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The Gospel of Grace — Dead Works vs Living Faith

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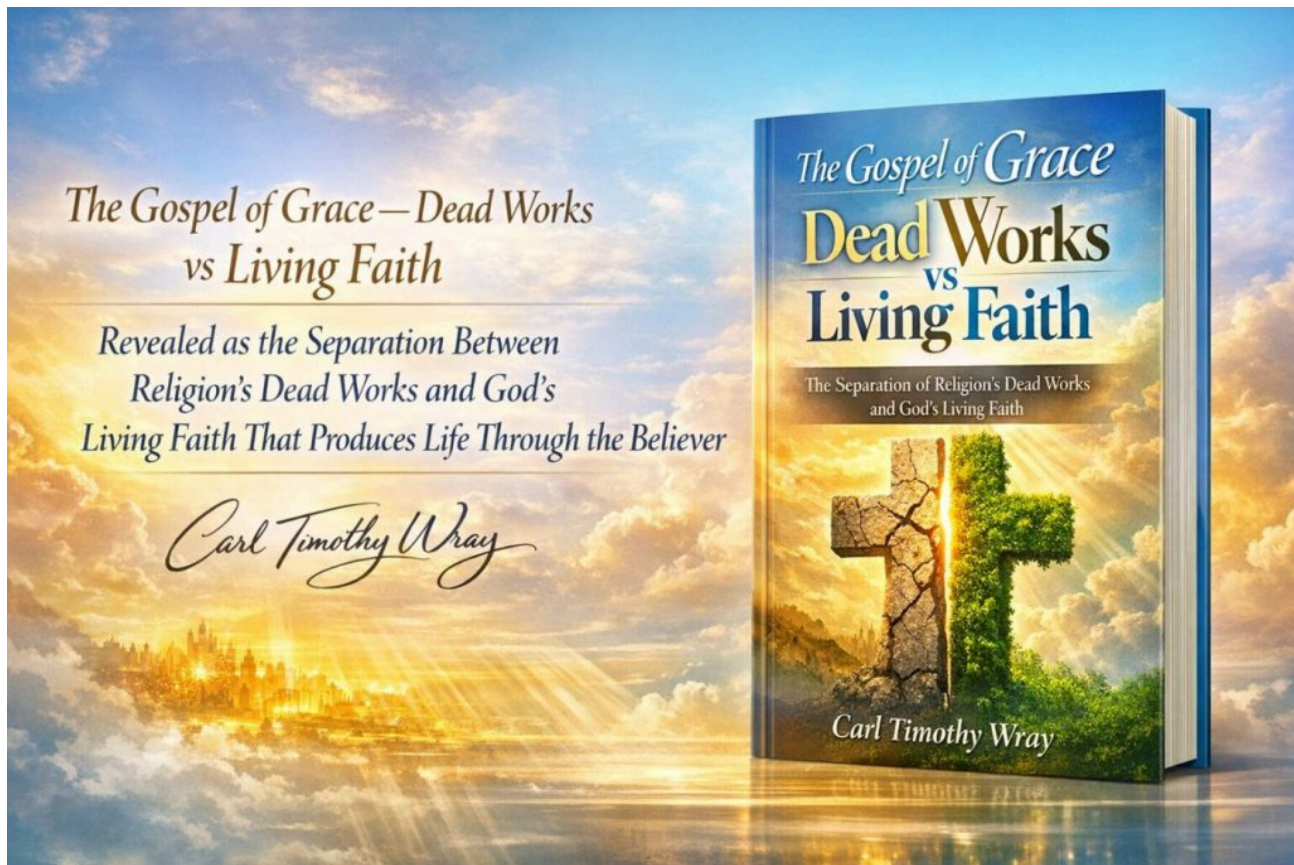
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The Gospel of Grace — Dead Works vs Living Faith reveals the powerful biblical truth that dead works cannot produce spiritual life, and that true faith is not human effort but the fruit of Christ living within the believer. This book explains the difference between grace and law, faith and works, and Spirit and flesh using the full counsel of Scripture. Through clear teaching on Hebrews 6, Romans 8, Galatians 5, and John 15, **The Gospel of Grace** shows that what God requires, He supplies through His own life. Readers will discover how to rest from dead works and live by the faith of Jesus Christ, experiencing freedom, peace, and transformation through [the finished work of Christ](#).



