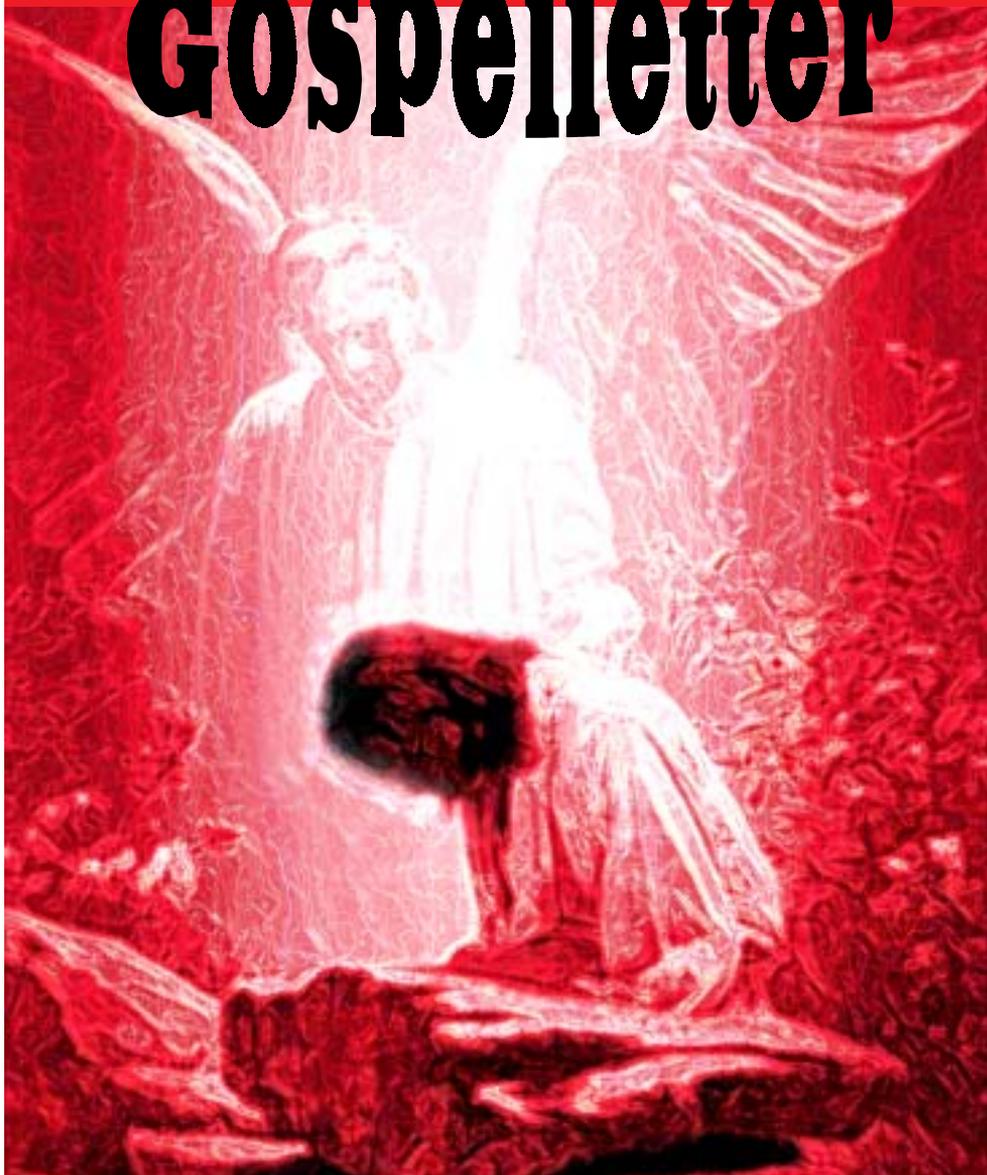


# Amazing Grace Gospelletter



**The Power of Forgiveness**

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“If they shall confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers with their trespass which they trespassed against me and that also they have walked contrary unto me and that I also have walked contrary unto them and have brought them into the hands of their enemies. If then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity, then will I remember my covenant.”

