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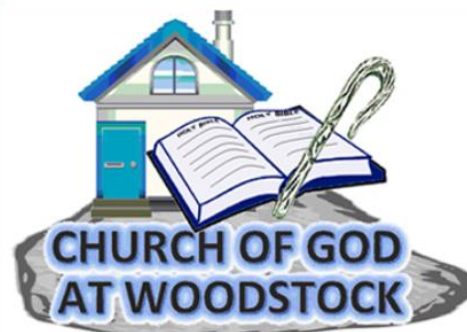
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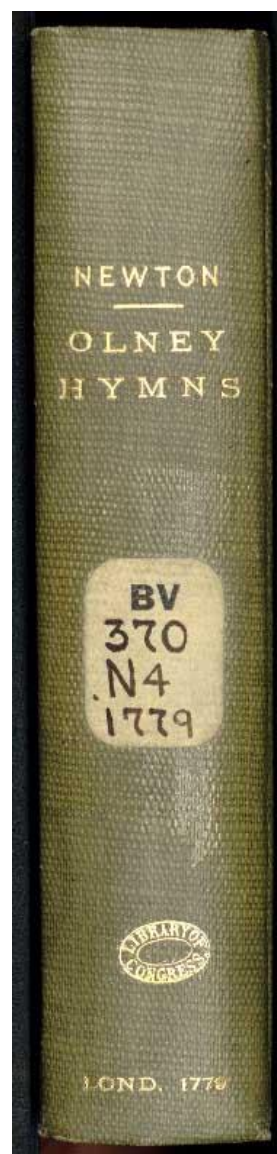
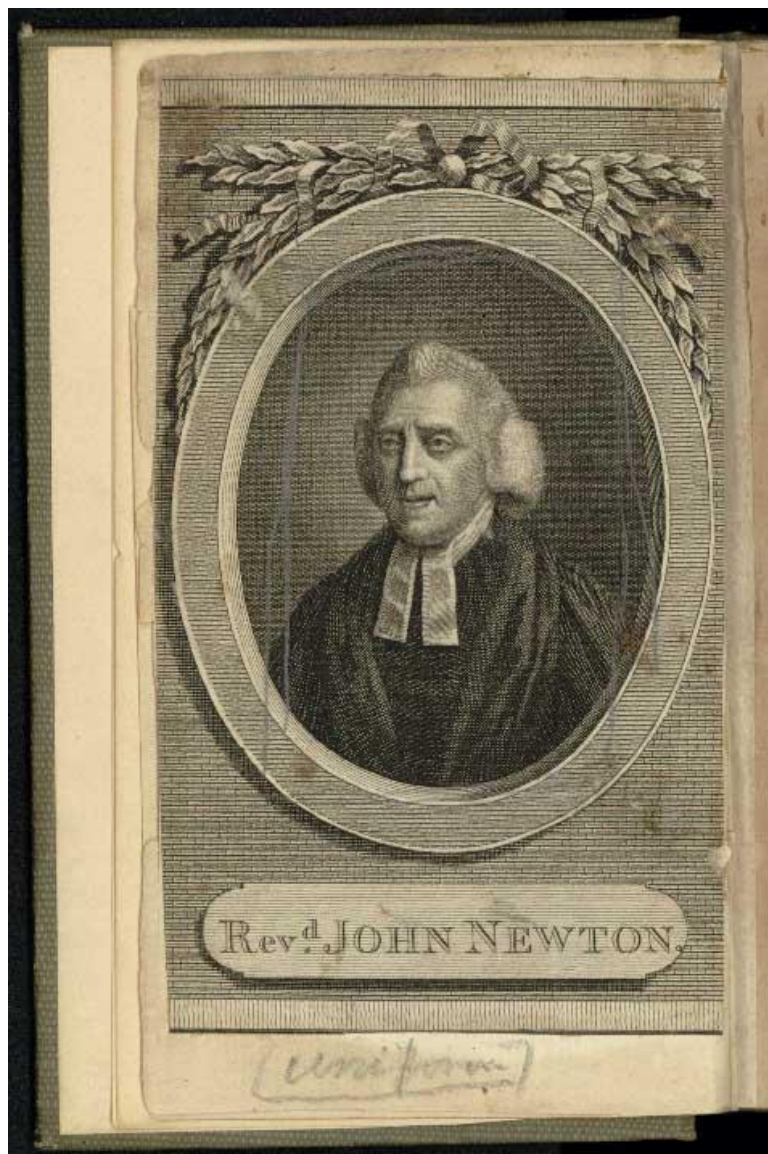
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1 Chronicles 17:16–17

And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.





H Y M N XL.

More with us than with them. Chap. vii. 16.

- 1 **A**LAS! Elifha's servant cry'd;
When he the Syrian army spy'd;
But he was soon releas'd from care,
In answer to the prophet's pray'r.
- 2 Straitway he saw, with other eyes,
A greater army from the skies;
A fiery guard around the hill,
Thus are the saints preserved still.
- 3 When Satan and his host appear,
Like him of old, I faint and fear;
Like him, by faith, with joy I see,
A greater host engag'd for me.
- 4 The saints espouse my cause by pray'r,
The angels make my soul their care;
Mine is the promise seal'd with blood,
And Jesus lives to make it good.

