

The Amazing Story of God's Amazing Grace

Romans 4

Preachers never get tired of telling the story of John Newton, who lived in the 1700's.

He wrote 100's of sermons, he wrote a number of books, but most of all we remember J.N. for a song he wrote, "Amazing Grace....."

J.N. didn't start out as a song writer. He had a Godly mother and a wicked father.....

Now what is Grace ?

Grace is the unmerited favor and kindness of God shown to someone who does not _____ it and cannot _____ it.

Now in Romans chapters 1-3 Paul gives us the bad news about sin and wickedness.

He's talked to the heathen, to the..... and Paul sums up Romans chapters 1-3 in Rom. 3:23, "That all....." Now that's the bad news that makes Good.

Now in Romans 4 & 5 we're going to see God's A. G. according to 3 men.

According to.....! Notice 3 things:

I. The Grace that Abraham _____ 4:1 "hath found"

Abraham made a A. G.

You remember A was the brightest star in the _____ heaven.

He was the _____ of the Jewish nation. He was the _____ of the Jewish faith.

He was the only person in the Bible called the _____ of God.

Now to the Jews, "IF" there was anyone who could ever get to heaven by good works it was Abe.

You remember the story of Abe in Genesis, God came to A and called him to leave his father & mother, leave the land of Ur and go to a land he'd never seen.

God told him He would make him the "father of a great nation" and that he would have a son A believed God.

Now A discovered 2 things about salvation by grace and not of works.

1. Salvation by grace respects God's _____ ! v2

You see if A could have been saved by good works he could have boasted about it, he could have..... But when A believed in God GLORY !

The best thing you and I can ever do to glorify God is to _____ God and trust in His A. G.

That's why when we get to Heaven we'll be singing, JESUS PAID IT ALL.....

Remember this: There are NO _____ in Heaven !

2. Salvation by grace receives God's _____ ! v3 "counted"

Means to impute, to charge to ones account. v6, 8, 22-23

Now watch this: Adam's sin was imputed to _____. Romans 5:12

Our sin was imputed to _____. 2nd Corinthians 5:21

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Jesus carried our sins to the cross.

Then when we place our faith & trust in the L.J.C., then Jesus' righteousness is imputed to us as _____ who are saved by grace. v3 Now that's the grace A discovered.

II. The Grace that David _____ v6-8

Now when we think of A we think of one of God's greatest _____ and when we think of David, we think we think about one of God's greatest _____.

You remember the story: David committed adultery with B and then he tried to cover up his sin by having B's husband murdered. David was worthy of death but God brought him..... David wrote about this in **Psalm 32:1-2**

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

There was nothing David could do to erase his sin, David deserved.....

But God in His mercy showed him His A. G.

Now when we come to Jesus by grace alone, by faith alone, in Christ alone David describes 2 things God does with our sins. According to v7 when we come to Jesus:

1. No. 1 Our iniquities are _____ v7

2. No. 2 Our sins are _____ v7

For what God..... Micah 7:19; Isaiah 38:17; Psalm 103:12

III. The Grace that Paul _____ ! Rom. 5:1-2 v20

Key thought: Salvation is not by rituals, it's not by resolve, it's by _____ !

We receive God's A. G. when we receive Jesus Christ as our personal L&S. John 1:12

William Cowper lived in the 1700's in Paris. He was a man tormented in his mind, he was so distraught he tried to commit suicide.

_____ times by drowning.....

_____ times he tried poison.....

_____ times he took a gun.....

Then somebody told W. C. about Jesus and he Savior's short time later he wrote this song, "There.....

That's Amazing Grace that saved a wretch like **ME**