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INTRODUCTION

There is a question that has quietly troubled the hearts of believers for generations:

“If God requires faith... why can’t I seem to produce it?”

Many have been taught, either directly or indirectly, that faith is something they must generate—something they must build, strengthen, and maintain through effort, discipline, and striving. Yet the more they try, the more they feel the weight of failure, the pressure of expectation, and the silent accusation that they are not doing enough.



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burden of dead works.

The Gospel of Grace was never given to assist human effort—it was given to end it. It does not come alongside man's strength to help him succeed; it replaces man's inability with the very life of Christ Himself. And nowhere is this more misunderstood than in the area of faith.

Faith is not the product of human striving.
 Faith is not the result of religious effort.
 Faith is not something the branch produces.

Faith is the fruit of the life of the Vine.

Jesus declared, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." The branch does not struggle to produce fruit—it simply abides. And when it abides, the life of the Vine flows through it, producing everything that God requires, including faith. Love, joy, peace... and faith itself are not human achievements—they are divine fruit.

This is the revelation at the heart of **The Gospel of Grace — Dead Works vs Living Faith.**

There are only two systems in operation:

- One demands but never supplies
- The other supplies everything it requires

One is built on law, effort, and performance
 The other is rooted in grace, life, and divine supply

One produces dead works
 The other produces living faith

This book will walk you through that separation.



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testimony of Scripture, we will uncover what dead works truly are, why the law can never produce life, and how grace does not assist effort but replaces it

entirely. We will see that faith is not something you are called to create, but something you are called to live by—because Christ Himself has become your life.

The just shall live by faith.

Not strive for it.

Not struggle to maintain it.

But live by it.

Because it is no longer you who live...

but Christ who lives in you.

And when His life flows, faith flows.

This is not a call to do more.

This is a call to **rest, abide, and receive.**

Welcome to **The Gospel of Grace**—where dead works end, and living faith begins.

● **CHAPTER 1 — DEAD WORKS DEFINED**

There is a realm where man strives, labors, and reaches—but never arrives.

It is the realm of effort without life.

The realm of movement without power.

The realm of religion without Christ.

This is the realm of dead works.

The Gospel of Grace does not begin by improving this realm—it begins by exposing



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can be revealed, death must be defined. Before living faith can be

understood, dead works must be uncovered. And until a man sees the difference, he will spend his days trying to produce what can only come from God.

The Scripture calls us out of this system immediately:

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works**, and of faith toward God.” — Hebrews 6:1

Dead works are not a side issue.
They are a foundation that must be left behind.

WHAT ARE DEAD WORKS?

Dead works are not simply sinful actions.

They are anything produced outside the life of Christ.

They are efforts to become what God has already provided.
They are attempts to produce righteousness without the source of life.

This is why the Word says:

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall **no flesh be justified in his sight**: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” — Romans 3:20

The law can reveal what is right, but it cannot produce it.

So man, seeing the requirement, begins to strive.



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ving—without life—becomes dead works.

THE CLEANSING FROM DEAD WORKS

God did not merely forgive sin.

He provided a way out of the system that produces dead works altogether.

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**” — Hebrews 9:14

Notice what is being cleansed.

Not just behavior.

Not just actions.

The conscience itself

Because as long as the conscience is tied to performance, man will continue to strive—even after being forgiven.

He will still feel:

- the pressure to do more
- the fear of not being enough
- the need to produce what God requires

But The Gospel of Grace purges the conscience from that system.

So the believer no longer lives by effort...
but begins to live by Christ within.



THE ILLUSION OF RIGHTEOUS WORKS

Man has always believed that righteousness could be produced through effort.

That if he could just do enough, try hard enough, or live right enough—he could become acceptable before God.

But the Word shatters that illusion:

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...**”
— Isaiah 64:6

This is not speaking of wicked men.

This is speaking of man **trying to be righteous in his own strength.**

Without Christ as the source, even the best efforts of man:

- lack life
- lack power
- lack divine origin

They may appear good outwardly...

But before God, they are still dead.



THE LAW AND THE BIRTH OF DEAD WORKS

Dead works are born from a system—the law working through the flesh.



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als what is right.

The law exposes what is wrong.

But the law cannot produce life.

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh...” — Romans 8:3

“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.”
— Galatians 3:21

The law demands.

But it does not supply.

So man sees the demand and begins to strive to fulfill it.

