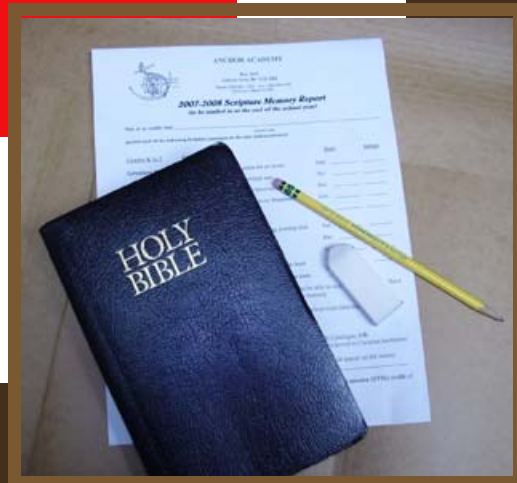


CONTESTS



AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

THE STORY OF JOHN NEWTON

by Al Rogers

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"*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...*". So begins one of the most beloved hymns of all time, a staple in the hymnals of many denominations, *New Britain* or "45 on the top" in Sacred Harp. The author of the words was John Newton, the self-proclaimed wretch who once was lost but then was found, saved by amazing grace.

Newton was born in London July 24, 1725, the son of a commander of a merchant ship which sailed the Mediterranean. When John was eleven, he went to sea with his father and made six voyages with him before the elder Newton retired. In 1744 John was pressed into service on a man-of-war, the *H. M. S. Harwich*. Finding conditions on board intolerable, he deserted but was soon recaptured and publicly flogged and demoted from midshipman to common seaman.

Finally at his own request he was exchanged into service on a slave ship, which took him to the coast of Sierra Leone. He then became the servant of a slave trader and was brutally abused. Early in 1748 he was rescued by a sea captain who had known John's father. John Newton ultimately became captain of his own ship, one which plied the slave trade.

Although he had had some early religious instruction from his mother, who had died when he was a child, he had long since given up any religious convictions. However, on a homeward voyage, while he was attempting to steer the ship through a violent storm, he experienced what he was to refer to later as his "great deliverance." He recorded in his journal that when all seemed lost and the ship would surely sink, he exclaimed, "Lord, have mercy upon us." Later in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had begun to work for him.

For the rest of his life he observed the anniversary of May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion, a day of humiliation in which he subjected his will to a higher power. "*Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has bro't me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*" He continued in the slave trade for a time after his conversion; however, he saw to it that the slaves under his care were treated humanely.

In 1750 he married Mary Catlett, with whom he had been in love for many years. By 1755, after a serious illness, he had given up seafaring forever. During his days as a sailor he had begun to educate himself, teaching himself Latin among other subjects. From 1755 to 1760 Newton was surveyor of tides at Liverpool, where he came to know George Whitefield, deacon in the Church of England, evangelistic preacher, and leader of the Calvinistic Methodist Church. Newton became Whitefield's enthusiastic disciple. During this period Newton also met and came to admire John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Newton's self-education continued, and he learned Greek and Hebrew.

He decided to become a minister and applied to the Archbishop of York for ordination. The Archbishop refused his request, but Newton persisted in his goal, and he was subsequently ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln and accepted the curacy of Olney, Buckinghamshire. Newton's church became so crowded during services that it had to be enlarged. He preached not only in Olney but in other parts of the country. In 1767 the poet William Cowper settled at Olney, and he and Newton became friends.

Cowper helped Newton with his religious services and on his tours to other places. They held not only a regular weekly church service but also began a series of weekly prayer meetings, for which their goal was to write a new hymn for each one. They collaborated on several editions of *Olney Hymns*, which achieved lasting popularity. The first edition, published in 1779, contained 68 pieces by Cowper and 280 by Newton.

Among Newton's contributions which are still loved and sung today are "*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*" and "*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*," as well as "*Amazing Grace*." Composed probably between 1760 and 1770 in Olney, "*Amazing Grace*" was possibly one of the hymns written for a weekly service.



