

“God’s Love to Us Is Seen in His Saving Grace!”

1 Timothy 1:12-14

INTRO

John MacArthur tells the story of Afra Connor, who was a vicious savage, a Hottentot from a place in South Africa called Namaqualand. And Afra Connor was someone that everybody feared. His men came along with him and, without feeling, viciously attacked people resulting in death and devastation everywhere they went. The governor of Cape Town put a price on his head to be given to anyone who brought him in dead or alive.

They were the terror of South Africa until a missionary came, by the name of Robert Moffat. Robert Moffat said that God had called him to the Hottentots, and everybody warned him not to go. They said Afra Connor will use your skull for a drinking up.

But feeling the call of God and knowing the power of the gospel, he went to the Hottentots. And, as God would have it, the very first person who gave his life to Jesus Christ was Afra Connor. And by saving grace, Afra became an effective and useful tool in the advance of the Kingdom of God. A marvelous miracle of grace.

The Apostle Paul describes God’s saving grace upon his life in a similar way. Regardless of your pre-conversion life, the same grace is required to save every believer!

We will talk about God’s love to us through His saving grace in this morning’s message.

1. God, through Christ Jesus, is the source of grace!
- Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10
2. God’s grace produces faith and love in believers!
- 1 Timothy 1:13
3. God strengthens believers with His grace!
- Philippians 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:17
4. God’s sustains believers with His grace!
- 2 Corinthians 12:9