And without life...

👉 those efforts become dead works.

THE CYCLE OF STRIVING

This creates a cycle that many believers live in without realizing it.

God’s standard is revealed.

Man attempts to meet it.

Man fails.

Man tries harder.

And the cycle repeats.



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es this condition:

“For when we were in the flesh, **the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.**” — Romans 7:5

The law, working through the flesh, does not produce life.

☞ It produces fruit unto death.

This is the treadmill of religion.

Movement... without progress

Effort... without life

But The Gospel of Grace interrupts this cycle completely.

DEAD WORKS VS LIVING SOURCE

Here is the dividing line.

Dead works come from man trying to reach God.

Living faith comes from God living in man.

Dead works say:

“I must do.”

“I must become.”

“I must produce.”

But The Gospel of Grace reveals something entirely different:



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...ed with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...” —
Galatians 2:20

Life is no longer coming from man.

☞ Life is now coming from Christ within.

And when the source changes...

Everything changes.

THE FIRST LIGHT OF SEPARATION

This is where light begins to break through.

Dead works are not just wrong actions.

They are right actions produced from the wrong source.

And that is why they must be left behind.

Because the truth is this:

“What God requires cannot be produced by man.”

And the Word reveals the answer:

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” —
Philippians 2:13

What God requires...

☞ God himself supplies.



TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

If dead works cannot produce life...

If the law demands but cannot supply...

Then why was the law given at all?

And what is its true purpose in the plan of God?

In the next chapter, we will uncover the truth:

The law demands—but it cannot give life.

And in seeing this clearly, we begin to understand why The Gospel of Grace is not assistance...

...but replacement.

CHAPTER 2 — THE LAW DEMANDS BUT CANNOT GIVE LIFE

There is something the law does perfectly.

It reveals.

It exposes.

It defines.

But there is something the law can never do.



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...e life.

This is where many stumble. They see the holiness of the law and assume that if they could just follow it closely enough, they would finally walk in life. But the Scripture makes it plain that **The Gospel of Grace** reveals something deeper:

The problem is not the law.

👉 The problem is the source.



WHAT THE LAW WAS GIVEN TO DO

The law was never given to produce righteousness.

It was given to reveal sin.

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**” — Romans 3:20

The law shines light.

It shows what is right and what is wrong.

But it does not give the power to become what it reveals.

This is why the law leads man to effort.

And effort without life becomes dead works.



THE LAW IS HOLY — BUT NOT LIFE



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clear.

The law is not evil.

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.” —
Romans 7:12

The issue is not the law’s nature.

The issue is its limitation.

The law can tell a man what righteousness looks like...

But it cannot make him righteous.

It can command obedience...

But it cannot produce obedience.

It can demand life...

But it cannot give life.

THE WEAKNESS OF THE LAW

The weakness was never in the law itself.

It was in the flesh.

“For what the law could not do, in that it was **weak through the flesh**, God sending his own Son... condemned sin in the flesh.” — Romans 8:3



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sets man where he is.

And where man is—apart from Christ—is in the flesh.

So the law demands righteousness from a source that cannot produce it.

And this is where striving is born.



THE LAW STIRS WHAT IT DEMANDS

Something even deeper happens.

The law does not just reveal sin—it actually stirs it.

“For when we were in the flesh, **the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.**” — Romans 7:5

The commandment comes.

The desire to fulfill it rises.

But instead of producing righteousness...

👉 it produces frustration, failure, and death.

This is the hidden trap of law-based living.



IF LIFE COULD COME BY THE LAW

This question settles everything.



“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: **for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**” — Galatians 3:21

If life could come through the law...

☞ then Christ was not necessary.

But the truth is:

No law was ever given that could produce life.

So righteousness cannot come through it.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

Then why was it given?

“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster **to bring us unto Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.” — Galatians 3:24

The law was never the destination.

☞ It was the pointer.

It leads man to the end of himself.

It shows him his inability.

It brings him to the place where he must look to another source.





THE TRANSITION FROM LAW TO LIFE

This is where The Gospel of Grace steps in.

“For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**” —
John 1:17

The law says:

Do this and live.

Grace says:

Live—and you will do.

The law demands from man.

Grace supplies through Christ.

The law requires righteousness.

Grace gives righteousness as a gift.



THE LAW DEMANDS — GRACE SUPPLIES

This is the dividing line.

