

Amazing Grace: Refining Grace

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Philippians 1:3-6

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Refining (Sanctifying) Grace is...

1. TO PURIFY OR MAKE HOLY

2 Cor 5:17

... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

- SO IF I AM A NEW CREATION, WHY DO I GO ON SINNING?

Rom 7:20

... it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Phil 3:3, 16

3 [Those in Christ] ... put no confidence in the flesh—
16 ... let us live up to what we have already attained.

Refining (Sanctifying) Grace is...

2. CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Phil 1:6

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Gal 3:3

Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

2 Cor 3:18

[We] are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Refining (Sanctifying) Grace is...

3. SOMETIMES ACHIEVED THROUGH BROKENNESS

James 1:3-4

3 ... the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Eph 2:8, 10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 ... 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...

Isa 64:8

O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.