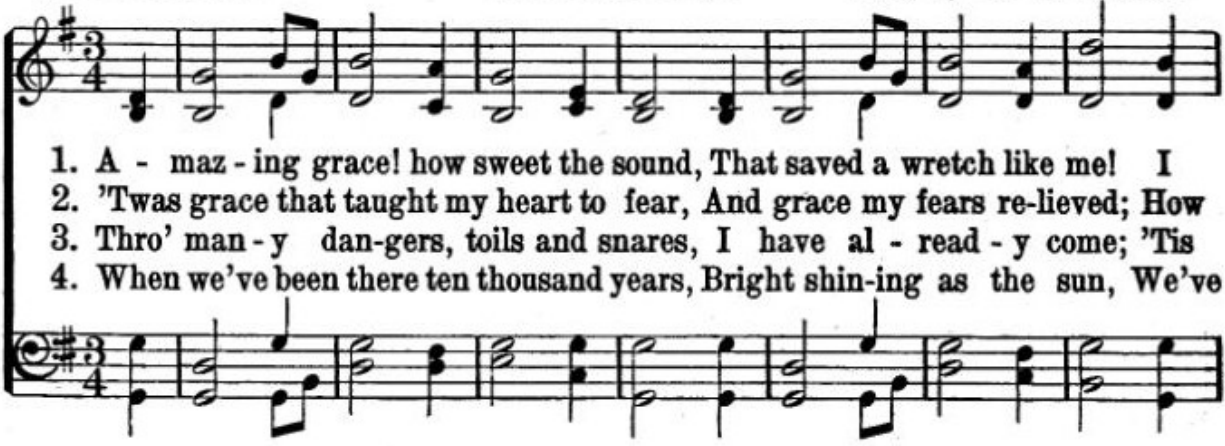


John Newton.

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1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved; How
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've

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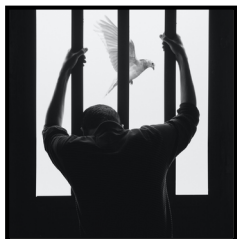
Dear Friends:

“T’was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appeared, the hour I first believed.” John Newton, formerly a slave trader, wrote those words around 1764, to acknowledge the work of God’s grace in his heart and life.

It was God’s amazing grace and love for sinners that led Him to send His Son, Jesus, to come as a baby, born of a woman, born of Mary, with the ultimate purpose to die on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins.



My dear friends and supporters, many of you, for a long time, have known of the grace of God in Christ. Can you imagine selling another person? That’s what happened with the slaves in North America and many parts of the world. That has happened for centuries, not just in the United States, because of many reasons. People sometimes sold themselves because they could not pay their bills. That’s even in the Bible.



At Christmas, we think of the little baby in the manger, but that baby sold himself, in eternity past, to do the will of the Father. He died to satisfy the Heavenly Father’s requirement of payment for sin through His blood. Do I understand it? No, I don’t, but I thank God for the grace in Christ Jesus. That’s why I am a chaplain, so that I can share that wonderful new of God’s redeeming grace through Christ our Lord.

Many events have happened in my life and the chapel recently. I asked you to pray for my wife Maxine. God took her home to Glory. Praise His holy name. Thank you for your prayers. I asked you to pray about help on the chapel. God has blessed me with Dennis’ help, at times. God has blessed him to be able to speak to many in my part-time absence. He is excited about what God is doing in the hearts of truckers and staff at the “Flying J”.

I thank God for Open Road Chapels and the Flying J corporation, for allowing us to be there as a most important ministry, and I thank God for you. Without your prayers and support we could not be there for the truckers across Canada. Please continue to pray for them to be saved and to stand for Christ in this coming year. If the Lord moves in your heart to support us financially, please go to our [Donation](#) page for more information. **You are appreciated.**



Please pray for God’s guiding hand as we minister and encourage those we see; for the marriages that are challenged with the mate on the road a lot, for trucker Shawn, and me as I adjust to life without my sweetheart. Her support and help were beyond measure.



May God bless you during this Christmas season.

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