

CCC Message Notes

Were It Not for Grace

Reflecting on Where We'd Be Without God's Grace -
Celebrating the Wonder of Where We Are & Will Be Because of It
"Songs that Celebrate the King & the Kingdom" Summer 2017 series - part 2
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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Apart from God's grace we'd have no hope forever.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Elevate & celebrate God's grace with passion, purity, power & praise.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but not am found, was blind but now I see." So goes the first verse of what is arguably the most well known hymn on the planet.

This morning we're hopefully going to connect with God through another great song concerning His grace in light of some of what the Bible tells us about it. We need God's point of view because it's the only right one.

One of the results of this message that I've been praying for is that we'll each get a fresh glimpse of how real it is that God intends for what grace is & does to be evident in our lives so it will be expressed through our lives. As is always the case, there's a lost & dying world filled with people like us desperate beyond their awareness of their need for His life-giving grace. Only He can make that happen. That He will should be the cry of each of our hearts.

God's Grace ...

1. CALLS & COMPELS us TO CHRIST.

Grace is at the core of our conversion.
Ephesians 2:8-9 (& don't forget verse 10!!!)

2. INSTRUCTS & INSPIRES us IN CHRIST.

God's grace is a powerful & purifying reality.
Titus 2:11-14

3. RESCUES & REDEEMS us FOR CHRIST.

Were it not for grace we would not be truly alive now & forever.
Colossians 1:1-14 (especially v6)

Making It Real Questions

- * Are you totally convinced the reason you're a Christian is because of God's grace?
- * Is the purifying & focus described here descriptive of your life?
- * Do you regularly celebrate the rescue & redemption God pulled off & provides on your behalf all because of His grace?

Action Step

Write a 3rd verse to this song expressing your appreciation to God for His grace.