



SO AMAZING

The graphic features the words "SO AMAZING" in a large, bold, serif font. The letters are filled with a purple and white marbled pattern. Below this, the word "GRACE" is written in a smaller, solid purple serif font. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a subtle purple gradient at the bottom.

LOVE SO AMAZING → GRACE SO AMAZING
Eph. 2:1-10

Eph. 2:1 And you *hath* **he** quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But **God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved;**)

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come **he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace** in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Last week, we began looking at our new theme, *Grace So Amazing*, by considering the Book of Ephesians. We began with...

I. THE PAST EXPOSED, 2:1-3

- A. Sinners Were Spiritually Dead, 2:1
- B. Sinners Were Spiritually Deluded, 2:2a
- C. Sinners Were Spiritually Disobedient, 2:2b
- D. Sinners Were Spiritually Defiled, 2:3a
- E. Sinners Were Spiritually Doomed, 2:3b

II. THE PRESENT EXERCISE, 2:4-6

A. God's Love Shown to Us, 2:4-5a

1. Its Richness, 2:4

2. Its Reality, 2:5a

B. God's Love Shared with Us, 2:5b-6

1. It Plucked us from the Tomb, 2:5b-6a

2. It Placed us on the Throne, 2:6b

Our passage encapsulates many major doctrinal truths: holiness, sin, love, mercy, grace, faith, and peace. Look for these topics while we consider this passage on *Grace So Amazing*.

This morning, we continue in chapter two to see God's perspective of His *Grace So Amazing*.

- ❖ Everything begins with God.
- ❖ Everything is “**to the praise of the glory of his grace...**” (1:6.)

Eph. 1:6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace,**
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
7 In whom we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of
his grace;**

- ❖ Our relationship with God begins with the redemption of sins, through His blood – 1:7 – which is “...according to **the riches of his grace;**”
- ❖ As we continue in chapter two, we will see what is expected by *Grace is So Amazing*, and the purpose of exhibiting “the riches of his grace...in the ages to come.”

III. THE PROSPECT EXPECTED, 2:7-10

A. Unstinted Grace, 2:7-9

1. Eternally Revealed Through Us, 2:7

Eph. 2:7 **That in the ages to come** he might shew **the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

- ❖ The subordinating conjunction “*That*,” is connecting verses 4-6 to explain the purpose that God has intended for believer – “...he might shew...” – to make fully evident of an undeniable display of the exceeding riches of God’s grace that was given to mankind.

Original Word: ἵνα; **Transliteration:** hina

Definition: in order that, that, so that; **Usage:** in order that, so that.

hína – **for the purpose that** (in order that), looking to the aim (intended result) of the verbal idea.

hína ("for the purpose that") is "the **semantically marked (dramatic) way of expressing purpose in Greek** (G. Archer).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2443.htm>

- ❖ The culmination of “the big picture” is the revealing of the glory of God throughout eternity.

Original Word: ἐνδείκνυμι; **Transliteration:** endeiknumi

Definition: to indicate (by word or act), to prove; **Usage:** I show forth, prove.

endeíknymi – **properly, to make fully evident, showing conspicuous proof which demonstrates something as undeniable.** The prefix (*en*) adds the dimension of "abiding condition" making the "showing forth" on "open display" for all to see, i.e. *obvious* so "no one could miss it."

endeíknymi ("**undeniably display**") always occurs in the Greek *middle* voice which underlines the high level of personal interest shown by the one making something *very evident*.

[Such displaying then is always *done with high personal involvement* and sense of advantage.]

- ❖ From the beginning, the glory of God was the focus of importance, not just the blessings to mankind.

Psa. 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God;**
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

- ❖ The purpose of mankind's creation, like the universe, is for the glory of God.

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name:
for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed
him; yea, I have made him.

- ❖ An important motive for involvement in missions is to “declare his glory among the heathen.”

Psa. 96:3 **Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.**

- ❖ The immensity of the cost of salvation is seen and understood by the marvelous magnitude of God’s glory throughout eternity, testifying of greatness of salvation, “...**through Christ Jesus.**”

Psa. 21:5 **His glory is great in thy salvation:** honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

❖ Consider the greatness of the cost of salvation:

Rom. 8:32 **He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all**, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2 Cor. 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
21 For **he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isa. 53:4 Surely he hath **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* **wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities**: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

❖ The Incarnation revealed the revelation of His Son, for our comprehension of the Father:

Jn. 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and **we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth.

❖ The night before the Lord Jesus went to Calvary, He prayed a revealing desire:

Jn. 17:5 And now, **O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

Jn. 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

❖ When the Lord Jesus returns, the focus will be upon His glory:

Mt. 16:27 For **the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels**; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Mt. 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration **when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory**, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mt. 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

Mt. 25:31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory**, and all the holy angels with him, **then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**

Psa. 24:10 Who is this King of glory? **The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory.** Selah.

Psa. 138:5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: **for great *is* the glory of the LORD.**

Psa. 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; **his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.**

Summary

- ❖ In eternity, believers will express the “exceeding riches of his grace.”

Eph. 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Eph. 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Conclusion

Rom. 8:18 For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, **to *give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* ...**

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;**

1 Pet. 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**
8 Whom having not seen, **ye love**; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with **joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless **before the presence of his glory** with exceeding joy,
25 To the only wise God our Saviour, **be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.**
Amen.