

Amazing Predictions about Amazing Grace

At the end of the day, there are only two ways to approach God—"do" versus "done." "Do" says that you must do more to get to know God and go to heaven. "Done" speaks from the cross saying: *It is finished* (John 19:30). Jesus did not say, *I am finished*. He said, *It is finished*. The work of reconciling people to God, the work of wiping away sins, the work of opening the way to heaven—all that is **done**. We can't add a thing to what Jesus has done. His amazing grace is for the taking. Isaiah makes some amazing predictions about God's amazing grace. He foreshadows this grace eight centuries before Jesus comes on the scene. What he says is truly remarkable.

To better understand Isaiah's amazing predictions about God's amazing grace, I will. . .

1. Believe God's _____ towards me. (Isaiah 40:1-11)

1) God's grace seeks to _____ me.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (Isaiah 40:1,2)

- God is for me. But if I reject His grace, God respects my choice.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

2) God's grace works to _____ me.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

3) God speaks to _____ me.

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:3)

. . . on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16:18)

4) God works to _____ me.

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." (Isaiah 40:11)

I am the good shepherd. . . (John 10:14)

2. Accept God's _____ for me. (Isaiah 43:1-4,25)

1) God's grace calls me to live without _____.

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)

2) God's grace calls me to walk in _____.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. . . (Isaiah 43:2,3)

5 "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5,6)

3) God's grace calls me to live in _____.

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." (Isaiah 43:25)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

3. Accept God's _____ to me. (Isaiah 55:1-7)

1) God's grace invites the _____.

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters. . ." (Isaiah 55:1)

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. (John 7:37)

2) God's grace invites the _____.

". . . and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!" (Isaiah 55:1)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

3) God's grace invites the _____.

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. (Isaiah 55:3)

34 God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David. . . 37 But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. 38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. (Acts 13:34,37-39)

Isaiah gave some amazing predictions about God's amazing grace. This amazing grace is for me and for you: *6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon (Isaiah 55:6,7). Accept God's amazing grace!*