The law will always say:

“Produce it.”



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Grace will always say:

👉 "Receive it."

The law looks to man as the source.

Grace reveals Christ as the source.

And this is why The Gospel of Grace is not an addition to the law...

👉 It is a replacement of the entire system.

💡 THE END OF STRIVING

When a man sees this, something shifts.

He no longer looks to himself to fulfill what God requires.

He begins to understand:

"For it is God which worketh in you **both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**"

— Philippians 2:13

What the law demanded...

👉 God now supplies from within.

🌟 TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

If the law cannot give life...



It was never meant to produce righteousness...

Then what happens when we try to mix law with grace?

Can the two systems work together?

Or does mixture corrupt the entire message?

In the next chapter, we will uncover the truth:

Grace and works cannot mix.

And in seeing this clearly, we will begin to understand the purity of **The Gospel of Grace**.

CHAPTER 3 — GRACE AND WORKS CANNOT MIX

There is a line in the Spirit that cannot be crossed.

It is not a line of preference.

It is not a line of denomination.

It is not a line of interpretation.

It is a line of **source**.

On one side stands grace.

On the other side stands works.

And The Gospel of Grace declares that these two cannot be blended, balanced, or combined. They are not partners. They are opposites.

THE DIVINE DIVISION

The Word speaks with absolute clarity:

“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.” — Romans 11:6

There is no middle ground.

Grace plus works does not produce a stronger gospel.
Grace plus works produces confusion.

When works are added, grace is removed.
When grace is understood, works lose their place as a source.

The Gospel of Grace is pure—or it is no longer grace.

THE SUBTLE DECEPTION OF MIXTURE

Mixture rarely announces itself openly.

It comes quietly.

It sounds like:

“Grace saved me... but now I must maintain it.”

“Grace forgave me... but now I must prove myself.”

“Grace started the work... but now I must finish it.”



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ture exposes this thinking:

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." — Galatians 2:21

To add law to grace is not harmless.

☞ It frustrates grace.

☞ It empties the cross of its power.

BEGINNING IN THE SPIRIT, FINISHING IN THE FLESH

This is not a new problem.

Paul confronted it directly:

"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" — Galatians 3:3

They had received life by grace.

But then they turned back to effort.

They began to believe that what was started by God must now be completed by man.

And that is the root of mixture.



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GRACE IS NOT ASSISTANCE

Many treat grace as help.

As if grace comes alongside human effort to make it more effective.

But The Gospel of Grace reveals something entirely different.

Grace is not assistance.

☞ Grace is replacement.

“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.” — Ephesians 2:8–9

Grace does not improve man’s ability.

Grace removes man from the position of source entirely.



THE CURSE OF MIXING SYSTEMS

When law and grace are mixed, something dangerous happens.

The believer is placed back under pressure.

“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse...” — Galatians 3:10

Why?

Because the law demands perfection.

Anything less brings condemnation.



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So when a man tries to live partly by grace and partly by works, he is pulled back under the weight of the law.

FALLEN FROM GRACE

The language of Scripture is strong here.

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” — Galatians 5:4

To seek justification through works is not a small shift.

👉 It is a departure from grace itself.

This does not mean grace disappears.

It means the man has stepped out of living in it.

THE PURITY OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of Grace is not a mixture.

It is not a balance.

It is not a combination of two systems.

It is a complete and total revelation that:



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and requires, God supplies.

Titus declares:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us...” — Titus 2:11–12

Grace does not just save.

☞ Grace teaches.

☞ Grace transforms.

☞ Grace produces.

THE END OF SELF-AS SOURCE

This is the true separation.

In works, man is the source.

In grace, Christ is the source.

Works say:

“I must become.”

“I must produce.”

“I must maintain.”

Grace reveals:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...” — Galatians 2:20

The source has changed.



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And when the source changes, the outcome changes.



THE LIGHT OF SIMPLICITY

Mixture complicates.

Grace simplifies.

Mixture creates pressure.

Grace brings rest.

Mixture divides the mind.

Grace brings clarity.

This is why The Gospel of Grace must remain pure.

Because only in its purity does it reveal Christ as all.



TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

If grace and works cannot mix...

If the source must be entirely God...

Then what about faith?

Is faith something man must produce?



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part of what God supplies?

In the next chapter, we will uncover the truth:

Faith is not the work of man.

