



“Amazing Grace”

- One of the most recognized songs in the English-speaking world
- Estimated to be performed 10 million times annually
- Recorded on over 11 thousand albums
- Subject of a 2006 Hollywood movie & 2014 Broadway musical
- Sung or played at funerals of many—including US presidents
- Has become, in America, a sort of "spiritual national anthem"

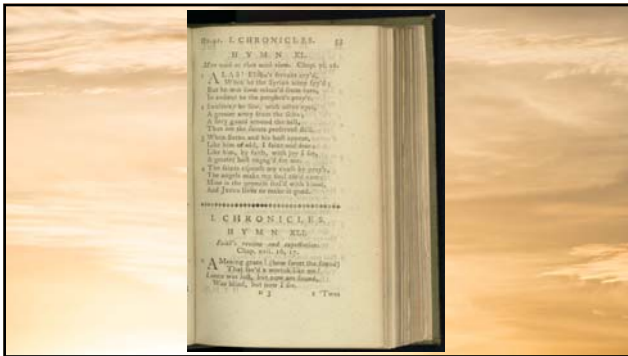
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- Lyrics written in late 1772 by John Newton, a British Anglican pastor, as a poem entitled "Faith's Review And Expectation"
- First chanted or sung by Newton's congregation on New Year's Day, 1773—to reinforce his sermon based on I Chron.17:16-17

Who am I, O Lord God...that you have brought me this far? And now, Lord, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! You speak as though I were someone very great, O Lord God!

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- First published in 1779 in a collection called "Olney Hymns" that included lyrics to 280 songs written by John Newton
- “Amazing Grace” was linked to more than 20 melodies through the years. Then, in 1835, the lyrics were joined to the folk tune "New Britain" by American William Walker, a Baptist song leader.



Saving Grace! God's Riches At Christ's Expense *Amazing Grace...that saved...me!*

Titus 2:11 & Ephesians 2:8-9; 1:7-8, NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people...it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast...In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

Sweet-Sounding Grace!

*Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!*

Romans 7:24-25 & I Corinthians 15:10, NIV

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!...by the grace of God I am what I am...

Note: In 1 Timothy 1, the Apostle Paul includes "slave traders" (v.10) among those who live contrary to the gospel. He then adds, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (v.15)—even, "the worst of sinners" (v.16).

John Newton

At age 82

*My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things:
that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior!*

On his tombstone

*John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of
slavers in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed
to preach the faith he had so long labored to destroy.*

Amazing Transformation!

The Testimony of Every Christ-Follower!

I once was lost, but now am found...

Luke 15: 23-24, NIV

Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

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...was blind, but now I see.

2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel...

John 9:25, NIV

One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see.

Amazingly Good News!

**God is willing to give us MERCY and GRACE—
rather than the JUSTICE we deserve!**

Acts 17:31; Titus 3:5 & 7, NLT

For [God] has set a day for judging the world with justice...But when God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy...Because of his grace, he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Justice...Mercy...Grace

Justice = Getting The Bad We Deserve

Mercy = NOT Getting The Bad We Deserve

Grace = Getting The Good We DON'T Deserve

Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound!
