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The Gospel of Grace — Hebrews 11:6 Revealed: What God Requires, Grace Fulfills



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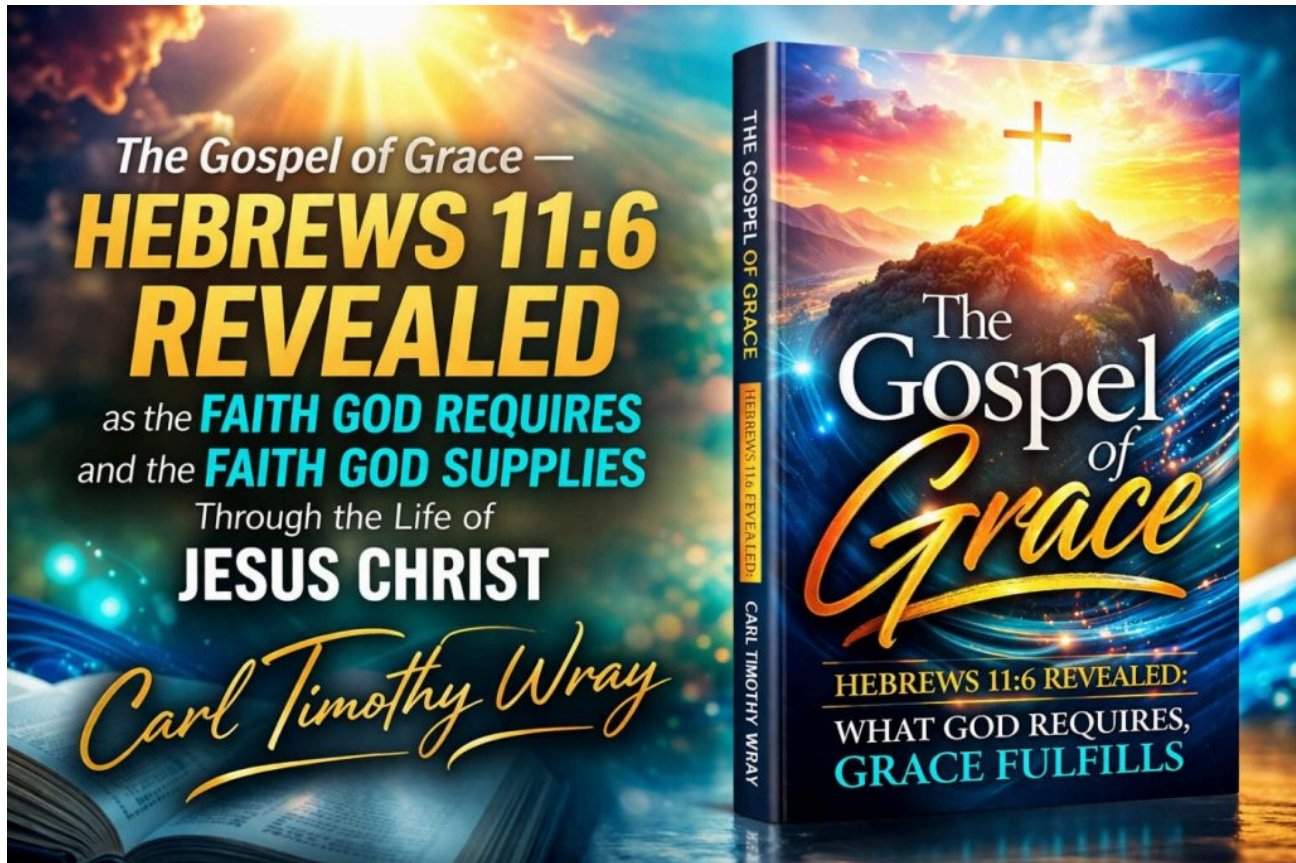


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The Gospel of Grace — Hebrews 11:6 Revealed: What God Requires, Grace Fulfills is a powerful biblical teaching that unlocks the true meaning of Hebrews 11:6 within the full counsel of God. This book answers one of the most important questions in Scripture: if faith is required to please God, where does that faith come from? By examining key passages such as Hebrews 11:1, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:17, John 6:44, and Philippians 2:13, this work reveals that faith is not self-produced, but supplied through the life of Jesus Christ. Readers will discover how grace fulfills what God requires, how faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and how salvation unfolds according to divine order. This book is ideal for those seeking faith, grace vs works, the finished work of Christ, and the [full counsel of](#)



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INTRODUCTION — HEBREWS 11:6 IN THE FULL COUNSEL OF GOD

There are few verses in Scripture as absolute, as weighty, and as uncompromising as Hebrews 11:6:

“But without faith it is impossible to please him...”

Not difficult.