I will remember my covenant. God doesn't break His covenant. When He said it was yours, He meant it. When you became a son, He said we're going to finish a work, we're going to accomplish it. Being confident of this very thing, He that hath begun a good work in you, shall perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

So I say, “God your chastisements are okay.” We can look at ourselves and judge ourselves. Am I walking in faith? Can I look at myself and say, “God something's wrong, it's not flowing. Now God, am I right, am I acting according to your word? Am I operating according to faith? We can all get off into pride, wondering where God is but with wisdom you can back off and say, “God

where did I miss you?”

God says if you admit... See when you got born again, it required repentance. There's no true new birth without repentance. Unless you're sorry for your sin, there is no new birth. I must submit and humble myself before God, to receive the new birth. To I go through restoration of the word of God, *you have to admit that you were wrong*. Every man thinks that He's right in His own eyes, but the word of God says, you first must admit that you've been operating by your own works then He will provide His covenant to you and all the blessings will begin to flow in your life again.

So we as sons, fall into chastisement. No it's not fun when we're going through it because it requires something from us. It requires us to admit that God is God and that He alone is in control of our life, and that I do it His way or no way at all. It doesn't matter how far down the road of rebellion you go, and believe me I've met a lot of people who've gone all the way and yet they finally get to the point where they admit that they're doing it backwards and say, “God you do it this time.”

I've watched God restore, I've watched

Him pick people up. I've watched the dirt of the world fall off them as the spirit of God begins to move again in their life. It doesn't matter how far down you go. He says at any point, you can turn to God and say, "God you be God. I'm tired of being god in my life. I'm tired of having idols that I'm worshiping. I want you to be my God. I want to reverence this sanctuary in your presence. I want you present in my life. I want all the blessings that you have promised me."

*Hebrews 12:10, "For they verily for a few days chastened, chastened us after their own pleasure but He for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness." His holiness. His life flowing through you. Not yours, His. "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous. Nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness."*

Faith arises in your heart. Now you have turned back to God in submission to Him remembering the blood, remembering His covenant of blood that He has with you. You should never get far away from Jesus Christ but if you come into a doctrine that doesn't include Him, you better get back to Jesus, because you've gotten off into something that's not God. It's Jesus Christ and Him crucified. That is our covenant with God. His blood covers us from all sin. His grace, even though we don't deserve it, allows us to move forward.

You'll find that faith will begin to exercise you. You'll walk from faith to faith. You'll get done with one faith and look ahead to what you're going to do next. God will always stretch that step of faith a little bit further so it takes a little more than what you can do as a man to step through. But every time you step it in faith, He'll bless

you. You'll enter into that rest and when you take those steps, you'll find yourself leaping by faith. He'll lift you up and make even in the smallest details of your life become stable.

You'll stand even it the whole world says it's impossible and God will make sure you stand. You will not slip.

*"Wherefore, lift up your hands which hang down and the feeble knee and make straight paths for your feet lest that which is lame be turned out of the way but let it rather be healed."*

Submit to the word of God. Let it rather be healed. Don't fight it. Say, "God it's your will for me to have blessings in my life. Not by my power but by Your power, I'm going to rest. Heal it. *Let it rather be healed.*"

In other words, it's in your power to stop it from being healed. Pride, Stubbornness, Rebellion, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Without that spirit of life flowing through you, you will not see God. You can't see God by your works but only by His grace. If you do not have faith in His blood, you will not see the Lord. There has been no reformation. There has been no change.

*"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God."* How can you fail unmerited favor? By saying, I don't want it. I want to do it my way.

*"Lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and by it many be defiled."* See, to be chastened of the Lord is to put you in a walk of faith, a walk of grace, a walk of liberty, a walk of peace, where a true holiness that begins to flow with you, and flow to others through you.

Everything you ever wanted to be, you are by faith, because you **let God be God.**



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