a close-up of the water's surface with small, rhythmic ripples. The water is a deep blue-grey color. Overlaid on this image is the text "SUSTAINING GRACE" in a large, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in two lines: "SUSTAINING" on the top line and "GRACE" on the bottom line. The letters have a thin black outline, making them stand out against the textured background of the water.

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Sustaining Grace

- Grace enriches us in every way.

5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge (1 Corinthians 1:5 ESV)

- Grace doesn't just save us - it equips us for life.
- Grace is active even when we are not - God does the work; we receive it.
- Grace keeps pouring even when we feel weak or weary.

Sustaining Grace

- God's grace is not temporary - it lasts for eternity.
- Grace connects us to Jesus - Before grace is a "what," it is a "who."
- Grace brings peace, freedom & gratitude.

Sustaining Grace

- Because of grace, we can stop performing & rest in God's love.

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

Practical Application

- Stop trying to earn God's approval — you already have it.
- Offer forgiveness to others as freely as grace has been offered to you.
- Replace self-criticism with gratitude — grace covers your weaknesses.
- When you feel alone, remember grace keeps you and will never let you go.
- Let grace quiet your fears about aging, illness, or death — God sustains you.

Discussion Questions

- Can you recall a time when you felt God's grace reached you in a low place?
- Why do you think grace is both free and costly at the same time?
- What difference does it make to know that grace sustains you until the very end?
- How can we show God's amazing grace to others in our community this week?

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