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 Impossible.

This is not a suggestion.

This is not a recommendation.

This is a **divine requirement**.

And immediately, the weight of that statement presses upon the natural mind:

Do I have enough faith?

Can I produce faith?

What if I cannot believe?

And without the full counsel of God, the verse that was meant to reveal truth becomes a source of pressure, striving, and uncertainty.

Because it sounds like this:

☞ God requires faith...

☞ now man must produce it

But the same Scriptures that declare “**without faith it is impossible**” also reveal the condition of man apart from God:

Ephesians 2:12 — without God, man has **no hope**

John 15:5 — without Christ, man can do **nothing**

1 Corinthians 2:14 — the natural man **cannot receive** the things of God

Not weak.

☞ **Unable.**

So now the question must be asked:



If faith is required...
and man has no ability to produce it...

👉 where does that faith come from?

The answer is not found in one verse.

It is found in the **full counsel of God**.

The same God who requires faith
is the God who gives life.

The same God who says “without faith”
is the God who speaks, reveals, draws, and works within man.

Faith is not self-generated.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves...” —
Ephesians 2:8

Faith comes by hearing:

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” — Romans 10:17

And the will to respond is not independent:

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

This book is written to bring Hebrews 11:6 out of isolation and into the full counsel of God.



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...ve the requirement of faith—
...l the **source of that faith**.

Because the Gospel of Grace does not say:

☞ "God requires faith—now produce it."

The Gospel declares:

- ☞ God reveals
- ☞ God speaks
- ☞ God quickens
- ☞ God works

And the man now believes.

This is the revelation:

🔥 **What God requires, grace fulfills.**

The faith God requires
is the faith God supplies.

And when this is seen, the burden is lifted,
the striving ends,
and the soul enters into rest.

CHAPTER 1 — WITHOUT FAITH: THE ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT

🔥 **"WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE"**

“But without faith it is impossible to please him...”

This is one of the most absolute statements in all of Scripture.

Not difficult.

Not rare.

👉 **Impossible.**

God does not lower the standard.

God does not adjust the requirement.

Faith is not optional.

Faith is not one path among many.

👉 **Faith is the only way that pleases God.**



THE WEIGHT OF THE REQUIREMENT

The moment a man hears this verse, something begins to press upon him:

“Do I have faith?”

“Is my faith strong enough?”

“What if I don’t believe enough?”

And without understanding, the verse produces:

- pressure
- striving



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Because it sounds like:

- ☞ God requires something...
- ☞ and now I must produce it

But this is where the danger begins.

Because the requirement is real—

- ☞ **but the understanding is incomplete.**

FAITH IS NOT A SUGGESTION — IT IS A REQUIREMENT

Romans 8:8

| “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Hebrews 10:38

| “Now the just shall live by faith...”

Romans 14:23

| “...whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

These are not optional statements.

They form a unified declaration:



- ☞ Without faith — no pleasing God
- ☞ Without faith — no life
- ☞ Without faith — no righteousness

Faith is not an accessory to the Christian life.

☞ **Faith is the foundation of all relationship with God.**

🔥 THE STANDARD IS PERFECTION — NOT EFFORT

God does not say:

“Try to have faith”

“Do your best to believe”

He says:

☞ Without it — impossible

This means:

- partial faith is not the standard
- emotional belief is not the standard
- human effort is not the standard

☞ **The requirement is absolute.**

And that creates a problem.





THE PROBLEM CREATED BY THE REQUIREMENT

If faith is absolutely required...
then the question must be faced honestly:

👉 Who has it?

Not who claims it.
Not who talks about it.

👉 Who actually possesses the faith that pleases God?

Because Scripture does not describe man as capable.

It describes man as:

- dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1)
- without hope (Ephesians 2:12)
- unable to receive spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- able to do nothing without Christ (John 15:5)

So now the tension appears:

- 👉 God requires faith
- 👉 but man has no ability to produce it



THE REQUIREMENT REVEALS THE NEED

This is not a contradiction.



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This is a pattern found throughout all Scripture.

God requires...

- righteousness → man cannot produce it
- obedience → man cannot fulfill it
- holiness → man cannot attain it

☞ And now:

God requires faith

☞ and man cannot produce it

The requirement was never given to prove man's strength.

☞ It was given to reveal his need.



THE LAW AND THE PATTERN OF GOD

Romans 3:20

“By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

The Law demanded perfection—

not to empower man,
but to expose him.

Galatians 3:24

“The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ...”



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is always the same:

- ☞ God requires
- ☞ man fails
- ☞ God fulfills

And Hebrews 11:6 follows that same pattern.

