

TIME OF SERVICES

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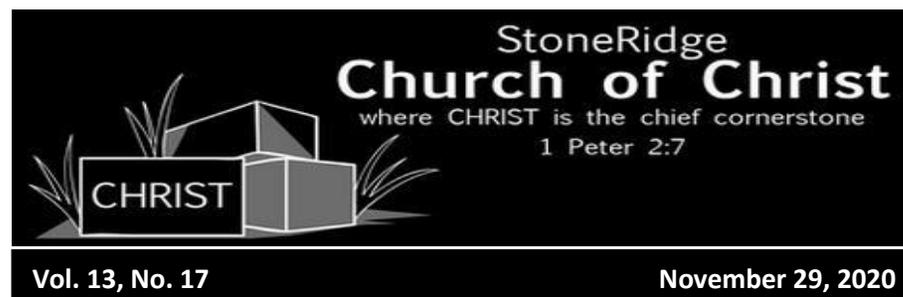
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UN-Amazing Grace

Yes! Yes, the grace of God is amazing – and beyond amazing! The way He loves us, forgives us, serves us, came and died for us – inexpressible, amazing grace!

God's grace is amazing because of its "exceeding riches" (Eph 2:7), but it is also amazing because it is rare. *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom 5:7,8). But, should it be so rare?

Most human grace is un-amazing. *"...if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same"* (Lk 6:32,33). People don't experience amazing grace, but we're different. We revel in the amazing grace of God, desperately needing it, continually praising Him for it, but then are content to extend un-amazing personal grace to others. We love others like the world does – loving the lovable. We love those who love us, who benefit us, who reciprocate. There's certainly nothing amazing about that.

Think of Christ's love challenge: *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"* (John 15:12). Every amazing facet of the love of God that we discover is to inspire amazing love in ourselves toward others. Toward all others! Don't be content with un-amazing love in any situation. In fact, in unloving situations – when others are unlovable and the world wouldn't love them – we have the best opportunities to show the amazing grace of God that is in us.

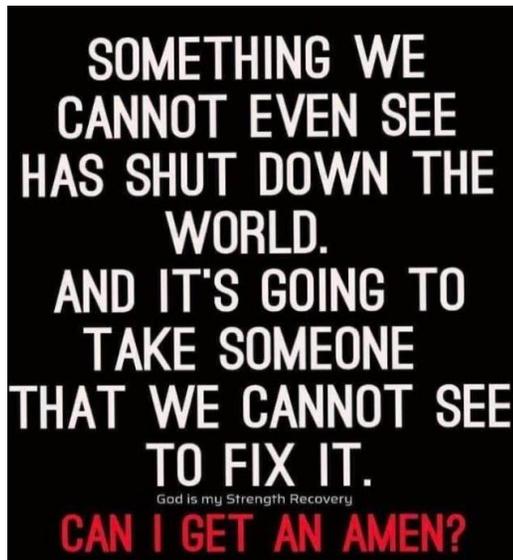


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Are we content with un-amazing grace in the area of forgiveness? It requires amazing for God to satisfy our desperate spiritual needs. What do we do with Eph 4:32 which says we are to be "...forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you?" Is our forgiveness of others amazing or un-amazing grace? How can we require amazing grace for our unforgiveables, then extend un-amazing grade that only forgives forgivables? Isn't it in unforgivable situations that we have the best opportunities to show the amazing grace of God that is in us?

After Jesus amazing act of humble service in washing the disciples' feet He concluded: "...I have given you an example, that you shod do as I have done to you" (Jn 13:15). All service toward God and others should be amazing acts of humble sacrifice. Jesus was not satisfied with un-amazing grace in anything He did. It's not about the other's worthiness, deserving, what they do for us, or what they will do with what we give them. None in those motivations are amazing. None of those motivations were involved in God's amazing grace to us. It's time for us to show the world that Christ is different – He's amazing, and He's in us.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." (Phil 2:5). ++



News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. Continue to remember **Elizabeth Keller** and **Alice Stevens** in their ongoing health challenges..... **Wanda Camp** continues to recover from a broken foot... **Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's and has been diagnosed with Covid....Remember **Janis Glover** as she deals with heart issues. ...Remember **Franklin** and **Cheryl Roach** and **Dean Markle** who have been sick...I am recovering from a procedure to repair a hole in my heart. Hopefully that hole has been made whole....Shut-ins: **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Gail Brooks** has been unable to be out...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...

A Prayer

Father God, You have brought me to this place in my life, with the circumstances I'm experiencing, the people I'm involved with, because You desire to be invited into my life more fully. Father, please quiet the thoughts and feelings that prevent me from opening myself to You completely. Confuse and weaken the enemy who seeks to block me from inviting You in. Help me to resist the distractions of daily life that prevent me from opening my heart to You. Father, I ask that You move what I know about You from my head to my heart, so that I go beyond knowing about you to knowing You as my Heavenly Father. I want nothing more than a close, intimate relationship with You. But I recognize that the desire and my own will is just the beginning – I also need the grace and mercy You have promised us. Cleanse my heart and purify my motives. Direct me to Your Word and bring into my life the people and resources that can help me to walk closer to You.

I thank You and praise You, Heavenly Father: Creator of the universe, the One who made the oceans and the seas, Who made all the stars and the planets, and each animal and plant. That You, Father, would also want a relationship with me is beyond my understanding. But I gratefully accept Your invitation with every cell in my body.

May your will be done...by the power of, and in the name of Jesus, I pray this, Amen.

Don't treat people as bad as they are; treat them as good as you are.

