

Amazing Grace!

Jn 1:14-18

“God SO loved the world...!”

Jn 3:16

DAVID Ps 32:1-2...5

How? Rom 4:4-8

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Ps 51:1

“be gracious” NASB “have mercy upon me” NKJV

- filthy! **v2**
- guilty! **v2**
- no excuse ! **v4**

confidence of His grace and forgiveness brings...

- joy & gladness **v8**
- steadfast spirit **v10**
- willing spirit **v12-13**
- praise! **v14-15**

Cannot do enough to erase his sin **v16,17**

Only hope...?

God LOVED David, the sinner!

PETER

How? Ac 15:9-11

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opportunities ... blind (**Mk 14:27**) arrogant (**v29**), negligent (**v38**), deserter (**v50**), denied him, even with false swearing (**v66f**) ... forgiven!

Only hope...?

God LOVED Peter, even with all his faults!

Such grace demands obedient lives

1&2 Peter ... 1Pt 5:12; 1Pt 1:14-16; 2:1; 3:11-12 ...ff

EPHESIANS

Forgiven? How...?

Eph 1:6-7; 2:1-9

ignorance, idolatry (**Ac19**), lusts (**Eph 4:17,22**),
untruthfulness (**4:25**), stealing (**4:28**), filthy
language (**4:29**), shameful immorality (**5:5:3-5...8**)

Only hope...?

God LOVED the Ephesians !

To know & believe this grace in Christ gives *strength!*
3:14-15

Calls for a “walk” befitting the God of this grace **2:10**
(chs 4-6)

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PAUL

Forgiven? How...?

1Tim 1:14

“formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor” **1Tim 1:13**; “foremost”/“chief” of sinners **v15!**

Only hope...?

God LOVED even Paul!

Example! **1Tim 1:15-17**

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***The man who didn't need grace
... and the one who did***

Lk 18:9-14

Which one are you / me?!

Acts 20:32

*“commend you to God & the word of His **grace** ... build you up ...”*

1Jn 1:9...2:1

**Hope for those who, once cleansed,
sin ... disappointed, ashamed ...**

Q: Does salvation by grace thru faith exclude baptism as a requisite to salvation? **NO!**

- Noah was sav. **by grace thru faith**—had to build an ark! **Gen 6:8; Heb 11:7**
- Ephesians saved **by grace thru faith** **Eph 2:8** — washed in baptism! **Eph 5:26; Ac 19:5**
- **Mk 16:16** – Did Jesus nullify grace?
- **Ac 2:38** – Did Peter nullify grace?
- **Ac 22:16** – Did Ananias nullify grace?

Q: What does WATER have to do with it? Nothing in and of itself. It is by the **AMAZING GRACE of God that He promises remission from our sins when baptized!**

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