

Donna's Devotional
Amazing Grace

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
not of works, lest any man should boast.—Epesians 2:8-9*

Ponder for a moment, the words to a familiar song:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

Or the words to another song,

*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me?*

Both these songs use the word *amazing* to describe something God did for me. The word *amazing* means “to overwhelm with bewilderment, wonder, greatly astonish, perplex”. The songwriters chose an excellent word to describe God’s grace—to describe God’s love for me. In all my sin, wretched as I am, the sinless, blameless Son of God loved me so much that He died for me.

We “*stand amazed in His presence,*” and wonder how He could love us so. Why did He go to Calvary, why did He subject himself to the cruel and humiliating death? All because of His great love—and you and I are the recipient of that love.

There is nothing we can do to earn that love. “All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.” Yet as filthy and despicable as our lives are, He bestowed on us his *Amazing grace*, given freely through His *Amazing Love*.

We should be overwhelmed with great astonishment at Christ’s love and gift of grace! Jesus Christ is truly *amazing!*