HEBREW S 11:6 IS NOT ISOLATED

When read alone, it sounds like:

- ☞ "Produce faith so you can please God"

But when read in the full counsel of God, it reveals:

- ☞ Faith is required
- ☞ but the source of that faith must be found

Because God never requires anything from man that He has not already determined to supply through Christ.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT CREATES STRIVING

When this verse is misunderstood, it creates a false gospel:

- ☞ "God requires faith... now you must produce it"

This leads to:



- striving to believe

- trying to generate faith
- emotional effort mistaken for spiritual reality

And the man finds himself:

☞ reaching into a nature that cannot produce what God requires

DEAD MEN CANNOT PRODUCE FAITH

Ephesians 2:1

| “And you hath he quickened, who were dead...”

A dead man does not believe.

A dead man does not produce faith.

A dead man does not respond to God.

☞ **Life must come first.**

This is the key that unlocks everything.

THE QUESTION THAT OPENS THE DOOR

So now the real question is not:

☞ “Do I have enough faith?”



The real question is:

👉 “Where does faith come from?”

Because if faith is required...
and man cannot produce it...

👉 then the source must be God.

🔥 THE REVELATION THAT BEGINS TO BREAK THROUGH

Hebrews 11:6 is not revealing:

✗ what man must accomplish

It is revealing:

👉 what must be present

And the rest of Scripture will reveal:

👉 where that comes from

🌟 FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 1

“Without faith it is impossible to please God—but the same God who requires faith is the God who reveals, supplies, and produces the faith that pleases Him.”

CHAPTER 2 — THE FATAL QUESTION: WHO HAS FAITH?

THE QUESTION THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED

We have established:

“Without faith it is impossible to please him...” — Hebrews 11:6

This is not negotiable.

This is not symbolic.

☞ **Faith is absolutely required.**

But now we must face the question that most avoid:

☞ **Who actually has this faith?**

Not who claims it.

Not who talks about it.

☞ Who possesses the faith that truly pleases God?

Because if we answer this wrong, we will build a gospel on illusion instead of truth.

THE CONDITION OF MAN WITHOUT GOD

The Scripture does not describe man as weak.

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It describes man as:

☞ **dead**

Ephesians 2:1

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins...”

Not struggling.

Not partially alive.

☞ **Dead.**

DEAD MEANS NO ABILITY

A dead man cannot:

- believe
- respond
- produce faith
- reach for God

Ephesians 2:12

“Having no hope, and without God in the world.”

☞ No hope = no source

☞ No hope = no ability

This is not exaggeration.



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diagnosis of man.



THE NATURAL MAN CANNOT RECEIVE

1 Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God... neither can he know them...”

Notice:

☞ Not “will not”

☞ But “**cannot**”

This is inability—not rebellion alone.

The natural man lacks the capacity to receive spiritual truth.



WITHOUT CHRIST — NOTHING

Jesus removes all confusion:

John 15:5

“For without me ye can do nothing.”

Not a little.

Not partially.

☞ **Nothing.**



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S:

- believing
- producing faith
- initiating relationship with God

THIS DESTROYS SELF-PRODUCED FAITH

If man is:

- dead
- without hope
- unable to receive
- able to do nothing

Then faith cannot come from:

- ✗ human will
- ✗ human effort
- ✗ the Adamic nature

👉 **It is impossible.**

NONE SEEK GOD ON THEIR OWN

Romans 3:10–12

“There is none righteous, no, not one... there is none that seeketh after God.”

This removes the final illusion:



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is not initiate the search for God.

Even the desire to seek must come from somewhere beyond himself.

THE FATAL CONTRADICTION

Now we see the tension clearly:

- 👉 Hebrews 11:6 — Faith is required
- 👉 Scripture — Man cannot produce it

So we are left with a contradiction—unless we see the full counsel:

- 👉 God requires something man cannot produce

And this is not new.

This is the pattern of God.

THE PATTERN REPEATED

God required:

- righteousness → man could not produce it
- obedience → man failed
- holiness → man fell short

Now:

- 👉 God requires faith
- 👉 Man cannot produce it



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This is not failure in God's design.

☞ This is the design.

THE REQUIREMENT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE MET BY MAN

The requirement was not given to prove man's ability.

☞ It was given to expose his inability.

So that man would stop looking within himself and begin to look to God.

THE PURPOSE OF EXPOSING INABILITY

Galatians 3:22

| "The scripture hath concluded all under sin..."

Why?

☞ "That the promise... might be given..."

God shuts every door to human ability so that only one door remains open:

☞ **Grace.**





SO WHO HAS FAITH?

Now we return to the question:

☞ Who has the faith that pleases God?

The answer is:

☞ **Not the man in himself**

☞ **Not the flesh**

☞ **Not the natural mind**

Faith must come from a source beyond man.



