



WARM UP

Read these lyrics from this familiar song and consider grace you have been given.

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

READ

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The **AUTHOR** of the book of 1 Corinthians is the apostle Paul. (v.1)

Response #1: Embrace God's _____²

Response #2: Know your place of _____³

¹ will

² grace

The **AUDIENCE** of Paul's epistle is the Corinthian church and the "Church", which includes our church, (WEFC). (v.2)

Response #3: Celebrate _____⁴

Response #4: Do sainthood _____⁵

God is **AWESOME!** He is the giver of grace and peace. (v.3)

GRACE

The free undeserved gift from God to me of:

Value despite past sin

Power to not sin today

Hope to not sin tomorrow

Which cost God an infinite price so, if accepted, reasonably asks of me my all.

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Response #5: Expect _____ and _____⁶

TAKE ACTION

Read 1 Corinthians, as a part of the Christ's beloved church, celebrate that you are set apart or sanctified.

Some celebration ideas:

- Make a list of some of the ways God has shown you grace
- Share in your small group, on Facebook or with a good friend what it means to you to be set apart by God.
- Offer a prayer of gratefulness every day for the next week for God's amazing grace to you
- With your family have a grace celebration delighting in the God's goodness

⁴ sainthood

⁵ together

⁶ grace...peace