

Amazing Grace

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6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. NASU (emphasis added)

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How does Isaiah see men's response to the very presence of Jesus? Isa.53

And what was Isaiah's conclusion about men receiving the Gospel message? Isa 53:1

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Men are so dead to *spiritual* Light that God sent John, to do what? 1:6-8, 10b; Eph.2:1, 4:17-19

What is our state (as Gentiles), prior to salvation? Eph.2:12 also see Eph.2:1-10

And what is the state of *His own* (the world), before salvation? Jn.1:10-11; Rom.1:18-23

And what is the basic truth that truly explains all of this rejection? Eph.2:1; Ps.51:5

Yet, there are some who receive Him, born of God...

What did Jesus teach was separating the saved from the lost? Jn.8:24; 10:22-26

First, how is it that those who believe in Him are *NOT able* to do this? Jn.1:13a; Eph.2:8-9

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He was despised, forsaken, not esteemed, assumed He was smitten of God (for His sins).

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Lord, who has believed our (your) message (of salvation)? It seemed almost no one!

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The Word, Jesus, is *The Light*. He shines in the darkness (men's hearts), who can't see!

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John (the Baptist) came to tell men the Light was here! Talk about blind...!

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Separate from Christ / Israel, no covenants/promises, no hope, and w/o God in the world.

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He came to *His own* and they would not receive Him! Everyone is guilty, without excuse.

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Every human is conceived spiritually dead! We're prisoners in sin, with no way out.

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The dividing line is believing in Him, Jesus Christ. Believing = faith in Christ.

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NOT by blood (ancestry), NOT by will of man (body/spirit/soul), NOT by husbands desire.

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