THE QUESTION THAT OPENS THE NEXT DOOR

So now the question shifts:

Not:

☞ "Do I have faith?"

But:

☞ **"Where does true faith come from?"**



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man cannot produce it...

👉 then God must supply it.

🔥 THE BEGINNING OF THE REVELATION

The same God who requires faith
is the God who gives life.

The same God who says “without faith”
is the God who speaks, reveals, and draws.

And when He does—

👉 faith begins to appear.

🌟 FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 2

“Faith is required—but it is not found in man. It must come from God, because man in himself has no life, no ability, and no source to produce what God demands.”

📖 CHAPTER 3 — FAITH COMES BY HEARING: THE SOURCE REVEALED

🔥 THE QUESTION NOW DEMANDS AN ANSWER



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ablished:

- ☞ Faith is required (Hebrews 11:6)
- ☞ Man cannot produce it (Ephesians 2:1, 1 Corinthians 2:14)

So now the question can no longer be avoided:

☞ **Where does faith come from?**

Because if it does not come from man...

- ☞ then it must come from God.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

Romans 10:17

| “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

This verse does not say:

- ☞ Faith comes by trying
- ☞ Faith comes by effort
- ☞ Faith comes by deciding

It says:

☞ **Faith comes**

That means:

- ☞ Faith has a source



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an origin

- ☞ Faith is supplied

FAITH IS NOT SELF-PRODUCED — IT IS RECEIVED

Notice the language:

👉 "Faith cometh..."

Not:

👉 "Faith is created by man"

This changes everything.

Faith is not something a man generates.

👉 **It is something that comes to him.**

THE WORD IS THE SOURCE

Romans 10:17 continues:

| "...and hearing by the word of God."

Faith comes through hearing...

👉 and what is heard is the Word.

John 1:1

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| "In the beginning was the Word..."

- ☞ The Word is not just information
 - ☞ The Word is **Christ Himself**
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🔥 THE WORD DOES NOT JUST INFORM — IT IMPARTS

John 6:63

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

The Word is not:

- mere teaching
- intellectual knowledge
- external instruction

- ☞ The Word carries **life**
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📖 WHEN THE WORD IS HEARD, LIFE IS IMPARTED

Isaiah 55:10–11

“So shall my word be... it shall not return unto me void...”

The Word does not come empty.



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with power
with purpose

- ☞ It comes with effect

And when it is heard—

☞ something happens within the man.

FAITH IS THE RESULT OF THE WORD WORKING

Hebrews 4:2

“...the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

This shows:

- ☞ Faith is connected to the Word
- ☞ Faith arises in relation to what is heard





But the key is this:

☞ The Word itself carries the power to produce the response

THIS DESTROYS HUMAN EFFORT

If faith comes by hearing...

Then it does not come from:

-  striving
-  EN  al intensity
-  self-will

A man does not sit down and decide:

☞ "I will now produce faith"

Faith does not originate in man.

☞ **It originates in what he hears from God.**

THE ORDER IS BEING REVEALED

Now we begin to see the divine sequence:

- ☞ God speaks
- ☞ The Word is heard
- ☞ Life is imparted
- ☞ Faith comes
- ☞ The man believes

Not the other way around.

THE HEARING IS NOT NATURAL — IT IS SPIRITUAL

This hearing is not just with the ear.

It is with the heart.

Because many hear the Word outwardly—



☞ but not all receive it inwardly.

When God opens the heart:

Acts 16:14

“Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken...”

- ☞ God opens
- ☞ the Word enters
- ☞ faith comes

FAITH BEGINS WITH GOD — NOT MAN

Now we see clearly:

Faith does not begin when man reaches for God.

- ☞ Faith begins when God speaks to man.

Faith does not begin with decision.

- ☞ Faith begins with revelation.

THE TRUE DEFINITION OF FAITH (NOW UNDERSTOOD)

Hebrews 11:1



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... is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Faith is:

☞ substance

☞ evidence

But where does that come from?

Not from imagination.

Not from effort.

☞ It comes from **God revealing what is true**



FAITH IS SEEING WHAT GOD REVEALS

Faith is not:

✗ trying to believe something unseen

It is:

☞ **seeing what God has revealed before it appears**

When God speaks—

☞ the unseen becomes real within the man

And that is faith.



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THE SOURCE IS NEVER THE MAN

So now we can say it clearly:

- 👉 The source is not the man
- 👉 The source is not the will
- 👉 The source is not effort

👉 **The source is the Word of God**

THE BURDEN BEGINS TO LIFT

Now the man no longer says:

👉 "I must produce faith"

He begins to see:

👉 "Faith comes to me as God reveals Himself to me"

And the pressure begins to break.

