

**God's Amazing Grace**  
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Our greatest enemy is Religion.

And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you]. **(1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24 AMP)**

You are a spirit possess a soul and live in a physical body.

I am a spirit being. I (spirit) have a soul. I (spirit) live in a body. I am not a soul or body.

So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' **(Luke 16:22-24 NKJV)**

We are confident, yes, pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **(II Corinthians 5:8, 9 NKJV)**

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."  
**(John 4:24 NKJV)**

God is a spirit.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. **(Genesis 2:7 NKJV)**

We are a spirit. We are a speaking spirit. The body came from the dust, the soul was available, but had no life. Then He breathe His spirit into man.

The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. **(Job 33:4 NKJV)**

The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. **(I Corinthians 15:47-49 NKJV)**

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **(John 3:6 NKJV)**

That which is spirit is spirit.

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. **(John 6:63 NKJV)**

The spirit makes alive. The Bible is spirit, it is spiritual.

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **(I John 4:13 NKJV)**

God is a spirit; you are a spirit, and the Word is spirit. Then they come together as one.

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. **(I Corinthians 6:17 NKJV)**

You can't contact God with your mind or physical body.

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart. **(Proverbs 20:27 NKJV)**

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **(I Corinthians 2:14 NKJV)**

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **(Matthew 16:15-19 NKJV)**

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." **(Matthew 16:22, 23 NKJV)**

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. **(I Corinthians 2:11, 12 NKJV)**

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For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. **(James 1:23-25 NKJV)**

The Word will show you your spirit and what your spirit looks like. When we look into a mirror, we see only a reflection. The only way you can see your spirit is through looking at the Word.

I want to show you some things.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **(II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)**

Your spirit is perfect right here.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **(Ephesians 1:3 NKJV)**

Everything you are praying for is already done.

And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, **(Ephesians 1:19 AMP)**

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **(Ephesians 3:16 NKJV)**

to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **(Ephesians 3:19, 20 NKJV)**

You will not spend this whole year thinking and confessing your sins, you will be confessing your righteousness. Grace enables us not to sin. Grace doesn't just remove sin; Grace keeps us from sinning. Sin doesn't spot grace, grace stops sin. Grace helps you to overcome sin.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **(Titus 2:11, 12 NKJV)**

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. **(Romans 5:15 NKJV)**