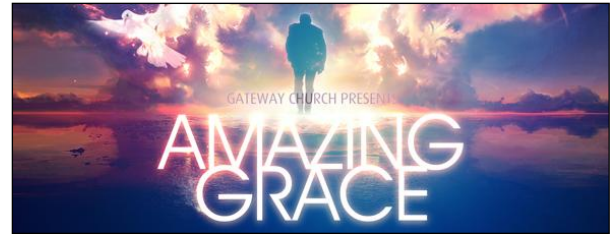


Amazing Grace

Week 4: Healing Grace

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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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I am well content in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:9-10



God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

What things in life wound our lives?

The loss of friendships, freedom, love, dreams, direction, loved ones.

The result is a cracked mirror: how we see ourselves.

<i>Who am I?</i>	Identity
<i>Where do I belong?</i>	Acceptance
<i>Where am I going?</i>	Destiny
<i>Do I have what it takes?</i>	Competency

The result is fogging glasses: how we see our world.

History: What we've been told
Environment: To what we are exposed
Culture: What we've been shown
Events: What has happened

Talk about a wound that changed the way you see yourself, your world and God.

The measurement of God's healing grace in your life is found in the price of your redemption!

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Pet. 1:18-19
You (God) created every part of me. You put me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvellous. Psalm 139:13-14*

HOW GOD SEES ME BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE

1. I am acceptable.

*Christ has accepted you. Romans 15:7 (NIV)
You have been chosen by God Himself. 1 Peter 2:9 (LB)
Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Ps. 27:10 (INV)*

2. I am valuable.

*You belong to God... 1 John 4:4
You have been bought and paid for by Christ so you belong to Him... 1 Cor. 7:23 (LB)
God says, "You are precious to Me." Isa. 43:4 (GN)*

3. I am lovable.

The mountains and hills may crumble but My love for you will never end; so says the Lord who loves you. Isa. 54:10 (GN)

4. I am forgivable.

*"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you." Isa. 43:25 (GN)
Through what Christ would do for us, God decided to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault – we stand before Him covered with His love. Eph. 1:4 (LB)*

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5. I am capable.

I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me – I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me, that is, I am self sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency! Phil. 4:13 (Amp)

Once you were less than nothing; now you are God’s own! 2 Pet. 2:10 (LB)

May the God of hope fill you with joy... that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope. Rom. 15:13 (Ph)

HOW DOES GRACE HEAL?

Know that God is with me.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Ps.34:18

Know that God is aware.

“You (God) keep a close watch on all my paths.” Job 13:27

Know that God cares.

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7

Know that God wants to help.

Let us approach (God) with confidence, so we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16

Release the hurt.

How?

I must stop focusing on what’s lost and start focusing on what’s left.

You choose what you do with your hurt:

Repress it Rehearse it Resent it Release it

But now, this is what the LORD says: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One, your Saviour. You are precious and honoured in my sight, and I love you. Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Isaiah 43