ANCHOR ACADEMY'S CONTEST # 1

2007 - 2008 FIRST SEMESTER SCRIPTURE MEMORY CONTEST

(Open to all *Anchor* staff, registered and/or enrolled students, and their parents.)

YOUR PART:

1. Learn the specified Scripture passages as listed below on or before the 20th day of each designated month. You are welcome to choose your favourite Bible translation.
2. When you can quote the appropriate verses without looking, including the reference, phone teacher aides Mr. Wes Hunt at 1-877-784-5131 (grades K- 6), or Mrs. Marvel Katzel at 1-888-581-2348 no later than the 20th of each month. The aide will listen to you recite the passage, and if you say it with no more than three errors, he/she will ask for an adult in your home to verify that you had no help.
3. If you make more than three errors, you will be asked to hang up and try again later. Only two attempts are allowed.
4. Have your parent mark the date that you quote each passage on your 2007 - 2008 School Year Scripture Memory Report (see page B-4. Also found in your "Student Resource Folder). Keep in mind that, as well as the prizes listed below, you are eligible for another prize at the end of the school year.
5. On or before January 20, 2008 tell the aide which prize you have chosen.

	K to Grade 3	Grades 4 to Adult	
September	Romans 10:9	Romans 10: 9-13	Thou shalt be saved
October	Proverbs 22:6	Proverbs 22: 1-9	Train up a child
November	Philippians 4:6-7	Philippians 4:4-13	All things through Christ
December	Psalms 100:3-4	Psalms 100:1-5	Be thankful unto Him
January	Isaiah 40:30-31	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Run and not be weary

OUR PART:

1. Parents, staff, and students who successfully quote the five Scriptures by the 20th of each appropriate month according to the above rules may choose one of the following well-deserved prizes:
 - a) a brand new leather-look vinyl-cover A.C.E. Bible, or
 - b) a \$25.00 (Canadian) *Anchor Academy* dollars coupon valid towards the purchase of christianbook.com products, redeemable anytime up to May 16, 2008, or
 - c) a \$25.00 (Canadian) money order made out to your favourite Christian bookstore. You will be required to provide the exact business name of the bookstore as it should appear on the money order.

Prizes will be mailed without shipping charges with the February/March *Anchor Log* on February 15, 2008.

2. Successful reciters will have their names announced in the monthly *Anchor Logs*.

ANCHOR ACADEMY'S CONTEST # 2

2007 - 2008 SCHOOL YEAR SCRIPTURE MEMORY REPORT

(Open to all *Anchor* staff, registered and/or enrolled students, and their parents.)

Please feel free to make copies of this form so each member of your family can enter this contest. Completed forms are to be returned on June 13, 2008 with a circle around the desired prize. Winners will receive item selected with the July 2008 *Anchor Log* mailout.

This is to certify that _____
SURNAME FIRST NAME
 quoted each of the following passages on the date indicated below:

DATE	INITIAL	Kindergarten to Grade 3	Grades 4 to Adult	TITLE
Sept. _____	_____	Romans 10: 9	Romans 10: 9-13	Thou shalt be saved
Oct. _____	_____	Proverbs 22: 6	Proverbs 22: 1-9	Train up a child
Nov. _____	_____	Philippians 4:6-7	Philippians 4:4-13	All things through Christ
Dec. _____	_____	Psalm 100:3-4	Psalm 100:1-5	Be thankful unto Him
Jan. _____	_____	Isaiah 40:30-31	Isaiah 40:21-31	Run and not be weary
Feb. _____	_____	Luke 10: 27, 33-34	Luke 10: 25-37	The Good Samaritan
Mar. _____	_____	Matthew 6: 9-13	Matthew 6: 5-15	The Lord's Prayer
Apr. _____	_____	Mark 16: 5-6	Mark 16: 1-10	Jesus' Resurrection
May _____	_____	Mark 16: 15, 19	Mark 16: 11-20	The Great Commission

_____ **TOTAL of NINE DATES**

BONUS MEMORY:

June _____ first stanza four stanzas Hymn "Amazing Grace"

By reading the monthly passage out loud each morning, you will quickly be able to quote it without help. Have an adult mark the date as soon as you have said it from memory.

