

# AMAZING GRACE

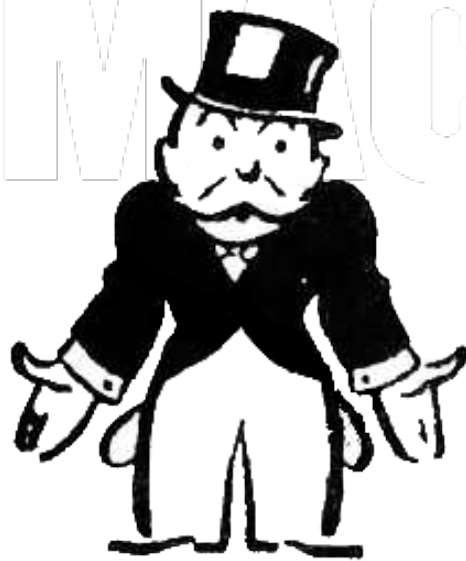
SERMON SERIES

**The  
Performance  
Treadmill**

How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found

**BANKRUPT**

O B A M A C A R E



**Financially Bankrupt:** Reduced to a state of financial ruin! A person or business that is unable to pay debts because they have no more assets! (Usually a person or business will still have a few assets that can be sold to partially pay off the debt.)



**Spiritually Bankrupt:** Having no assets, nothing we could hand over to God as even a partial payment of our debt. Jesus paid the total price for our debt!



## Romans 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

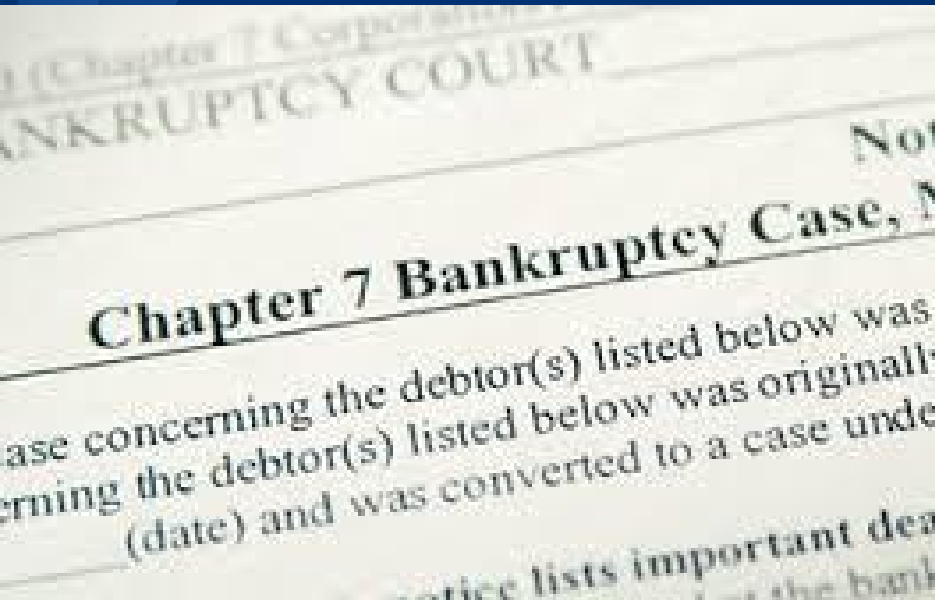
“There is no one righteous, not even one;

<sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.”

## Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.



**Chapter 7 Bankruptcy -  
Permanent**



**Chapter 11 Bankruptcy -  
Temporary**

## Companies that filed Chapter 11 and successfully stayed in business:

**General Motors:** was facing troubles before the financial crisis, and in early 2009 **relied on a government bailout** — as did fellow ailing automaker Chrysler. The total price tag of the automaker bailouts was \$82 billion (and according to a recent report, taxpayers will lose about \$14 billion on the “investment”).

**Eastman Kodak Company:** February 2012 filed Chapter 11 and January 2013, the Court approved financing for the company to emerge from bankruptcy by mid-2013. **Kodak sold many of its patents** for approximately \$525,000,000 to a group of companies (including Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft, Samsung, Adobe Systems and HTC)

**Other companies:** Hostess, Sbarro Pizza, Quizno's Subs, Samsonite, Delta Airlines (among other airlines), Kmart, Eddie Bauer, Bloomingdale's and many, many more...



## **Matthew 19:27**

Peter answered him, “We left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

## **Galatians 3:3**

Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

## **Galatians 3:2-4 (The Message)**

2-4 Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it? Did you go through this whole painful learning process for nothing? It is not yet a total loss, but it certainly will be if you keep this up!



**The Works Treadmill**



I am  
working my  
way toward  
grace!

Grace

The Works Treadmill

Works



A man with a mustache and goatee, wearing a blue t-shirt, is running on a treadmill. He has a weary expression. A thought bubble above him contains the text "I am getting tired!". The treadmill has "THE BIGGEST LOSER" printed on the front. The background is dark and out of focus, with another person in a green shirt partially visible on the right. The entire image is framed by a blue border with a wavy pattern.

I am  
getting  
tired!

The Works Treadmill



**Works**

**The Works Treadmill**

**Grace**



## Romans 11:6

“And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.”

## Ephesians 2:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

