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Amazing Love

"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved" Eph. 2:4

Billy James Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned I'm alive and well Your spirit is within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

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Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

You are my King You are my King Jesus, You are my King You are my King

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You
In all I do, let me honor You

Mighty to Save

"...Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of His strength? "It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save."" Isaiah 63:1

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

Give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light & let the whole world see

We're singing, for the glory of the Risen

King....Jesus

Shine your light & let the whole world see

We're singing, for the glory of the Risen

King

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

You're my Savior

You can move the mountains

God you are mighty to save

You are mighty to save

Forever, Author of Salvation

You rose and conquered the grave

Yes, You conquered the grave

Matthew 9:1-8— English Standard Version (ESV)

¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴ But Jesus, knowing[a] their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This Is Amazing Grace

"...Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Rev 5:12

Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace; This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

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You laid down Your life
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Oh, Jesus, I sing for
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Your Grace Is Enough

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."..." 2 Cor. 12:9

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God You wrestle with the sinner's heart You lead us by still waters and to mercy And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice
God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

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So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I see
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Offering: Grace Greater Than Our Sin #201

"Where sin increased, grace increased all the more." Romans 5:20 Julia Johnston

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord. Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured. There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold. Threaten the soul with infinite loss Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold. Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can we do to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide. Brighter than snow you may be today.

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace. Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see His face. Will you this moment His grace receive?

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!



Jesus' Authority over Sin Matthew 9:1-8

In these two chapters (Mt 8-9), Matthew provides a host of stories that show Jesus' authority extends to every power of the world. Jesus not only teaches with authority (the authority of wisdom), but He also has authority over diseases, nature, demons, sins, and even death.

All of these displays of authority are an invitation to you and me to come and worship Jesus, the powerful King of kings.

Today's text invites us to come to Jesus, the one who has the power to forgive sins.



Matthew 9:1-2 (ESV)

[1] And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

[2] And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

Authority Over Sin- Matthew 9



The four words of the phrase, "Your sins are forgiven," are all important:

- 1) Your- personal connection with our sin and forgiveness. Sin is personal not generic. Sin is a result of your attitudes, desires, beliefs, and actions. Forgiveness is personal not a generic concept. We are personally forgiven by God. We forgive other people.
- Sins- Not just weaknesses, not just our personality, not just what our situation forced us to do, but sin (rebellion, falling short, selfishness)
- 3) Are- In Greek, this is one word with forgive, but the point is that is present tense verb. You are currently forgiven, not just a future possibility. Your walk with God now is based on present forgiveness.
- 4) Forgiven- this word implies are sins are cleared or even "cast out"; we may bear the ongoing consequences of sin, but not its guilt.



Matthew 9:3-7 (ESV)

[3] And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." [4] But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? [5] For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? [6] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." [7] And he rose and went home.

Authority Over Sin- Matthew 9



The scribes' challenge questions Jesus' person and His authority. To blaspheme (in this case) would be to claim for yourself a power that only belongs to God. See Ps. 103:2-3.

[3] And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

Notice also how Jesus recognizes that their sinful words began as evil thoughts. Our sinful actions are the fruit of our evil hearts. But the gospel is the remedy for both.

[4] But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?



Jesus then answers their challenge directly and most importantly draws the attention back to His ability to forgive sins. His ability to heal the man's disease proves His authority to forgive sins. (Ps 103) [5] For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? [6] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." [7] And he rose and went home.

Jesus' refers to Himself as the Son of Man (8:20 is the first usage), which becomes His most common title (self-reference) drawing on Dan. 7:13-14. The Son of Man has been given all authority.

Authority Over Sin- Matthew 9

When it comes particularly to Jesus' authority to forgive sins, this power comes from the fact that He is the one pays the penalty of sin and is the perfect sacrifice. John later writes (1 John 2:1–2): [1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Our forgiveness is based on two key components: Jesus has satisfied the penalty for our sin when we could not do so; God graciously is willing to forgive the unworthy.

Matthew 9:8 (ESV)

[8] When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Authority Over Sin- Matthew 9



The authority of Jesus is a means of accomplishing His mission, God's purposes. God is calling sinners into the kingdom by Christ's power. *Matthew 10:1, 5*

[1] And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction... [5] These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans...

Matthew 28:18–20

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Back in Matthew 9:8, the power of Jesus results in the glory of God. [8] When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This theme returns in Mt.24:29-30 when the Son of Man reveals His full power and the result is "great glory":

[29] "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [30] Then will appear in heaven the sign of the <u>Son of Man</u>, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and <u>they will see the Son of Man</u> coming on the clouds of heaven <u>with power</u> and <u>great glory</u>. (ESV)

Authority Over Sin- Matthew 9

Jesus has the authority to forgive sins!

- 1) Do we seek for God to help us with our greatest need, forgiveness? We pray about a lot of things in life. We ask for help with our health, our jobs, our kids, our friends' or family needs, etc. How are you doing at coming before God with your deep need for forgiveness?
- 2) What is your barrier to receiving forgiveness from God?
 Have you been unwilling to acknowledge your evil hearts and sinful actions?
 Is there unwilling to submit to His lordship as a part of receiving His forgiveness? Relatedly, are you not receiving forgiveness because you are unwilling to forgive others (Mt.19:21-35 and 6:14-15)?
- 3) Let's praise God who is willing to forgive unworthy sinners like us. Reflect on Psalms 103. Worship God and wait on Him. Praise the God who forgives.

Wonderful Grace of Jesus #198

"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2 Cor. 8:9

Haldor Lillenas

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free

For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame

Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost

By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost

Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty

For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled
By its transforming power, making him God's dear child
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all

And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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