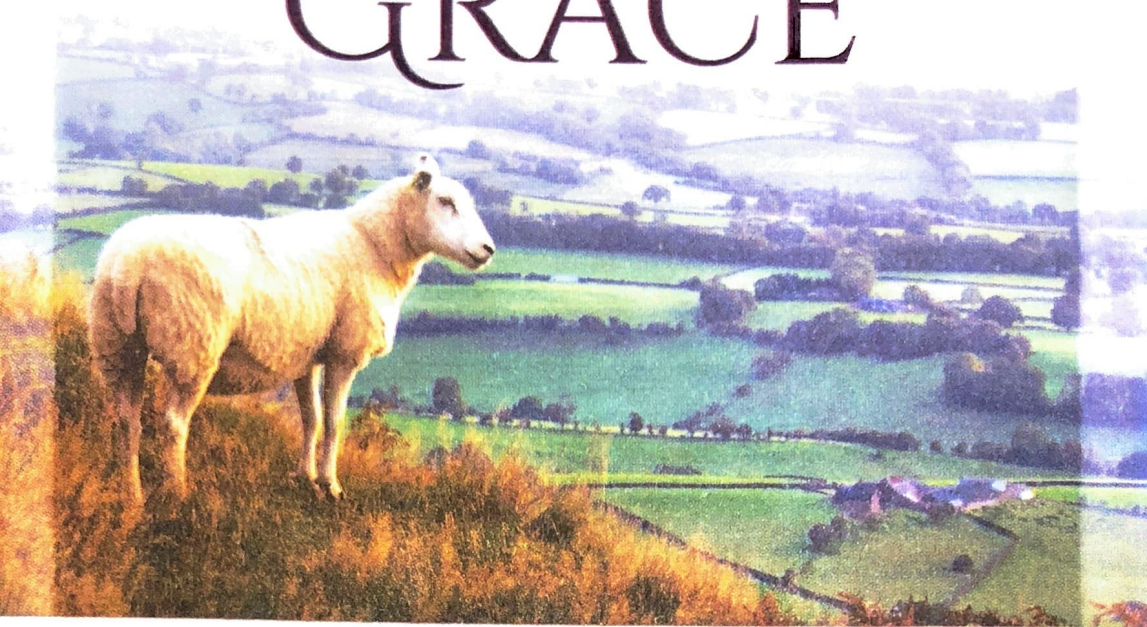


# AMAZING GRACE



*I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.*



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CHURCH of League City, TX 

Welcome to . . .

## Turning Point

CALL US FAMILY! CALL IT HOME!

*Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever—* Revelation 5:13b

Listen to yourself. This is *you*, being quoted by the apostle John, as he views the final judgment of the world and the triumphant return of Jesus Christ.

At that time, every part of His creation will bow their knees (some voluntarily and joyfully, some involuntarily and reluctantly) and be made—by the irrepressible, undeniable glory of Jesus Christ—to declare His worthiness for all worship. No one will be able to deny His sovereign majesty in that day. When Christ returns, you will ascribe to Him honor and glory. You will publicly recognize that all power comes *from* Him and so all power should be spent *for* Him. You will proclaim His eternal merit.

Are you living that way now? Are you honoring Him in your relationships, at your workplace, and in your private thoughts and plans? Do you see that all the strength you have—financially, emotionally, physically—comes from Christ and so it is only right that you should use it all to His glory?

If you will one day be singing the praises of Jesus Christ and heralding His infinite worthiness, why not begin doing it now? Listen to yourself!

# JULY 17, 2022

## SUNDAY – JULY 17

10:00 am          Worship Service  
                         Children's Church

## WEDNESDAY – JULY 20

10:00 am          Intercessory Prayer

## SUNDAY – JULY 24

10:00 am          Worship Service  
                         Children's Church

## MORNING OFFERING

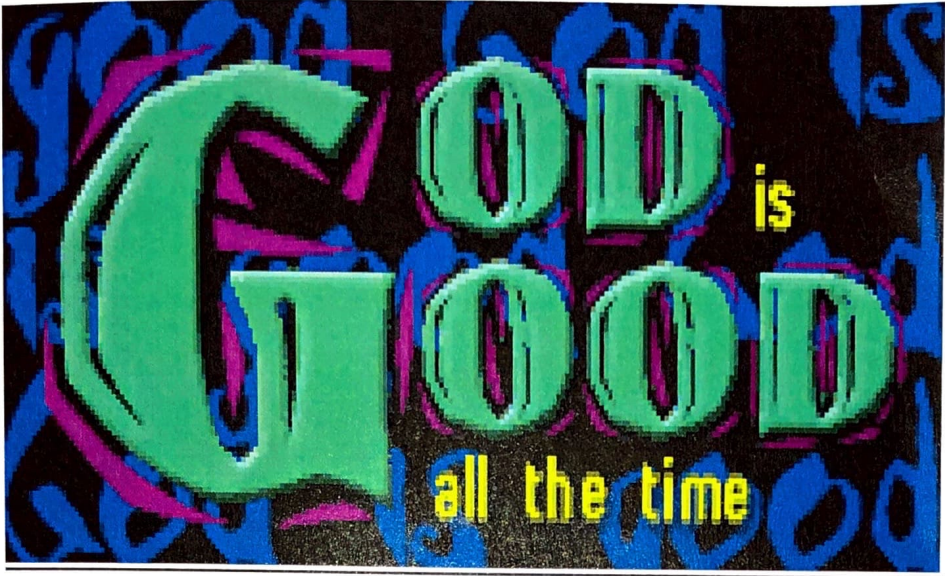
*The offering today will go to our missionaries The Crabtree's.*