HEBREWS 11:6 NOW MAKES SENSE

| "Without faith it is impossible..."

Yes.



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But now we understand:

- ☞ Faith does not originate in man
- ☞ Faith comes through God speaking

🌟 FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 3

“Faith does not begin with man seeking God—it begins with God speaking to man. And when God speaks, faith comes.”

📖 CHAPTER 4 — DRAWN FIRST: NO MAN COMES ON HIS OWN

🔥 NO MAN COMES UNLESS HE IS DRAWN

John 6:44

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...”

This is one of the clearest statements Jesus ever made.

Not:

- ☞ “No man may not come...”
- ☞ “No man might not come...”

☞ **No man can come.**



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☞ This is **ability**.

⚔️ **THIS DESTROYS HUMAN INITIATION**

If no man can come...

Then man does not:

- initiate salvation
- begin the process
- reach for God on his own

☞ The starting point is not man.

☞ **The starting point is God.**

🔥 **THE FATHER MUST DRAW**

Jesus did not say:

☞ "Men will come if they decide"

He said:

☞ **"The Father must draw them."**

This means:



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- God moves first

Faith does not start with man moving toward God.

☞ It starts with God drawing man.

THIS IS REPEATED AGAIN

John 6:65

“No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”

Now it becomes even clearer:

- ☞ Coming to Christ is **given**
- ☞ It is not self-produced

THE GIVING AND THE COMING ARE CONNECTED

John 6:37

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me...”

Notice the order:

- ☞ The Father gives
- ☞ Then the man comes

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Not:

✘ Man comes → then God responds

But:

☞ God gives → and the man comes

 **THIS REVEALS DIVINE INITIATION**

This removes all confusion:

☞ The movement toward God does not begin in man

It begins in:

☞ **the will of the Father**

 **GOD OPENS THE HEART**

Acts 16:14

| "...whose heart the Lord opened..."

Lydia did not open her own heart.

☞ The Lord opened it.

And when the heart was opened—

 **EN** ended.



LOVE DRAWS — NOT HUMAN EFFORT

Jeremiah 31:3

“Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

God does not draw by force.

He draws by:

- ☞ revelation
- ☞ love
- ☞ truth

And when He draws—

- ☞ something begins to awaken within the man.



THIS CONNECTS TO FAITH

Now we tie it together:

Romans 10:17

“Faith cometh by hearing...”

But hearing only happens when:

☞ God draws



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☞ God reveals

So now we see:

- ☞ The drawing produces the hearing
- ☞ The hearing produces faith

THE TRUE ORDER IS NOW CLEAR

Here is the divine sequence:

- ☞ God draws
- ☞ God opens the heart
- ☞ The Word is heard
- ☞ Faith comes
- ☞ The man responds

Not:

- ✗ Man decides → then comes
- ✗ Man produces faith → then believes

THIS REMOVES ALL BOASTING

If man came on his own...

- ☞ he could boast.

If man produced faith...

- ☞ he could take credit.



But Scripture removes that completely:

Ephesians 2:8–9

“...not of yourselves... lest any man should boast.”

THE RESPONSE IS REAL — BUT NOT THE SOURCE

The man truly comes.




The man truly believes.

The man truly responds.

But:

 **he is not the source of that response**

The source is:

-  God drawing
 -  God opening
 -  God working
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THE ERROR OF THE NATURAL MIND

The natural mind says:

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- ☞ "I came to God"
- ☞ "I chose Him"
- ☞ "I decided to believe"

But the full counsel reveals:

- ☞ **God drew you**
- ☞ **God opened your heart**
- ☞ **God brought you to Himself**

HEBREWS 11:6 SEEN THROUGH THIS LIGHT

| "Without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

Yes—faith is required.

But now we see:

- ☞ The same God who requires faith
- ☞ is the God who draws the man into the place where faith can come

NO MAN COMES FIRST — GOD MOVES FIRST

This is the unchanging truth:

- ☞ God is always first

1 John 4:19



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him, because he first loved us."

The pattern never changes:

- ☞ God initiates
- ☞ man responds

THE BURDEN CONTINUES TO FALL AWAY

Now the man no longer says:

- ☞ "I must come to God on my own"

He begins to see:

- ☞ "God is drawing me—and I am responding to Him"

And the pressure begins to break.

FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 4

"No man comes to God on his own—God draws, opens, and brings the man to Himself, and within that drawing, the man truly responds in faith."

CHAPTER 5 — QUICKENED FIRST: LIFE BEFORE FAITH

THE ORDER MUST BE RIGHT



If the order is wrong, everything becomes confusion.