Faith is the gift—and the work—of God.

CHAPTER 4 — THE FAITH OF GOD, NOT THE WORK OF MAN

There is a question that sits at the center of every believer's struggle:

If I am saved by grace...
then why does it still feel like I must produce faith?

This is where many stumble.

They have left the law in word...
but they still live under it in mindset.

They no longer trust in works for righteousness—
yet they still believe that faith is something they must generate.

But The Gospel of Grace reveals something deeper:

Faith is not the work of man.
Faith is the work of God.



NOT YOUR FAITH — HIS FAITH



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Does not say we live by faith in ourselves.

It says:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me." — Galatians 2:20

This is not a small detail.

It does not say faith *in* the Son of God.

It says faith *of* the Son of God.

That means:

- ☞ The source of faith is not you
- ☞ The source of faith is Him



FAITH IS GIVEN, NOT GENERATED

Man has been taught to build faith.

To increase it.

To strengthen it.

To develop it through effort.

But the Word reveals something entirely different:

"According as God hath **dealt to every man the measure of faith.**" — Romans 12:3

Faith is not something you create.



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- ☞ It is something you receive.

Even belief itself is granted:

“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only to believe on him**, but also to suffer for his sake.” — Philippians 1:29

Faith is not a human achievement.

It is a divine gift.

THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF FAITH

Faith does not begin with you.



And it does not end with you.

“Looking unto Jesus the **author and finisher of our faith...**” — Hebrews 12:2

He is the author.

He is the finisher.

That means:

-  Faith does not originate in man
-  Faith is not sustained by man

It begins in Christ...

and it is completed by Christ.



THE BURDEN OF TRYING TO BELIEVE

When a man believes that faith is his responsibility to produce, something happens within him.

He begins to strive.

He asks:

“Do I have enough faith?”

“Why is my faith weak?”

“How do I increase my faith?”

And the more he tries...

👉 the heavier it becomes

Because he is attempting to produce something that was never his to produce.

This is another form of dead works.

Not outward action...

👉 but inward striving.



FAITH COMES BY HEARING

So how does faith function?

“So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” — Romans 10:17



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ot come by effort.

Faith comes by hearing.

And hearing comes by the Word.

This is why the Word must be seen, heard, and received.

Because faith flows from revelation—not from effort.

THE SOURCE OF LIVING FAITH

The Gospel of Grace reveals that faith is not something separate from Christ.

It is part of His life.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” — Colossians 1:27

If Christ is in you...

Then the faith that flows from Him is also in you.

Not as something you must produce...

👉 but as something He produces.

THE END OF SELF-DEPENDENCE

This is where the shift happens.



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nger looks to himself to believe.

He no longer tries to generate trust, confidence, or assurance.

Instead, he rests in the truth:

☞ Christ is his faith

☞ Christ is his life

And as Christ lives...

☞ faith flows

THE REVELATION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

If faith is from God...

If faith is given...

If faith is authored and finished by Christ...

Then it cannot be a work of man.

It must be something that comes from life.

And that leads us to the next revelation.



TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

If faith is not something we produce...

If it is not a work of effort...

Then what is it?

How does it actually function in the life of a believer?

In the next chapter, we will uncover the truth:

Faith is not a work...

 **Faith is fruit.**

And when the Vine lives, the branch bears.

CHAPTER 5 — LIVING FAITH AS THE FRUIT OF THE VINE

There is a mystery hidden in plain sight.

Many have tried to produce faith.

Many have labored to increase it.

Many have struggled to maintain it.

But few have seen what the Word has already revealed:

Faith is not a work.

 Faith is fruit.



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of Grace unveils this truth—not as a concept, but as a living reality.

What God requires is not produced by the effort of the branch, but by the life of the

Vine flowing through it.



THE VINE AND THE BRANCH

Jesus did not leave this unclear.

“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.**” — John 15:5

The branch has one responsibility:

☞ Abide

It does not strain.

It does not struggle.

It does not produce.

It simply remains connected to the source.

And when it abides...

☞ fruit comes

Not by effort—but by life.



FRUIT, NOT PERFORMANCE

The Word does not list “works of the Spirit.”



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the fruit of the Spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance...**” — Galatians 5:22–23

Notice what is in the list.

Love is fruit.

Joy is fruit.

Peace is fruit.

And faith...

☞ is also fruit.

