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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 53:6-12

Perhaps our favorite of God's attributes is His great love. Yet God is also a just God. Sin is in direct opposition to this characteristic. Jesus fulfilled the righteous nature of God by bearing the suffering for our sin, thereby justifying before God all who receive Him in repentance and faith. Washed in the blood of Christ, we are made worthy to stand before the righteous God.

"I once was blind, but now I see," wrote John Newton. Tormented by the ghosts of African slaves bound with irons on the ships he commanded, he confessed his sins against God and humanity, particularly against the thousands of slaves trafficked on the high seas. The great hymn "Amazing Grace" was part of that confession. In the motion picture *Amazing Grace* (2006), John Newton is portrayed near the end of his life. Newton pleads with William Wilberforce to continue the fight for the abolition of the slave trade. "My memory's fading," he stammered through tears, "but I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

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