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Faith's review, and expectation.
Chap. xvii. 16, 17.

- 1 **A**Mazing grace! (how sweet the sound)
That sav'd a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

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And grace my fears reliev'd;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believ'd.
- 3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
- 4 The LORD has promis'd good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
- 5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.
- 6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
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Will be for ever mine.

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The joy of the LORD is your strength.
Chap. ix. 10.

- 1 **J**OY is a fruit that will not grow
In nature's barren soil;
All we can boast, till CHRIST we know,
Is vanity and toil.

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Ephesians 2:1-2

And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the **children of disobedience**:



Luke 15:11–16

And he [*Jesus*] said, A certain man had two sons:
And the younger of them said to his father,
Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth
to me. And he divided unto them his living. And
not many days after the younger son gathered all
together, and took his journey into a far country,
and there **wasted his substance with riotous
living**. And when he had spent all, there arose a
mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in
want. And he went and joined himself to a
citizen of that country; and he sent him into his
fields **to feed swine**. And he would fain have
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eat: and no man gave unto him.



















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Romans 3:23-24

For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified **freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:



Ephesians 1:6–7

To the praise of the **glory of his grace**,
wherein he hath made us **accepted** in the
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through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the **riches of his grace**;



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Luke 15:22–24

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the **best robe**, and put it on him; and put a **ring on his hand**, and **shoes on his feet**: And bring hither **the fattened calf**, and kill it; and let us eat, and **be merry**: For **this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.**



Romans 5:18–21

Therefore as **by the offence** of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so **by the obedience of one** shall many be **made righteous**. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, **grace did much more abound**: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might **grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord**.



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Acts 8:1–3

And Saul was **consenting unto his death**. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. **As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.**



Galatians 1:13–16b

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that **beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it**: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me **by his grace**, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen...



Luke 19:10

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1 Timothy 1:12–14

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. **And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus**



John 3:16–17

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Ephesians 2:8–9

For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God**: Not of works, lest any man should boast.



God's grace displays his long suffering



Lamentations 3:21–26

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the **LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not**. They are new every morning: **great is thy faithfulness**. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that **wait for him**, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should **both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD**.



Luke 15:17–20

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. **But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**



1 Timothy 1:15-16 - NLT

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And **account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation**; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;



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John 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, **if ye have love one to another.**



Colossians 1:3–6

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since **we heard** of your faith in Christ Jesus, and **of the love which ye have to all the saints**, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and **bringeth forth fruit**, as it doth also in you, **since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:**



Titus 2:11–14

For the **grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men**, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Who gave himself for us**, that he might **redeem** us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, **zealous of good works**.



1 Timothy 1:12-17 [12-14] - NLT

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. **He considered** me **trustworthy** and **appointed** me to **serve** him, even though I used to **blaspheme** the name of Christ. In my insolence, I **persecuted** his people. But **God had mercy** on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how **generous and gracious our Lord was!** He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.



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Galatians 5:4

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.**



Jude 1:4

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**



Luke 15:25–32 [25-28]

Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And **he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.**



Luke 15:25–32 [29-32]

And he answering said to his father, Lo, **these many years do I serve thee**, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet **thou never gavest me a kid**, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, **Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine**. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: **for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found**.



Matthew 20:8–12

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and **give them their hire**, beginning from the **last unto the first**. And when they came that were hired about the **eleventh hour, they received every man a penny**. But when the **first came**, they supposed **that they should have received more**; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they **murmured against the goodman of the house**, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.



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1 John 3:10

In this the **children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil**: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.



Hebrews 12:15

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Hebrews 13:9

Be not carried about with **divers and strange doctrines**. For it is a good thing that **the heart be established with grace**; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And **lest I should be exalted above measure** through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: **for my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.



For when I am weak – then I am strong.

1. Admit your weakness
2. Accept your weakness
3. Believe that God is with you (even in your weakness)
4. Let go of the control over your life and yield to the will of Christ
5. Seek to draw upon His strength:
 - a) Through prayer
 - b) In the Word of God
 - c) By quiet meditation
6. Apply what He reveals to you
7. Trust that He loves you and that He can and will help you - GRACE



Epistles – Grace opening and closing

Romans 1:5 (16:24)	1 Thes 1:1 (5:28)
1 Cor 1:3 (16:23)	2 Thes 1:2 (3:18)
2 Cor 1:2 (13:14)	1 Tim 1:2 (6:21)
Gal 1:3 (6:18)	2 Tim 1:2 (4:22)
Eph 1:2 (6:24)	Titus 1:2 (3:15)
Philippians 1:2 (4:23)	Philemon 1:3 (1:25)
Colossians 1:2 (4:18)	Hebrews 13:25*
1 Peter 1:2 (5:12)	2 Peter 1:2 (3:18)

*Authorship of Hebrews is not agreed upon
Hebrews does not have an opening greeting



John 1:14–17

And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. **And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace**. For the law was given by Moses, **but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**.



John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**



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2 Peter 3:18

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