



## Life Group Sermon Study Notes

### “Amazing Grace It Is, What It Is”

Dr. Dave Ward – January 12, 2020

#### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What is something you are passionate about?
- If you could fix one problem in the world what would it be, and why?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

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**Titus 3:3-7** “3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. “

- When God rescues us, we are all dead in our trespasses and sins. We are ignorant and unaware of our condition. Indeed, we followed the pattern of this world. Our moral compass did not point true north, but rather inward toward the self. Consequently, we lived a life in rebellion to God in pursuit of sinful desires.

“4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...”

- The prophet Isaiah called our righteous works “filthy rags” in Isaiah 64:6. The Apostle Paul in Romans 3:10 writes “*None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.*” God did not save us because we are good, but rather, He saved us because He is good being rich in mercy.

“7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

- We could not justify ourselves. The truth of the good news is preceded by the truth of the bad news. We are all sinners, condemned in our sins. The good news, which is the hope of our salvation, is that God justified us by His grace. Those who trust in the works of Jesus Christ become heirs to the promise of God, which is eternal life.

So, what is our response in light of all of this? None of us can boast. When we see people still following the pattern of this world, we must lovingly remember how we once followed that same pattern completely unaware of our impropriety. Indeed, God is still showing us by the grace of His sanctifying work areas of our lives He still needs to touch. Just as God has shown us grace we must now extend that same grace to people who may not know the love of Jesus Christ.

### **Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- Who is someone you can show grace to this week?
- What does it mean to be justified by grace?
- What is the hope of eternal life?

### **Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.**

- Thank God for justifying us by His grace.
- Ask God to grow in grace toward the people around us.
- Ask God for a deeper revelation of His grace.