

Grace Amazing

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"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:" (Romans 5:20)

From 2010-2016, our church in Indianapolis (Burge Terrace) hosted the 3G Youth Conference, standing for God's *glory, gospel, and grace*. Each year we themed the youth conference on one of the "G's" as we sought to make much of Christ. Our third conference (2012) highlighted God's grace.

I initially struggled to come up with an appropriate theme for the conference that would translate well into song. One of our faithful and gospel-centered church members suggested to me how "amazing" God's grace was. I knew I shouldn't write a song called "Amazing Grace." But then I played with switching the two words around. I loved it!

Each verse is tied to the cross. It is the cross that displays the most intense form of God's amazing grace to sinners. I especially love how Greg wrote the music for the text. At the end of each verse, he causes us to linger, if just for a moment, on the word *grace*.

The chorus was the first part of the hymn that I wrote. The original lyrics however, didn't have the name *Christ* in it. We would know who we were singing about, but I still felt uneasy about the chorus being so general. After a few honest and caring people I trusted shared some misgivings about the chorus, it was confirmed I needed to change some things. I believe it came out better! My prayer for this song is that God's people would be encouraged and strengthened by meditating on the amazing grace of their God.