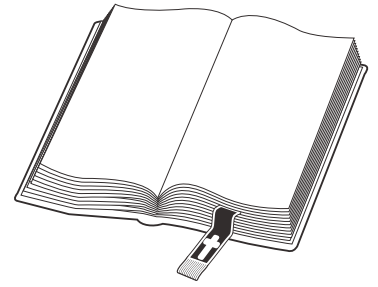


Amazed by God's Mercy

"Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant." Psalm 119:76



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Beloved, I am constantly overwhelmed at the Lord's mercy and AMAZING GRACE towards me. Romans 3:23 reads, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"* and Romans 6:23 reads, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

As a sinner I deserved the Lord's judgment. I deserved death, but instead of giving me what I deserved, God gave me mercy. He gave me the gift of eternal life through Christ. I put my trust in Jesus as my Savior in March 1976, but I never cease to be amazed by Ephesians 2:4-5 which reads, *"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)."* Let me tell you why I am amazed by God's mercy and love towards a sinner like me.

In 1965, two years before I met my husband Richard, I committed murder through having an abortion. Psalm 127:3 reads, *"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward."* I was an unbeliever, and I was pregnant. I did not want the consequences and responsibility of my sin. I never thought of the baby being created by God or that God had a special plan and purpose for its life. My thoughts were all about me and what I thought was best for me. Proverbs 14:12 reads, *"There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."* Abortion seemed the right decision at the time. Nothing could have prepared me for the years

of guilt that would be in my life. The sorrow and the shame every Mother's Day and whenever I was around children. I lived with my guilt, shame, and sorrow until I repented of my sins in 1976. 1 John 1:9 reads, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins. His blood cleansed me of all my guilt and shame. For several years now He has allowed me to speak for pro-life groups internationally. Instead of condemnation, God's Word gives me love, hope, mercy, forgiveness, kindness, and comfort. I teach God's Word in churches, at women's retreats, in prisons, on military bases, and to youth. I speak internationally on every subject in the Bible and tell people everywhere I travel of GOD'S AMAZING GRACE, love, and mercy.

Beloved, it starts with surrendering your life to Christ, acknowledging you're a sinner, and asking Him to forgive you, asking Christ to be your Savior, and then it is every day surrendering your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. What He has done for me, He can do for you. The blood of Christ can cleanse you of all sin, guilt, and shame, and it can give you a peace and a joy like you have never known.

— Janice McBride

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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