Faith is not separated from the life of the Spirit.

It is part of it.

It grows from it.

It flows out of it.

It is produced by it.



THE SHIFT FROM WORK TO LIFE

This is where everything changes.

As long as a man believes faith is something he must produce...

☞ he will strive

But when he sees that faith is fruit...



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☞ he will abide

Because fruit does not come from effort.

Fruit comes from life.

GOD WORKING WITHIN

The source of this fruit is not external.

It is internal.

“For it is God which worketh in you **both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**”
— Philippians 2:13

God is not merely giving instructions from the outside.

👉 He is working from the inside

He supplies the will.

He supplies the doing.

He supplies the life that produces the fruit.

THE FLOW OF CHRIST WITHIN

The Gospel of Grace reveals that Christ is not distant.

He is not external.

He is within.



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... you, the hope of glory.” — Colossians 1:27

And if Christ is in you...

Then the life that produces faith is also in you.

Not as potential waiting to be activated...

👉 but as a present reality flowing from the Vine

WITHOUT HIM, NOTHING

Jesus said it plainly:

“Without me ye can do nothing.” — John 15:5

Not a little.

Not less.

👉 Nothing

This includes faith.

Without Him:

- no true love
- no true peace
- no true faith

But with Him:

👉 all fruit flows





THE REST OF ABIDING

Abiding is not effort.

It is rest.

It is the ceasing from striving to produce, and the beginning of trusting the life within.

This is why the Word declares:

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works...**” — Hebrews 4:9–10

When a man ceases from his own works...

👉 the life of Christ begins to flow freely

And that life produces fruit.



THE REVELATION OF LIVING FAITH

Faith is no longer something you try to have.

Faith becomes something you live from.

Because it is flowing from Christ within you.

The branch does not ask:



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“produce fruit?”

It abides.

And the fruit appears.

THE GREAT SIMPLICITY

The Gospel of Grace brings everything back to simplicity.

Not striving... but abiding

Not producing... but receiving

Not working... but living

And in that simplicity:

☞ faith flows

☞ life flows

☞ Christ is revealed

TRANSITION TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

If faith is fruit...

If it flows from the life of Christ within...

Then how do we actually live?

What does it mean that:



...all live by faith”?

In the next chapter, we will uncover the truth:

Faith is not something we reach for...

 **It is the life we live by.**

CHAPTER 6 — THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

There is a statement repeated throughout the Word that has often been read... but rarely understood.

“The just shall live by faith.” — Romans 1:17

This is not a suggestion.

It is not a command to try harder.

It is a revelation of how life actually functions.

The Gospel of Grace does not call a man to strive to live by faith.

👉 It reveals that the just already live by it.

NOT STRIVING — LIVING

Most have read this verse as instruction:

“Try to live by faith.”

“Work to maintain your faith.”

keep believing.”



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But the Word does not say that.

It says:

☞ The just shall live by faith

That means faith is not something added to life.

☞ Faith is the way life is lived

THE SAME TESTIMONY THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

This truth is not isolated.

It echoes from beginning to end:

“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: **but the just shall live by his faith.**” — Habakkuk 2:4

“Now the just shall live by faith...” — Hebrews 10:38

“...that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.” — Galatians 3:11

The repetition is intentional.

God is establishing something unchanging:



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not come through law
through faith

FAITH AS LIFE, NOT EFFORT

This is where the shift must happen.

Faith is not something you turn on and off.

Faith is not something you reach for in moments of need.

Faith is the life that flows from Christ within.

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God...**” — Galatians 2:20

This is not your faith trying to reach God.

👉 This is Christ’s faith living through you

THE END OF SELF-EFFORT

When a man believes he must produce faith, he enters into striving.

He begins to measure:

“Is my faith strong enough?”

“Do I believe enough?”

“Why am I struggling?”

But the Gospel of Grace brings an end to this.



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reveals:

- ☞ Faith is not your responsibility to produce
- ☞ Faith is Christ's life flowing through you

And when that is seen...

- ☞ striving ceases
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ENTERING INTO REST

This is why the Word speaks of rest:

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works...**” — Hebrews 4:9–10

To live by faith is to live from rest.

Not inactivity...

- ☞ but dependence on the life within

Jesus said:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28

The rest is not found in doing more.

- ☞ It is found in receiving what has already been given
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The Gospel of Grace reveals that life is not external.

