**Child of Grace: A Death Row Story**

This is an Amazing Story of God’s Grace.

Chris Brown grew up while his father was on death row. Chris shares his thoughts of being 6 years old through young adulthood and how his relationship with his father grew. At 22 he then experienced the state of Alabama executing his father, Gary Brown on April 24, 2003.

In this story of God’s Amazing Grace, not only does his father Gary, becomes a born-again Christian while in prison, he also feels the call of God to minister to the other men on death row. His father’s message was “God’s Love, Grace and Forgiveness.” His father’s ministry affected the lives of not only prisoners, but guards, chaplains, family members, visitors and all those within the sound of his voice or pen.

God’s Grace did not stop with Gary, but Chris also got a huge dose of God’s Amazing Grace. Chris’ story is a miracle in itself. Chris’ ministry to the men in white continues what his father set out to do many years ago.

I have long been convinced that the answer is love and compassion for all of humanity. If you have love and compassion for all of humanity, you will not want to see anybody put into the death chamber and their life taken from them. It’s impossible!

Every Christian should hear Chris’ healing story. He is truly a Child of God’s Grace.

We are more than the worst thing we have ever done.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

**Bill Pelke**

**President, Journey of Hope…from Violence Healing, Murder Victim Family Member**

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It was truly an honor to read this book. Dr. Chris Brown, is a Birmingham native and an UAH graduate in the aerospace and engineering fields; who has taken a very difficult life experience and turned it into more than just words on a page. It is even, more than a testimony. A beautiful example of the overwhelming, loving, grace, God extends to us in all circumstances throughout our lives.

“I wasn’t born in jail, but I came pretty close.” … “When my mom was going into labor with me in jail, nobody would have thought I would be called Dr. Brown one day.”

Chris doesn’t really remember when his dad wasn’t in jail. More importantly, when his dad wasn’t on death row. Most of us can’t even imagine what kind of life that must have been for a small child, much less to grow up like that. Despite all the circumstances that would suggest to the contrary, Chris did indeed have a relationship with his father and even a good one. We do things in life that distances us from God, but not even death row can stop Him from reaching us and extending His grace and mercy to us. Follow Chris and his dad’s story, and watch the awesomeness of God’s love in the most unlikely of places. You are never too far or done too much that God can’t reach you, wherever you are.

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Author Dr. Chris Brown tells the true story of how his father, a death row inmate, shaped his life. "Child of Grace" is a quick read that has powerful references to the Bible, focusing on the concepts of redemption and charity. Yet, it is a memory of a son who possesses a strong connection to his father despite the prison walls that divide them. This would be a good book for anyone struggling with alienation or addiction. Its uplifting message is motivation for keeping the faith each time there is a fall from grace.

**Reader Views book review**

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This story will bring tears of joy to the eyes of readers. At times it will be heartbreaking, but there is something uniquely beautiful about it — the inscrutable ways of God are made evident in the story. While it tells the story of a criminal considered hardened enough to be executed, it also explores the power of the grace that strips us bare and allows the child of purity to be reborn. The writing is wonderful and filled with insights and beautiful lessons of faith. Dr. Chris Brown brings his experience of faith into the writing and inspires readers to see the loving mercy of God even in the darkest moments of their lives. Child of Grace: A Death Row Story is poignant and empowering, a real gift of faith and a testament of love beyond our imperfections.

**Readers' Favorite book review**

**Lights in a Dark World book blog review:** <https://lightsinadarkworld.wordpress.com/?s=child+of+grace+a+death+row+story>

**The Becca Files book blog review:** <https://thebeccafiles.com/?s=child+of+grace+a+death+row+story>