Staff, students, and parents who quote each of the first nine passages during the proper month and whose nine recorded dates add up to no more than 180 are entitled to claim a prize as follows;

- a) a brand new leather-look vinyl-cover A.C.E. Bible, or
- b) a \$25.00 (Canadian) *Anchor Academy* dollars coupon valid towards the purchase of christianbook.com products, or
- c) a \$25.00 (Canadian) money order made out to your favourite Christian bookstore.

Please provide the exact business name of bookstore as it should appear on the money order.

Name of bookstore: _____

Prizes will be mailed without shipping charges with the *Anchor Log* on July 4, 2008.

Also, students who have successfully quoted each passage will receive a short term mission (stm) credit of \$15.00 applied to their stm credit account.

BONUS:

The bonus is exclusively for those who qualify for an *Anchor Academy* Contest #2 prize. If you are one of those diligent people, you are invited to memorize the lyrics of "Amazing Grace" anytime up until June 13, 2008 for a FIVE DOLLAR BONUS on top of your selected prize.

ANCHOR ACADEMY'S CONTEST # 3

2008 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION

Anchor Academy is delighted to provide a prize of \$250 to each registered or enrolled teen who participates in the 2008 I.S.C. Prize funds will be applied to the student's airfare and related travel costs for this exciting week at a major U.S. university. Be sure to check out page F-2 to F-3 for details of this event!

The contest rules are simple:

1. Memorize and quote each of the nine Bible passages listed in *Anchor Academy's* Contest #2 any time up to May 15, 2008.
2. No more than three errors are permitted within any single passage.
3. Students will recite each passage to Teacher Aide Mr. Wes Hunt at 1-877-784-5131, or Mrs. Marvel Katzel at 1-888-581-2348.
4. Be sure to notify the office (1-888-917-3783) when completed!

HOW TO REDEEM YOUR CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTORS COUPON

To redeem your coupon for prizes check out www.christianbook.com or phone 1-800-247-4784 to request a current catalogue.

* Remember items are listed in U.S. dollars.

Email, mail, or fax *Anchor Academy* your desired items with price and item number(s) **clearly** printed. You can use the form found in Christian Book Distributors catalogue and submit it to our office.

Some items they carry are:

Christian classics, childrens books, teen books, Bibles, Bible covers, commentaries, accessories, Resource for home schoolers, curriculum, devotionals, cards, playsets, favourite authors, trinkets, software, DVDs, audio tapes, videos, films, clothing.



ANCHOR ACADEMY'S CONTEST # 4

2007 - 2008 Short Term Mission Fund Raiser

For many Christian teens, the main reason they don't participate in a personal short term mission (stm) is because they can't. They just don't have the dollars necessary to climb on a plane and be accommodated in another country!

It's our hope at *Anchor Academy* that this "you-can't-lose" contest will assist some committed teens to participate in this year's stm opportunities.

Contest rules:

1. Memorize as many of the chapters listed below as desired, any time up to the school day before the stm departure date. Choose your preferred translation.
2. Recite each chapter to Teacher Aide Mr. Wes Hunt at 1-877-784-5131 or Mrs. Marvel Katzel at 1-888-581-2348.
3. STM Credit of \$2 per verse will be awarded when an entire chapter is quoted with no more than one error per 3 verses. The student is free to choose which chapter(s) to memorize.
4. When you have quoted as many of the chapters as you desire, please notify the office (1-888-917-3783) to claim your prize.