It is internal.

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**” — Romans 8:2

There are two laws:

- the law of sin and death
- the law of the Spirit of life

One operates through effort and failure.

The other operates through life and freedom.

And the just live by the second.



FROM DEMAND TO SUPPLY

Under the law, life was demanded.

Under grace, life is supplied.

The law said:

“Do this and live.”

Grace reveals:

“Live—and you will do.”



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Because the life comes first.

And the doing flows from it.



THE SIMPLICITY OF LIVING FAITH

Living by faith is not complicated.

It is not a formula.

It is not a method.

It is a life.

A life where:

- Christ is the source
 - the Spirit is the power
 - faith is the flow
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The just are not trying to become something.

They are living from what has already been given.

They are not striving to reach God.

☞ They are living from God within



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why:

👉 they live by faith

🔥 TRANSITION TO THE FINAL CHAPTER

If the just live by faith...

If faith is life flowing from Christ within...

Then there must be a clear separation between the two systems.

Dead works...
and living faith

In the final chapter, we will bring everything together:

🔥 The final separation — dead works or living faith

And the clarity that ends confusion forever.

🔥 CHAPTER 7 — THE FINAL SEPARATION: DEAD WORKS OR LIVING FAITH

There comes a moment when truth no longer invites consideration...

👉 it demands separation.



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of Grace does not leave a man in mixture.

It does not leave him balancing between two systems.

It brings him to a clear and unavoidable conclusion:

There are only two sources.

Dead works...
or living faith

And both cannot operate together.

TWO SYSTEMS — TWO SOURCES

From the beginning of this book, the line has been drawn.

One system flows from man.
The other flows from God.

One is rooted in effort.
The other is rooted in life.

The Word makes this contrast unmistakable:

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...” — Galatians 5:17

They are not compatible.

They are not cooperative.

👉 They are contrary



THE FLESH CANNOT PRODUCE LIFE

No matter how refined it becomes...

No matter how disciplined it appears...

The flesh cannot produce what only the Spirit can give.

“So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God.**” — Romans 8:8

This is not a statement of effort.

It is a statement of source.

The issue is not how hard a man tries.

👉 The issue is where it is coming from



THE SPIRIT PRODUCES FRUIT

In contrast, the Spirit does not demand fruit.

👉 The Spirit produces it

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...” — Galatians 5:22

Notice again:

Faith is not separate.



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he fruit.

It flows from the same life that produces:

- love
- joy
- peace

This is living faith.

NO LONGER UNDER LAW

This is why the believer is no longer under the law.

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for **ye are not under the law, but under grace.**” — Romans 6:14

Under the law:

- man is the source
- effort is required
- failure is inevitable

Under grace:

- Christ is the source
 - life is supplied
 - fruit is produced
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A NEW CREATION REALITY



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behavior modification.

It is transformation.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

The old system of striving is gone.

The new reality is Christ within.

And from that reality...

👉 living faith flows

THE END OF MIXTURE

The Gospel of Grace brings mixture to an end.

No more:

- trying to earn what is already given
- striving to produce what must be received
- living from self while speaking of Christ

The line is clear.

Dead works come from self.

Living faith comes from Christ.

And the two cannot mix.





THE LIFE OF THE BRANCH

The branch has no life in itself.

Its only life is the Vine.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches...” — John 15:5

When the branch abides:

- fruit comes
- life flows
- faith appears

Not because the branch tries...

👉 but because the Vine lives



THE FINAL CLARITY

Everything now comes into focus.

Dead works are not simply wrong actions.

They are actions produced from the wrong source.

Living faith is not something you perform.

👉 It is the life of Christ revealed in you



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THE FINAL DECLARATION

Dead works cannot produce life.

Living faith is the life of Christ Himself flowing through the believer.

What God requires...

God supplies

What the law demands...

grace fulfills

The just do not strive to live by faith.

👉 They live by it

Because Christ is their life.



CLOSING CALL

The Gospel of Grace is not calling you to do more.

It is calling you to see clearly.

To leave dead works behind.

To cease from striving.

To rest in the life that has already been given.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” —
Matthew 11:28



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This is the invitation.

Not to effort...

👉 but to life

FINAL WORD

The separation is complete.

Dead works...
or living faith

One produces nothing.

The other produces everything.

Choose the source.

And let the life of Christ do what only He can do.

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