



**HOTF - Amazing Grace**  
**Titus 3:4-7**  
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There are some songs we sing because they're familiar and others we sing because they tell our story.

The hymn was born from the life of John Newton, a man who knew what it meant to be spiritually shipwrecked.

*Once a slave trader, hardened and far from God, Newton encountered the mercy of Christ in the middle of a violent storm at sea.*

*He wrote Amazing Grace in 1772, he wasn't crafting poetry he was confessing the miracle that had remade his life.*



***Introductory Thoughts***

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### ***Grace That Saves - Verse 1***

God's grace is certainly amazing, because it is by the exceeding riches of His grace that we are saved – Ephesians 2.4-7.

While many who sing these words may not feel like wretches the apostle Paul certainly did because of His sin - 1 Corinthians 15.10.

Like the prodigal son, once we were lost, but having returned home, now we have been found - Luke 15.32.

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### ***Grace That Teaches and Calms - Verse 2***

God certainly wants us to fear Him – Ecclesiastes 12.13-14.

Yet, at the same time, God's grace will relieve those fears which would keep us from doing God's will – 2 Timothy 1.7.

It is God's grace that teaches us these things.

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### *Grace Through Trials - Verse 3*

Surely everyone passes through many dangers, toils, and snares in this life as we experience various trials and tribulations - Acts 14.22.

Just as Samuel raised up a stone and named it Ebenezer, those who are Christians can say that "thus far the Lord has helped us" - 1 Samuel 7.12.

And we understand that it will be by God's grace that we are led through any future troubles and difficulties to our eternal home - 1 Peter 1.13.

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### *Grace Grounded in God's Promises - Verse 4*

The good that God promises is not just good things in this life, although He gives us every good and perfect gift but rather is the spiritual good that He has prepared for those who love Him - James 1.14 - Romans 8.28.

And our hope for His good, both in this life and in the next, is secured by His word - Acts 20.32.

In this manner, He will be our shield and portion throughout life - Psalm 115.9.

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### *Grace Beyond Death - Verse 5*

Unless the Lord comes first, for each one of us, someday  
this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease  
– Hebrews 9.27.

But God has something prepared for His people "within  
the veil" - Hebrews 6.19-20.

Thus, what we can look forward to is a life eternal of joy  
and peace - 1 John 2.25.

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### *Grace in Eternal Praise - Verse 6*

This verse was not included in the original song but was  
added in the 1800s.

Some have objected to the clause, "When we've been  
there ten thousand years," because they say there is no  
time in heaven; but this is just the poet's way of making  
that very point - 2 Peter 3.8.

The saints are pictured in heaven as shining forth as the  
sun - Matthew 13.43.

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But even when the equivalent of ten thousand earth years have passed, we've no less days to sing God's praise because our existence there is referred to as everlasting life - Matthew 25.34, 46.

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Newton's original stanza 6 is universally omitted from all hymnbooks today.

"The earth shall then dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine."



*Closing Remarks*

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Grace is not a doctrine to admire—it is a gift to receive.  
God’s pursuing love is reaching for every heart today.  
The same grace Newton wrote of is available now.



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