The natural mind says:

☞ "Believe first... then receive life"

But the full counsel of God reveals:

☞ "**Receive life... then believe**"

This is not a small adjustment.

☞ This is the difference between truth and error.

MAN IS NOT WEAK — HE IS DEAD

Ephesians 2:1

| "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins..."

Scripture does not describe man as struggling toward God.

☞ It describes him as **dead**.

Not partially alive.

Not reaching upward.

☞ **Dead.**



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AND MEN DO NOT BELIEVE

A dead man cannot:

- hear spiritually
- understand spiritually
- respond to God
- produce faith

1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God... neither can he know them...”

- 👉 Not because he won't
- 👉 But because he **cannot**

LIFE MUST COME FIRST

Before there can be faith...

- 👉 there must be life.

John 5:21

“For as the Father raiseth up the dead... even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”

Life is not requested.

- 👉 Life is given.





QUICKENED — MADE ALIVE BY GOD

Ephesians 2:5

“Even when we were dead... hath quickened us together with Christ...”

Notice the order:

☞ Dead → then quickened

Not:

✗ Alive → then quickened



THE NEW BIRTH IS NOT HUMANLY INITIATED

John 1:13

“...born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

James 1:18

“Of his own will begat he us...”

The new birth does not begin with man’s will.

☞ It begins with **God’s will**.



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REGENERATION IS THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Titus 3:5

“...the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost...”

Regeneration is:

- the giving of life
- the awakening of the heart
- the beginning of response

☞ It is the **source of everything that follows**



FAITH FOLLOWS LIFE — NEVER PRECEDES IT

Now we can see clearly:

- ☞ Life comes first
- ☞ Then faith arises

Romans 10:17

“Faith cometh by hearing...”

But hearing requires:

☞ life



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A dead man does not hear.

☞ A living man does.

THE WORD IMPARTS LIFE

John 6:63

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

The Word does not just inform.

☞ It **imparts life**

And when life is present:

☞ faith begins to arise.

THE ERROR OF REVERSING THE ORDER

The natural mind teaches:

☞ “Believe → then you will receive life”

This creates:

- striving
- pressure



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Because it demands something from a dead man.

THE TRUE ORDER OF GOD

The full counsel reveals:

- ☞ Man is dead
- ☞ God quickens
- ☞ The Word brings life
- ☞ Faith comes
- ☞ The man believes

This is the divine sequence.

GOD SHINES FIRST — THEN MAN SEES

2 Corinthians 4:6

| “For God... hath shined in our hearts...”

God does not wait for man to see.

- ☞ He shines first.

And when He shines:

- ☞ the man sees
- ☞ the man understands
- ☞ the man believes





FAITH IS THE RESPONSE OF LIFE

Faith is not the cause of life.

☞ Faith is the result of life.

It is not the root.

☞ It is the fruit.



HEBREWS 11:6 NOW UNDERSTOOD

“Without faith it is impossible...”

Yes.

Faith is required.

But now we see:

☞ God does not ask a dead man to believe

☞ He makes him alive

☞ and the believing follows



THE BURDEN IS REMOVED

Now the man no longer says:



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“I cannot believe so I can live”

He begins to see:

☞ “God has given life—and now I believe”

And striving begins to end.

🌟 FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 5

“God does not ask a dead man to believe—He makes him alive, and the faith He requires arises as the response of the life He gives.”

📖 CHAPTER 6 — GOD WORKS THE WILL: THE SOURCE OF RESPONSE

🔥 THE QUESTION OF THE WILL

We have seen:

- ☞ Faith is required (Hebrews 11:6)
- ☞ Man cannot produce it (Ephesians 2:1)
- ☞ Life comes first (John 5:21)

Now the question goes deeper:

☞ **Where does the will to believe come from?**

Because even after life is given...



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still responds

☞ the man still believes

So what is the source of that response?

GOD WORKS THE WILL

Philippians 2:13



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

Not just the doing.

The willing.

This is one of the most powerful revelations in Scripture.

The will that responds to God...

-  is not self-originated
 -  it is God working within
-


THE WILL IS NOT INDEPENDENT

Man does have a will.

Man does make choices.

But the source of the will that turns toward God is not:

 the flesh

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 ...ent human effort

👉 It is **God working within the man**

🔪 **THIS DESTROYS SELF-INITIATED FAITH**

If God works the will...

Then faith does not begin with:

- 👉 man deciding
- 👉 man choosing
- 👉 man producing belief

Faith begins with:

- 👉 God working something inside the man
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📖 **A NEW HEART IS GIVEN FIRST**

Ezekiel 36:26

|"A new heart also will I give you..."

Ezekiel 36:27

|"And I will put my spirit within you..."

God does not ask the old heart to respond.



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a new one.



