

God promises grace to battle sin and to overcome sin. We believe that God gives that kind of grace to his people. This is not something we deserve; it is not something he owes us, but he gives it anyway. It is undeserved, the overflow of his love for us.

And we long for that grace—the grace to put sin to death, the grace to bring righteousness to life, the grace to be who and what God calls us to be.

God gives that grace, but for some reason—his good reasons—it rarely comes in the form we would prefer. God gives it not in the form we want but in the form we need. We want God to zap away our sin, to instantly and permanently remove it. Those desires, those addictions, those idolatries—we want them to be lifted and to be gone that very moment.

God could do this. He has the strength and the power. And occasionally he does do this, he removes the sin and the temptation to sin in an instant, and it never comes back

with the same strength and the same force.

But more commonly God's grace is not manifested in the instant obliteration of a sin. Instead, his grace is manifested in a newfound desire to destroy that sin. God does not zap away our sin, but gives us a new hatred for it and a new desire to do the hard work of battling it. He does not sovereignly remove it in a moment, but extends grace so we can battle it for a lifetime. He extends grace so we can see continuous, incremental success, knowing our weakness and crying out for his strength. He gives what we need, even if it isn't quite what we want.

And this, too, is grace. This, too, is undeserved favor from a loving God. This, somehow, must be far better for us than the alternative. "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Events

Today
Hawfields Ministry 3 PM
1/7 College & Career Lunch 1 PM
1/12 College & Career Mystery
Dinner 4 PM
1/14 Communion-Evening Service

Give



Upcoming



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm
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“I know
the plans I have for you,
plans for a **FUTURE**
and a **HOPE**”

Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Preparatory

Pastor Stephen Byrd
#135 I Greet Thee
Matthew 27:1-23, page 833

#590 Peace, Perfect Peace
Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*(Chorus) My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

Pastor Bob Prentice
#133 O For a Thousand
Psalm 2, page 448

In My Heart

1. In my heart there is a stirring, one that did not start with me;
A love to worship my Creator, to show His love for all to see.
**I will worship, I will honor, I will exalt the Lord above;
All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love.**

2. In my heart there is a treason, one that poisons all my love.
Take my heart and consecrate it, wash it in Your cleansing flood.
**I will worship, I will honor, I will exalt the Lord above;
All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love.**

3. Tie me to the Rock unchanging, tie me to His wondrous cross.
I'll fix my eyes upon the Savior, all other things I count as loss.
**I will worship, I will honor, I will exalt the Lord above;
All my days I'll sing the praises of His great redeeming love.
(repeat chorus)**

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Preparatory Our God Reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

2. He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
that we should be drawn to Him.
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
yet now He reigns with the Most High. Chorus

3. Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive. Chorus

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton