

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Empowered by
AMAZING GRACE



- One of the greatest blessings from our Lord is His Amazing Grace.
- His grace enables and empowers us.
 - And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength** is made perfect in **weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Before you were born, God knew exactly what you would need as you began your life here on earth.
- **His GRACE is SUFFICIENT!**



- What is Grace?
- In both the Old and the New Testaments, the word “GRACE” indicates “**FAVOR**”.
- It speaks of **God’s mercy** and **kindness** to us.
- Grace is God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense.
- Jesus paid the full price on Calvary’s cross by shedding His own blood **to purchase** us and the purpose for us.
- God’s grace is like **a check that paid for every sin** that you or I have committed.
- When we repent, **we have cashed in on the credit on our account.**

No. <u>"All" Rom. 3:23</u>	Date <u>Now 2 Cor. 6:2</u>
THE BANK OF HEAVEN	
P AY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Whosoever Believeth (John 3:16)</u>	
THE SUM OF <u>Eternal Life</u>	
FOR <u>Sin (Paid in full) Rom 5:8</u>	<u>John 1:12</u> THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- **Grace** is God's **righteousness**.
- All the skill and talent we need to do what we are called to do are **supplied to us by God's grace**.
- Grace is **HIS ABILITY**.
- When we think, "I can't"; **HE CAN**.
- Through **HIM** and **with HIS GRACE**, we can do what he has called us to do.



- God's Grace is His **ultimate insurance policy** for us.
- No matter what comes our way, He has our back and will always grant us the **confidence** to keep pressing on.
 - I press toward the mark for the prize of **the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**. Philippians 3:14
- God's Grace **gives us** HIS ABILITY.
- As we grow older, we face the challenge of learning to do new things.
- Teenagers learn to drive a car.
- Adults must adapt to change.

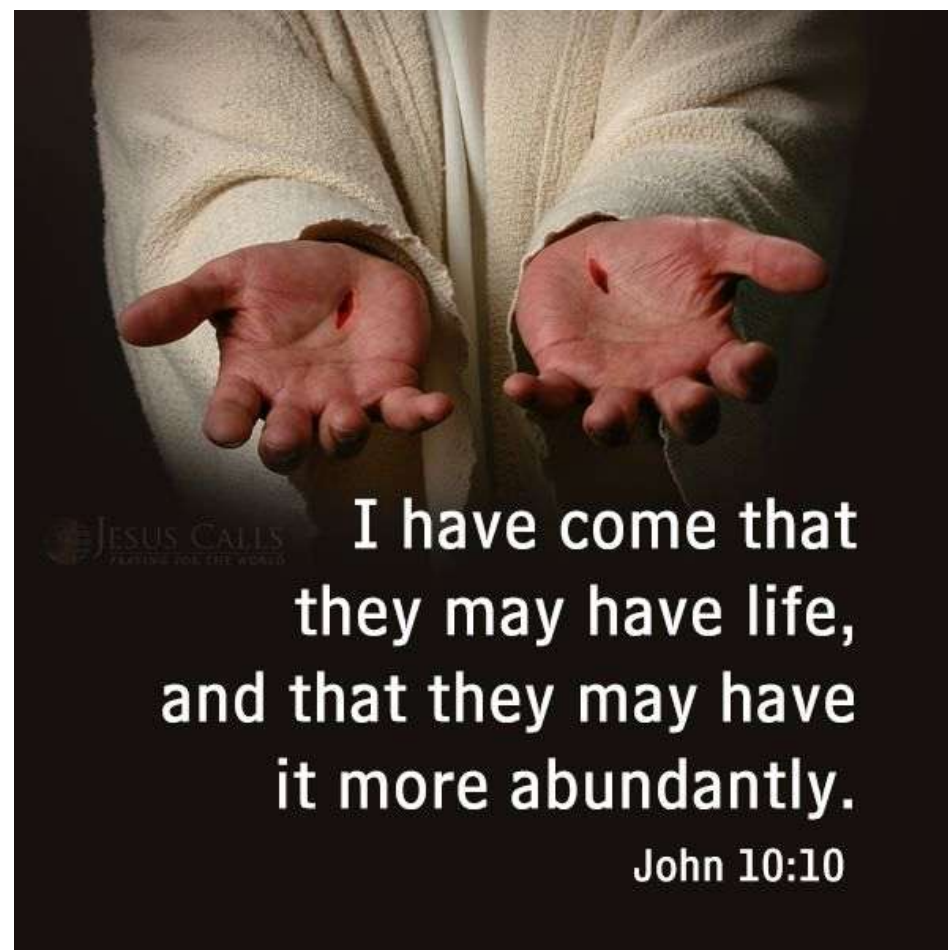
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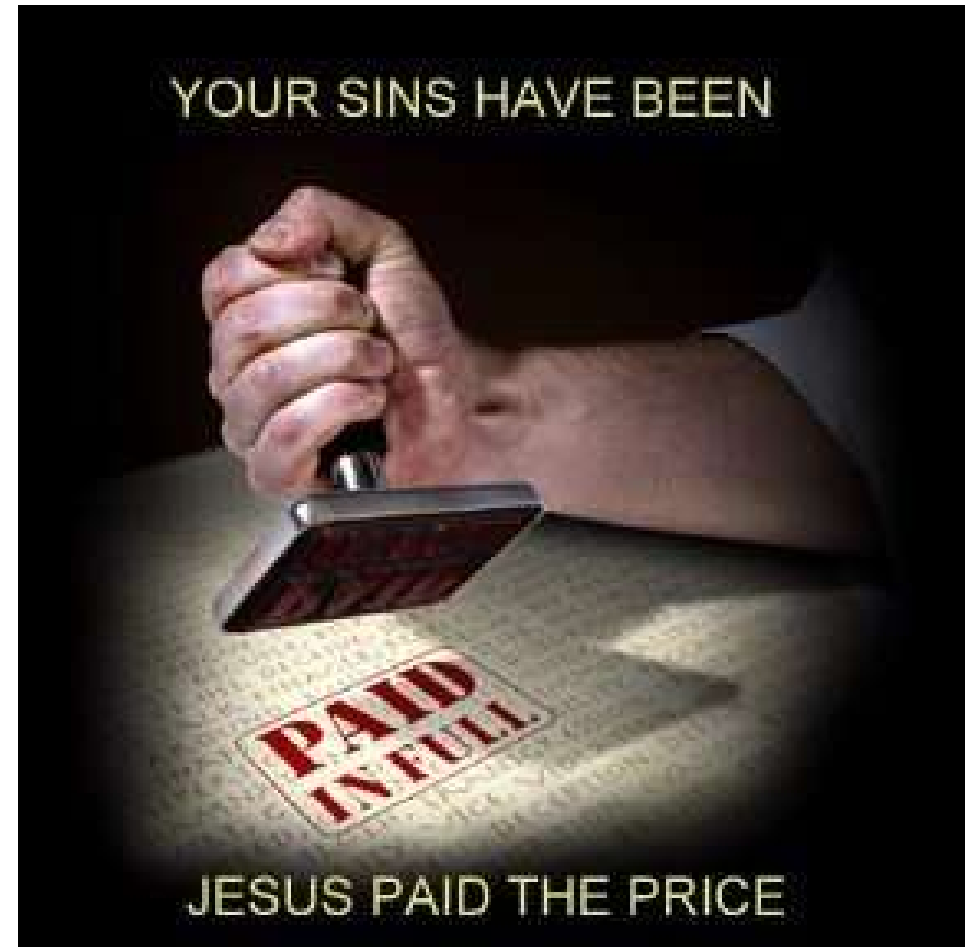
- Whenever we face a new challenge, **God's GRACE** will **give us the ability to do it.**
- His **GRACE** enables us to do our **best.**
 - And **God is able to make all grace **abound** toward you**; that ye, always **having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work.**
2 Corinthians 9:8
- The word, “**abound**” means that we will always have enough and even plenty or extra, **way beyond what we need.**
- **God's GRACE overflows and spills out on everything.**



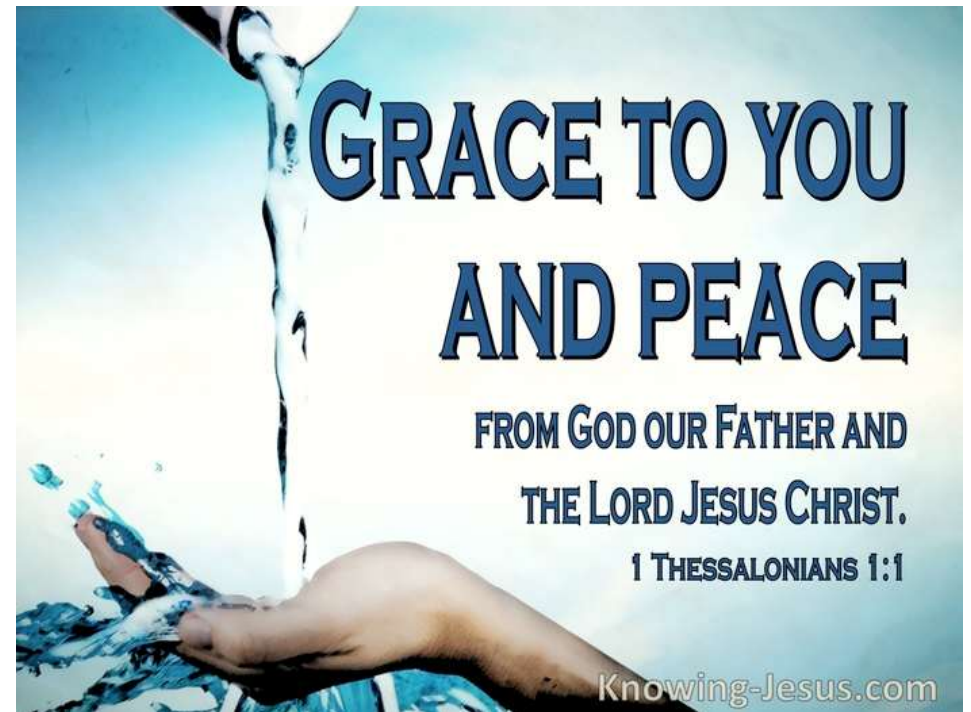
- Jesus brought God's overflowing, excessive **GRACE** to us so that we could **experience His ABUNDANT**, (extraordinary) **life**.
 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.** John 10:10
- God's **GRACE** gives us **POWER**.
- God's **GRACE** is His **ABILITY**.
- **Grace enables us**, and then **empowers** us, providing the **energy** to do what we need to do.



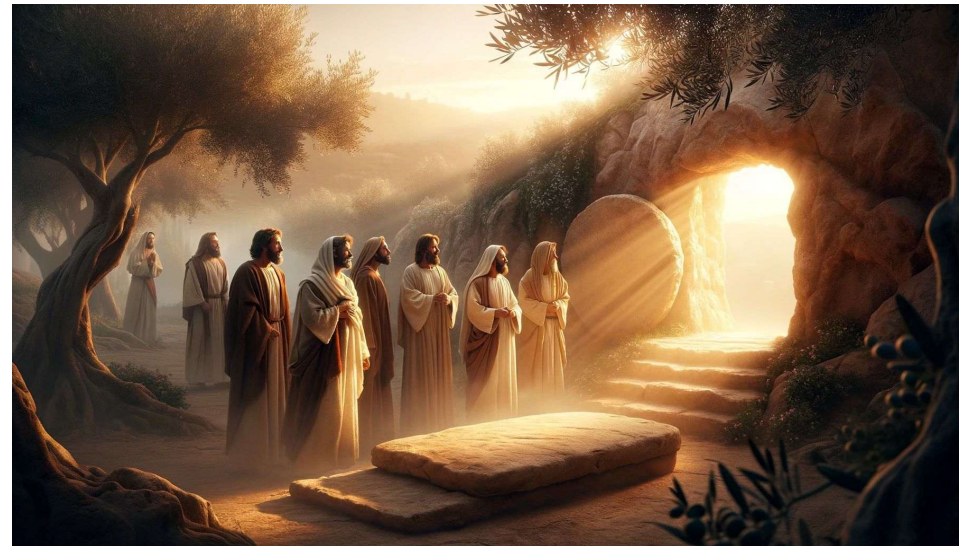
- Some synonyms for “**empower**” are “authorize, allow, and sanction.”
- **GRACE** gives you the **spiritual muscle** to get the job done, **even when you don’t feel like you can.**
- This **POWER** is not ours – **it is HIS!**
- Jesus paid the **PRICE**, and freely offers His **GRACE** to us right now, today.



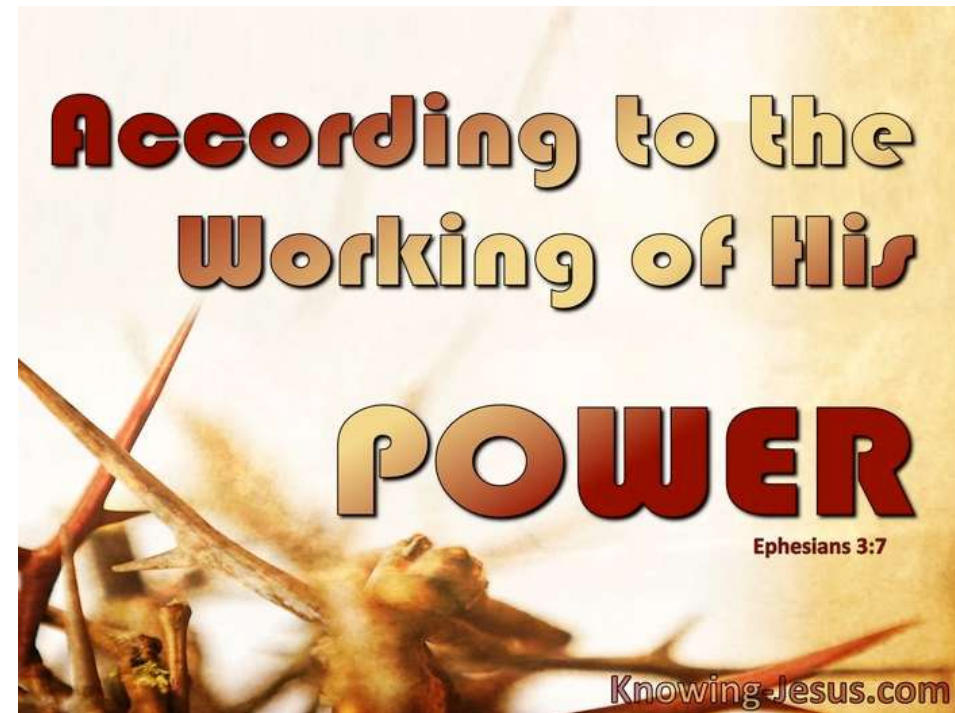
- The apostle Paul knew about God's **GRACE** when he wrote his letters, the epistles, to the different churches.
- Paul often began his letters with this prayer, "**Grace be to you.**"
 - To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints:
 - **Grace to you** and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 1:7
 - **Grace be to you** and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:2
 - **Grace be to you** and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:3
 - **Grace be to you**, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2



- The other apostles of the early church were also aware of this secret.
- Like Paul, they **could work miracles** in the Name of Jesus **because they were filled with His grace and favor**.
- The word, “**favor**” means “**kindness, liberality, or benefits**”.
 - And **with great POWER** gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: **and great GRACE was upon them all.**
Acts 4:33
- This connection between the **GRACE of God** and the **POWER of God** is also seen in Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus.



- Whereof **I was made a minister**, according to the gift of the **GRACE** of God given unto me by the effectual working of his **POWER**.
Ephesians 3:7
- **We are all called to be ministers**. You may say or think, “I can’t be a minister.”
- God’s **GRACE** will give you the **POWER** to do what He has called you to do.
- God’s **GRACE** gives us His **FAVOR**.
- All of us have favorites- favorite food, clothes, etc.
- We can even have favorite people, but we need to remember that we are to **LOVE** everyone as does Jesus our example.
 - For God so **LOVED** the world, that he **GAVE** his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



- The Bible tells us that God has a favorite place.
- It is a mountain. A mountain in the Bible is a symbol for a “**KINGDOM**”.
- God’s **favorite Kingdom or Mountain** was **ZION**.
 - Blow ye the trumpet in **Zion**, and **sound an alarm in my holy mountain**: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is nigh* at hand. Joel 2:1
 - And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and **let us go up to the mountain of the LORD**, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for the law shall go forth of Zion**, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Micah 4:2



- Mount Zion is the **CHURCH!**
- God's favorite mountain is **ZION.**
- His favorite or chosen people are His **CHURCH!**
- We are to **SOUND** the **ALARM!**
- The law, the **Word of the Lord**, will go forth from **His Church**, Mount **Zion!**
 - Thou shalt arise, *and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her*, yea, the set time, is come. Psalms 102:13
- **He FAVORS His PEOPLE, ZION.**



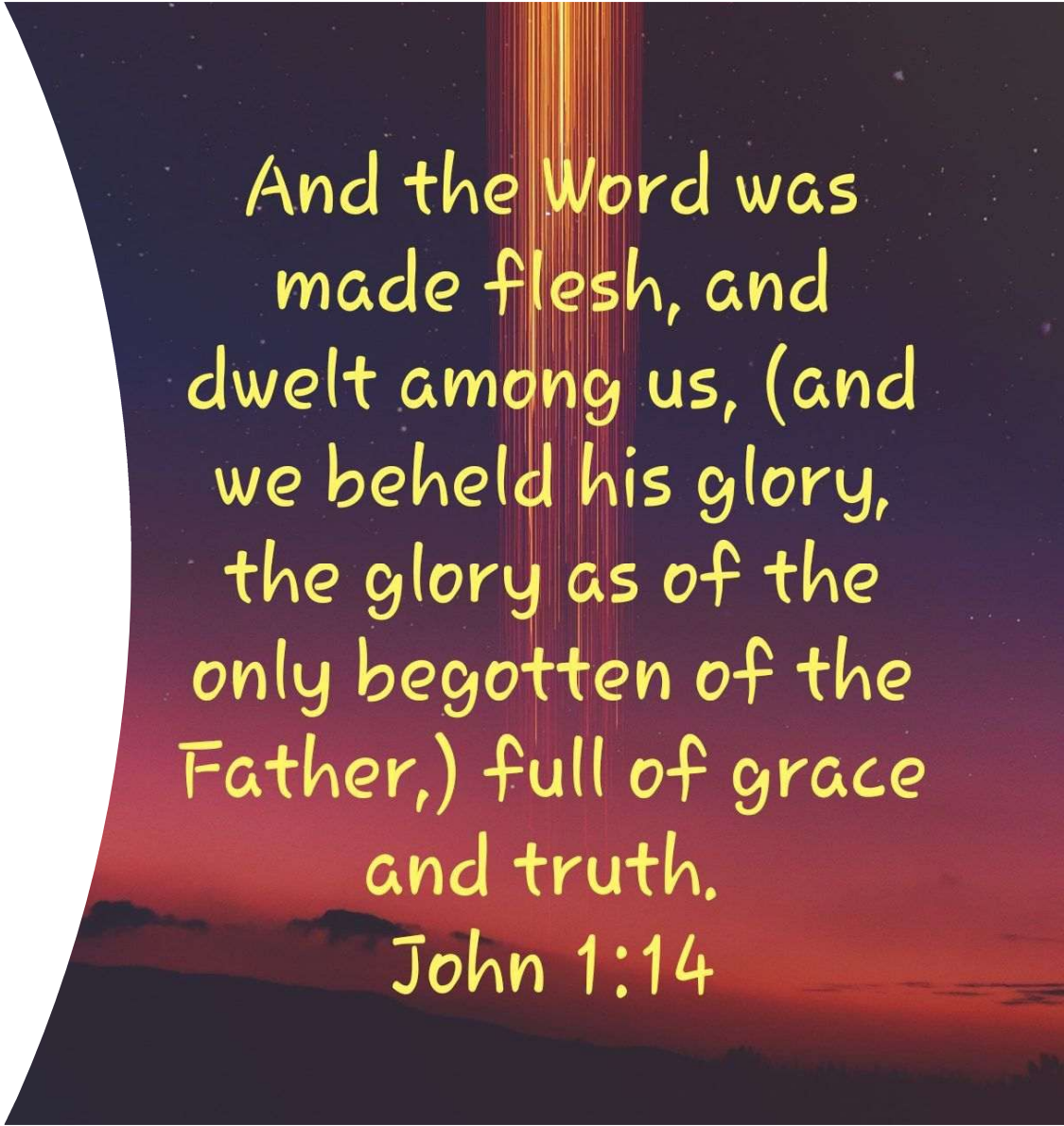
- For the **LORD** hath chosen **Zion**; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.
- **This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell**; for I have desired it. Psalms 132:13-14
- The Lord has chosen **US**, his **PEOPLE, ZION** to inhabit us, to rest in us and to **DWELL IN US**.
 - But **ye are come unto mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
 - To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn**, which are **written in heaven**, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. Hebrews 12:22-23
- Notice that **ZION** changed to **SION** in the New Testament.
 - **Representing the change from a physical mountain to a PEOPLE!**



- God's **GRACE** and **FAVOR** has made you and me to be part of **HIS** Church, and we are His favorite, **CHOSEN** people!
 - But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9
- Now that's **GRACE**!
- God's **GRACE** is a **PERSON**. **It is JESUS!**
- God's **GRACE** is a display of His ability, His power, and His favor.

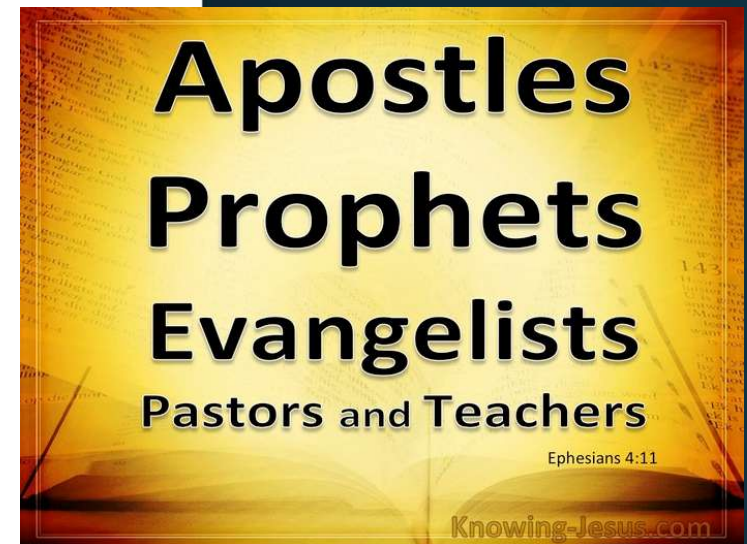
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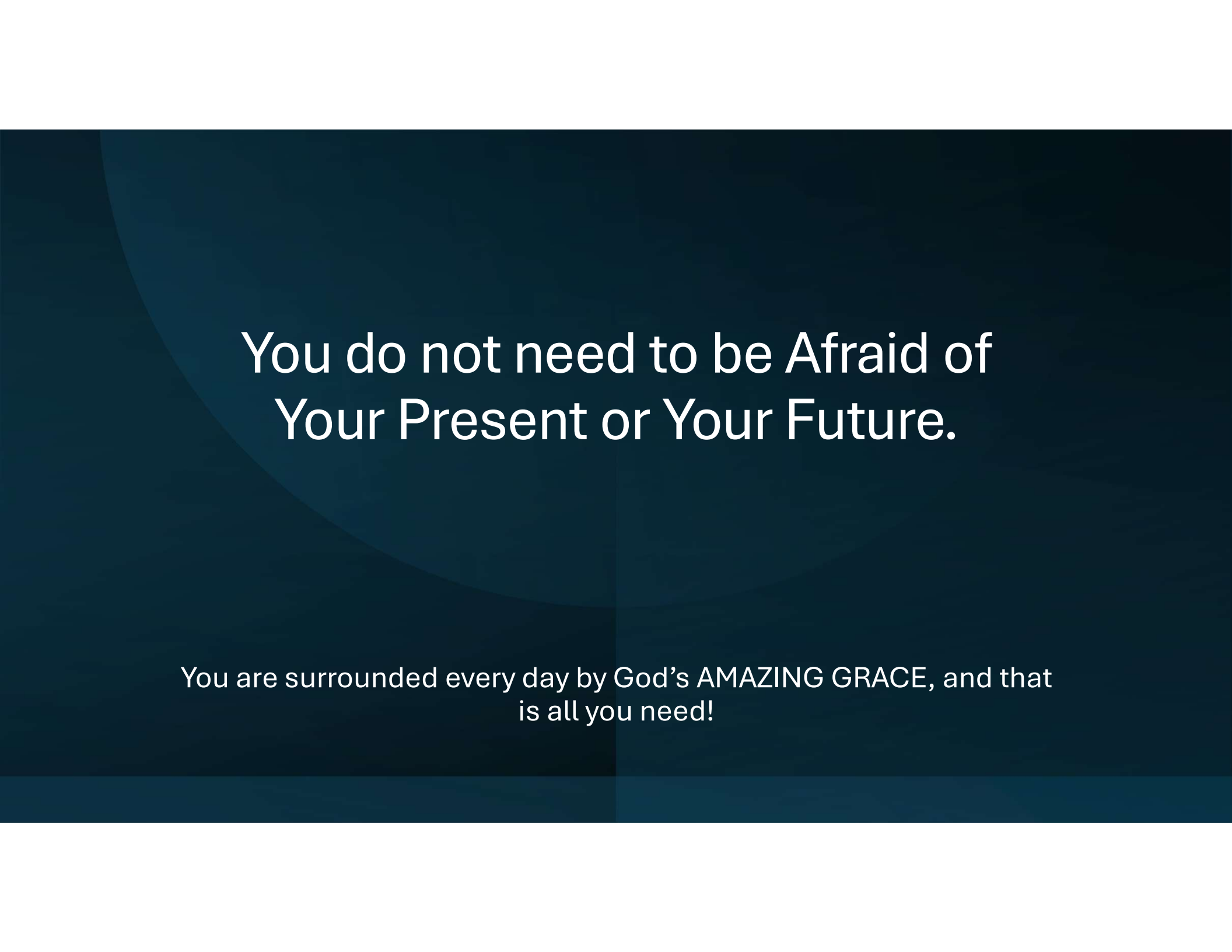
- The **Amazing GRACE** that enables and empowers you is the person, **JESUS!**
- John 1:14 says that Jesus is “**FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH**”
 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**
- The number **FIVE** is the biblical number that **reveals the grace of God.**
- Jesus was **pierced FIVE** times when He was crucified on the cross.
 - His two **hands**, His two **feet**, and His **side.**
 - But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. John 19:34
- **The only man-made thing in heaven will be the piercings of Jesus.**



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- There are **five** ministries in which we may walk in His Church. They are **apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and/or teacher**.
 - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
 - **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**
 - **Till we all come in the unity of the faith,** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13
- These ministries minister **God's GRACE** to His people.
- **Do you know which of these ministries you are called to?**





You do not need to be Afraid of Your Present or Your Future.

You are surrounded every day by God's AMAZING GRACE, and that
is all you need!

Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

When was the first time that you realized that you had God's favor upon your life?

What are some examples of how God's grace has helped you to do something you thought you could never do?

What are some ways in which you can demonstrate the grace of God to other people?

Join me in Worship – Amazing Grace



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