Scripture Memory Chapters:

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| 1. Deuteronomy 6 | 6. Acts 1 |
| 2. Isaiah 53 | 7. I Corinthians 13 |
| 3. Matthew 18 | 8. Philippians 2 |
| 4. Mark 16 | 9. Hebrews 11 |
| 5. John 3 | 10. I John 5 |



HONOUR ROLL CERTIFICATE



At the end of every quarter your enrolled student can qualify for *Anchor Academy's* Honour Roll. Recipients will receive a colourful character poster and a \$15.00 credit toward the cost of a short term mission. An extra \$15.00 short term mission credit will be awarded when Honour Roll is earned in all four quarters.

There are three criteria:

- The monthly Scripture memory passages related to the quarter must have been quoted. *
- The enrolled student must have completed a minimum of three PACEs in each of the five core subjects within the 9 or 10 week quarter. **
- Where the individual is working on fewer than five core subjects to maintain / achieve academic balance, he/she must have completed at least 15 PACEs in total.
- His / Her PACE Test scores must average a letter grade score of "B" or better .

* A student is only required to memorize Scriptures for months ending in that quarter.

** Exceptions: where a student's core subjects are not in academic balance, he/she may substitute lower PACE numbers of one core subject in place of higher PACE numbers of another. DL students doing non-PACE assignments will be evaluated by their teachers to determine if PACE requirement equivalencies have been met.

☆ STM CREDITS ☆

An Anchor Academy EXCLUSIVE !!

Our principal would like to have every teen participate in an stm (short term mission) before high school graduation - so this is a “contest” to help with up to 50% of the costs.

Every student at *Anchor* has an stm account, beginning in kindergarten. Stm credits will accumulate until high school at which time they can be applied to the student’s choice of ministry. In fact, if not “spent” before graduation, the credits will remain in the student’s account until his/her 20th birthday after which they become void. Stm credits are not transferable.

One stm credit will pay one Canadian dollar towards the stm costs, including airfare, and other travel costs, meals, and accommodations. Stm credits may not be used for travel insurance, passport application fees, or inoculations (or any other incurred pre-trip medical expenses). The maximum number of stm credits permitted to be used is 50% of the stm costs.

For example, in November 2007, *Anchor Academy* is offering an stm to Guatemala. The package price is \$2750. This means that up to \$1375 of stm credits can be used towards this event, with the balance of costs being the student’s responsibility.

So, how can a student earn stm credits? Here is the official list!

1. Earn Honour Roll. For each quarter that Honour Roll status is achieved, a \$15 stm credit will be issued.
2. Earn four Honour Rolls in a school year to receive a bonus \$15 stm.
3. Qualify for the 5 month Scripture memory contest prize, and receive both a prize and a \$15 stm credit.
4. Qualify for the end of year prize in *Anchor's* 2007-08 Scripture Memory contest of 9 monthly passages for a \$15 stm credit.
5. For those young people who are up to the challenge of an extended Scripture memory program, *Anchor Academy* provides Bible chapters to be quoted for very generous stm credit allotments. See Contest #4 on page B-6.
6. Students who write the A.C.T. or S.A.T. get stm credits as follows. Every mark above 500 on each section equals one stm credit. Recently, an *Anchor* student wrote the S.A.T. with the following results:

Critical Reading	740 - 500 =	240	
Math	640 - 500 =	140	
Writing	630 - 500 =	<u>130</u>	
		510	Stm credits

OR

7. Distributed Learning high schoolers score big-time on required BC provincial exams (English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11, English 12). The student’s exam % is automatically recorded as stm credit. E.g. if English score is 68% then a \$68 stm credit is applied to student’s account!

Please note that up to half of stm costs may be paid with stm credits when the student participates in an *Anchor Academy* YouthSEND short term mission. Stm credits may also be applied toward costs of a non *Anchor Academy* sponsored stm, but will be limited to the lesser of \$750 or 50% of total costs per qualifying event.

Beginning as early as their 16th birthday, but not after their 20th, *Anchor* students may redeem stm credits for up to three separate missions.



...go ye therefore and teach all nations.... Matt.28 :19