

Truly Amazing Grace June 11, 2023

How do you define the word grace?

Why is it so surprising that John Newton wrote the song "Amazing Grace"?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

Renee' said, "Dead people don't need regulations they need resurrection". What does this statement mean? How should understanding this change the way we minister to those who are not yet believers?

Were you surprised by the % of <u>Christians</u> who believe that getting into heaven is based on being "good"? Why is this so concerning?

Renee' pointed out that if heaven were earned, it would either breed arrogance or despair? Explain why those would be the natural responses. What would you say to someone who is striving to be good enough to make it into heaven?

Read Romans 1:20 and Re-Read Ephesians 2:10

The Greek word for handiwork or what He made is *Poiema* and it is where we get the word poem. It is reserved for paintings, gourmet meals and works of art. How does this change your understanding of our relationship with God? Is it difficult to see yourself as a work of art designed by God? How do you respond to the fact that God created you to do good works which He prepared in advance?

End your time by listening to (and singing along) to the song "Amazing Grace". Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the gift of grace in your life. Also ask Him to help you share that grace with others.

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