GOD CAUSES THE WALK

Ezekiel 36:27

“And I will cause you to walk in my statutes...”

Not:

☞ you might walk

☞ you should walk

☞ **I will cause you**

This is divine operation.



IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLS

Romans 9:16

“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”

This does not remove the will.

☞ It removes the will as the source.



GOD WORKS WHAT PLEASURES HIM



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“...working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight...”

What pleases God?

☞ Faith.

So what does God do?

☞ He works in the man what pleases Him.

GRACE IS POWER — NOT JUST FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for thee...”

Grace is not just:

- pardon
- forgiveness
- covering

☞ Grace is **divine ability**

Grace supplies:

- life
- faith
- response
- power



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THE RESPONSE IS REAL — BUT NOT THE SOURCE

Now we must keep the balance:

The man truly:

- believes
- responds
- follows

But:

👉 he is not the source of that response

The source is:

👉 God working within him



THE VINE AND THE BRANCH EXPLAIN IT

John 15:5

“I am the vine... ye are the branches...”

The branch:

👉 truly bears fruit



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👉 it does not produce the life

The life flows from the vine.

🔥 FAITH IS THE FRUIT OF GOD WORKING

Now we see:

- 👉 God gives life
- 👉 God gives a new heart
- 👉 God places His Spirit
- 👉 God works the will

And the man:

- 👉 believes
 - 👉 responds
 - 👉 walks
-

🔪 THE ERROR OF THE NATURAL MIND

The natural mind says:

- 👉 "I chose God"
- 👉 "I made the decision"
- 👉 "I produced the faith"

But the full counsel reveals:



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God produced the will

- 👉 God produced the desire

☞ God brought forth the response

EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM HIM

Romans 11:36

| “For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things...”

Faith is not outside this.

☞ Faith is included in “all things”

HEBREWS 11:6 IN FULL LIGHT

| “Without faith it is impossible to please Him...”

Yes.

Faith is required.

But now we see:

- ☞ The same God who requires faith
 - ☞ works within the man
 - ☞ to produce the very faith that pleases Him
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 **FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 6**

“The will to believe is not self-created—it is God working within man, bringing forth a real response of faith that pleases Him.”

CHAPTER 7 — THE ERROR OF SELF-PRODUCED FAITH

THE SUBTLE DECEPTION

After hearing that faith is required...

and after feeling the weight of:

“Without faith it is impossible...”

the natural response of man is:

“Then I must produce it.”

This is where the deception begins.

Not in open rebellion...

but in **religious effort**.

THE SHIFT FROM GRACE TO SELF

The moment a man believes:



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enerate faith”

he has shifted from:

☞ grace

to

☞ self-effort

Even if he uses spiritual language...

the source has changed.

BEGINNING IN THE SPIRIT — TRYING TO FINISH IN THE FLESH

Galatians 3:2–3

“Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

This is the error.

☞ Starting with God

☞ then trying to continue by self

THE FLESH CANNOT PRODUCE SPIRITUAL REALITY

No matter how sincere...



No matter how disciplined...

The flesh cannot produce:

- faith
- righteousness
- spiritual life

Romans 8:8

“They that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

THIS CREATES A FALSE FAITH

When faith is self-produced, it becomes:

- emotional belief
- mental agreement
- outward confession without inward life

It may look like faith...

👉 but it has no source in God.

GRACE AND WORKS CANNOT MIX

Romans 11:6

“And if by grace, then is it no more of works...”



comes from grace:

☞ is supplied by God

Faith that comes from effort:

☞ is a work of man

And the two cannot mix.

🔥 RELIGION TRAINS MEN TO PRODUCE WHAT GOD SUPPLIES

Religion says:

- ☞ "Try harder to believe"
- ☞ "Work up your faith"
- ☞ "Confess it until it becomes real"

But the Gospel of Grace declares:

☞ **Receive what God has already supplied**

🔪 THE OUTWARD FORM WITHOUT POWER

2 Timothy 3:5

|"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof..."

Self-produced faith has:



- ☞ the appearance
- ☞ the language
- ☞ the structure

But it lacks:

- ☞ the power of God

LIPS WITHOUT HEART

Matthew 15:8–9

“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth... but their heart is far from me.”

Self-produced faith often lives in:

- ☞ words
- ☞ declarations
- ☞ outward expressions

But true faith comes from:

- ☞ a heart touched by God

ASCETICISM AND SELF-EFFORT EXPOSED

Colossians 2:20–23



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things have indeed a shew of wisdom...”

Man-made systems of effort:

- look spiritual
- sound disciplined
- appear powerful

But they have:

👉 **no power against the flesh**

🔪 **THE ROOT PROBLEM**

The problem is not sincerity.

