

I. Before we experienced amazing grace

A. We were spiritually dead

“The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23a)

B. We lived like the world

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world.” (Romans 12:2a)

C. We followed the ways of the devil

D. We were disobedient to God

E. We were led by our sinful nature

“For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:17)

F. We were doomed for God’s condemning judgment

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (John 3:18)

II. The experience of amazing grace

A. Salvation is motivated by God’s love

“But God demonstrates his own love to us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

B. Salvation is a gift from God

“The gift of God is eternal life.” (Romans 6:23b)

C. Salvation cannot be earned

“We believe that it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that we are saved.” (Acts 15:11)

D. Salvation is received by faith

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

III. After we experience amazing grace

A. We are spiritually alive with Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

B. We are saved from condemnation

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

C. We are raised to new life in God's kingdom

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

D. We are witnesses of God's grace

E. We are products of God's grace

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

F. We are servants of God's grace