God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

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His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

-William Cowper

Acts 9:1-18 | Acts 22:1-16 Acts 26:9-18

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¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

—Acts 9:1-4 ESV

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"Conversion is the experience of an individual who encounters God's reality or purpose and responds to that encounter in personal faith and commitment."

-Holman Bible Dictionary

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"Saul of Tarsus was quite satisfied with his self-righteous, religious career until on the way to Damascus he made two devastating discoveries: Jesus Christ was alive and Saul of Tarsus was dead in sin and a total failure in himself. It was then that Paul believed in Jesus, submitted to His lordship, and experienced personally the grace of God.

From that moment on, it was the grace of God that made possible what Paul was and what Paul did, and he wasn't ashamed to admit it. He gloried in God's grace. He mentioned grace at least one hundred times in his thirteen epistles, and grace was both the greeting and the benediction in all of them." -Warren Wiersbe

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¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. —Galatians 1:13-14 ESV

But by the grace of God I am what lam.—I Corinthians 15:10a ESV

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⁵And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

—Acts 9:5-6 ESV

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And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. —Acts 4:12 ESV

Jesus, the Evangelist

Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. —Matthew 12:30 ESV

> Confrontation

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If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. —John 14:15 ESV

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.—Romans 5:10 ESV

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... 9because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. —Romans 10:9-10 ESV

Jesus, the Evangelist

> Consecration

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... 4though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. —Philippians 3:4-8a ESV

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15...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. —I Timothy 1:15b-16 ESV

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

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Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

—John Newton

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