

# Amazing Grace

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**The Word accurately describes the state of all humans without Christ. No one seeks God!**

But, what about '...there is no one who does good...'. Everyone is basically 'good'. Right?

**That's man's words, not God's! To do 'good', you must be 'good'. None, not even one!**

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**Absolutely not! It's in all the Scriptures. We're sinners at conception! Sinner brings sin...**

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**No fear of God. We steadfastly deny our guilt, deny His right to judge, no fear of Him!**

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**Jesus warns that we should really fear God, because He can cast into Hell. Fear Him!**

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**This is 'afraid of'. The same kind of fear of what man might do. That's the point!**

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**The great day of the wrath of God will come! It's held back now, by His grace. But...**

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