

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

### ***Amazing Grace – The Story***

*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!*

Chances are, you started humming along as you read those *Amazing Grace* lyrics. Considering that some estimates claim that the beloved spiritual is performed roughly 10 million times annually, it's no wonder "*Amazing Grace*" is easily one of the most recognizable hymns in the English-speaking world.

This song was written almost 250 years ago by John Newton, an Anglican priest, who previously served as a slave ship master, a profession in which he served for several years. In later years, Newton fought alongside William Wilberforce, leader of the parliamentary campaign to abolish the African slave trade. He described the horrors of the slave trade in a tract he wrote supporting the campaign and lived to see the British passage of the Slave Trade Act 1807.

God's grace truly is amazing. The word grace is found 39 times in the Old Testament and 124 times in the New Testament. As defined in Scripture, *grace* is the unmerited favor to man offered by God. We can't earn grace nor purchase it. It is free to all who are willing to obey and live by God's Word.

Have you received the gift of God's grace?

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study *soon!*

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***