## SPECIAL PRAYER

Dahlia Hall  
Lauretta Maxwell  
Patsy McCarley  
Meri-Lyn Evans

Bonnie Hatfield  
Carollon Kivch  
Raye Murphy  
Cheryl Zielke

# !!! ATTENTION !!!



The same Jesus Who turned water into wine can transform your home, your life, your family, and your future. He is still in the miracle-working business, and His business is the business of transformation.

–

Adrian Rogers

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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                                    Children's Church
- July 20                      Intercessory Prayer
- July 24                      Worship Service  
                                    Children's Church

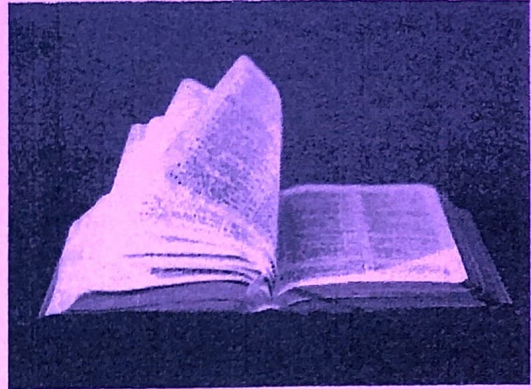
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# The Text of The Bible Is The Foundation of Your Faith

By Daryl Wingerd

I once heard a woman who professed to be a Christian declare, in the context of a disagreement about what the Bible says about God and his ways, "I don't care what the Bible says. It has nothing to do with my faith." Her view on the particular subject in question squared with many people's popular notions about God, but not at all with what the text of Scripture says about him.



This may strike you as an extreme example of disregard for the Bible, especially by someone who claimed to be a Christian. But perhaps it would lead you to be willing to answer a related question: Why do you believe what you believe about God, his ways, his plans for the world, or his expectations of you and all other people? There are really only three options: 1) You believe what others around you believe and expect you to believe; 2) You believe what you have imagined, or wished, or hoped to be true; 3) You believe what you have learned or have been taught from an accurate understanding of the text of the Bible.

There can be crossover between those three options. What others around you believe may be what the text of the Bible teaches. It is even possible for your own hopes or wishes or imaginations to be in line with the text of the Bible. However, the only one of those three options that is a reliable source of truth about God and his ways is number three—the true and accurate meaning of the text of Scripture.

What I hope you will come away with after reading this article is a firm resolve to establish and examine your own views and opinions about God and his ways based on the text of Scripture. Here are five ways in which you can do this:

**One: Believe the Bible's plain statements about God.** For example, the Bible says of God, "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice" (Deut. 32:4). It also says, "This God—his way is perfect" (Ps. 18:30). These are plain and true statements about God. However, when you read other things in the Bible that describe God doing or commanding things that seem shocking or strange (such as the slaughter of entire cities, or biblical doctrines like election, predestination, and the doctrine of hell), don't allow yourself to question God's goodness or perfection. If you think about it, it would be irrational to stand in judgment of the God whom the Bible declares to be perfect in all his ways, just because you're uncomfortable with some of his ways revealed in the same Bible. We may *wonder* about some of the things he does, or decides, or decrees, but we *know* his way is perfect!

**Two: Always interpret and understand a text in its context.** Before settling on an interpretation of a passage, be sure you know as much as you can about who the biblical author is, to whom he is writing, why he is writing, and what he has said up to the point of the passage you are studying. Only then can you hope to accurately understand what it means and apply it to your life. Be slow to compare your passage to similar passages in different parts of the Bible. Even though there may be similarities, the immediate context is the most important determiner of meaning and application.

**Three: Be careful not to over-value word studies or allow them to supersede the importance of context.** There are many Bible-study tools available online. Some of them will reveal to you the meaning, or range of meaning, of a particular word in the original languages. It can be tempting to settle on the most popular or common usage of a word, and then force that meaning into the text you are studying. Always remember that most words carry a range of meaning, and the most important determiner of meaning is the context in which the word is used. If context is king (as they say), word studies are useful servants of the king.

**Four: Be willing to disagree with even well-known Bible teachers if what they are teaching does not square with the biblical text.** Every godly Bible teacher studies hard and means well, but every godly Bible teacher is also human. Even the most widely published or broadcasted teachers are capable of mistaken interpretations. Allow that text to be the final determiner of what you believe, not the popularity of the teacher.

**Five: Always be willing to change your view of a particular text or doctrine.** Hold on to important biblical convictions firmly, but with humility. If you learn from your own diligent, prayerful study of Scripture that you have been in error, or if you are taught by someone who can demonstrate from the text that your long-held view was wrong, don't be unwilling to change your position due to pride or loyalty to a traditional view.