

What Is God Really Like?
The Amazing Grace of God!

I. Introduction

A. Psalm 86:15a (NLT) *But you, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love and truth.*

II. God's Amazing Grace

A. God's saving grace removes my guilt.

1. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NAS) ⁸*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
2. Salvation is based on God's grace and mercy, not on my merit!

B. God's strengthening grace molds me into the person He wants me to be.

1. Hebrews 13:9 (NLT) *Your spiritual strength comes from God's special favor, not from ceremonial rules about food, which don't help those who follow them.*
2. Colossians 2:6 (LB) *And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with him.*

C. God's sustaining grace helps me keep going when the going gets tough.

1. II Corinthians 12:9a (NAS) *"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."*
2. Hebrews 4:16 (NAS) *Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
3. We learn a lot more through pain than we do through pleasure.
4. Hebrews 12:15 (NAS) *See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.*
5. Resentment is the result of trying to handle our problems in our own power.
6. The person in your past that has hurt you can no longer hurt you once you release them.

III. How Do I Get God's Grace in My Life?

A. Humble yourself daily before God.

1. James 4:6b (NAS) *Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*
2. Tell God and somebody else!

B. Be gracious to other people.

1. I Peter 4:10 (NAS) *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

C. Share God's grace with others.

1. Colossians 4:5-6 (NAS) ⁵*Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.* ⁶*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*
2. II Corinthians 9:8 (NAS) *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.*
3. God's saving grace.
4. God's strengthening grace which reshapes your life.
5. God's sustaining grace to relieve your hurt.

IV. Conclusion