The problem is **source**.

A man can be sincere...

👉 and still be producing from himself

And anything that comes from self:

👉 cannot please God

📖 **TRUE FAITH HAS A DIVINE SOURCE**

We must return to the truth:

“Faith cometh by hearing...”

Faith does not come from:

- ✗ effort
- ✗ repetition
- ✗ striving

👉 It comes from **God speaking**



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL AND FALSE FAITH



False faith:

- produced by man
- sustained by effort
- rooted in emotion or intellect



True faith:

- comes from God
- flows from life
- is sustained by grace



THE END OF STRIVING

When a man tries to produce faith, he enters:



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on

- doubt

- exhaustion

Because he is trying to produce something:

☞ **he was never designed to produce**

THE CALL IS NOT TO PRODUCE — BUT TO RECEIVE

The Gospel never says:

☞ "Produce faith"

It says:

☞ "Hear"

☞ "Receive"

☞ "Believe"

And even that believing...

☞ flows from God working within

THE BURDEN IS EXPOSED

Now the man begins to see:

☞ "I have been trying to produce what only God can supply"

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And in that moment—

👉 striving begins to break.

🔪 HEBREWS 11:6 RECONSIDERED

“Without faith it is impossible...”

Yes.

But now we see clearly:

👉 God does not require man to produce faith

👉 He reveals Himself

👉 He speaks

👉 He works

And faith comes.

🌟 FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 7

“Self-produced faith is the effort of man trying to create what only God can supply—but true faith comes from God, flows through the Word, and is sustained by grace alone.”

📖 CHAPTER 8 — THE ELDERS OBTAINED A GOOD REPORT

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THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE

Hebrews 11 now brings us into a powerful reality:

“For by it the elders obtained a good report.” — Hebrews 11:2

This chapter is not theory.

☞ It is **witness**.

It shows us men and women who walked in faith—

and it answers the question:

☞ **What does real faith look like?**



FAITH IS NOT ABSTRACT — IT IS DEMONSTRATED

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith.

Hebrews 11:6 requires faith.

But Hebrews 11:2–40...

☞ **demonstrates faith.**

And what we are about to see will confirm everything we’ve built:

☞ Faith is never self-originated

☞ Faith is always a response to God



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BY FAITH... BUT WHAT CAME FIRST?

Throughout Hebrews 11, we read:

- “By faith Abel...”
- “By faith Enoch...”
- “By faith Noah...”
- “By faith Abraham...”

But the question must be asked:

👉 What came before “by faith”?

Because none of these men acted in isolation.

ABEL — FAITH RESPONDS TO REVELATION

Hebrews 11:4

| “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice...”

But Abel did not invent this offering.

God had already revealed:

- 👉 the pattern
- 👉 the sacrifice
- 👉 the way

Abel’s faith was not creative—



👉 it was **responsive**.

NOAH — FAITH RESPONDS TO GOD SPEAKING

Hebrews 11:7

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet...”

Notice:

☞ “being warned of God”

Noah did not imagine the flood.

☞ God spoke.

And Noah responded.

ABRAHAM — FAITH FOLLOWS THE VOICE

Hebrews 11:8

“By faith Abraham, when he was called...”

☞ “When he was called”

Abraham did not wake up one day and decide:

☞ “I will walk by faith”



God called him.

☞ And Abraham responded.

🔥 MOSES — FAITH SEES WHAT GOD REVEALS

Hebrews 11:27

▮ “For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”

Moses did not create this vision.

☞ God revealed Himself.

And Moses responded to what he saw.

✂ EVERY EXAMPLE FOLLOWS THE SAME PATTERN

Look at the pattern:

- ☞ God speaks
- ☞ God reveals
- ☞ God initiates

And then:

☞ “By faith...”

The faith did not come first.



☞ **God came first.**

FAITH IS ALWAYS A RESPONSE — NEVER AN ORIGIN

Not one person in Hebrews 11:

- initiated faith on their own
- created belief from themselves
- produced something out of nothing

Every one of them:

 responded to God

THE GOOD REPORT WAS NOT HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT

Hebrews 11:39

| “And these all, having obtained a good report through faith...”

Their report was good—

not because they were strong...

 but because they responded to God.



THIS DESTROYS THE MYTH OF SELF-GENERATED FAITH

Hebrews 11 is often taught as:

☞ "Look at what these men did"

But the deeper truth is:

☞ **Look at what God revealed to these men**

And how they responded.



FAITH FOLLOWS REVELATION

Every act of faith in Hebrews 11 follows this order:

- ☞ God reveals
- ☞ man sees
- ☞ man responds

Faith is not blind.

☞ Faith is **response to revelation.**



FAITH IS SEEING WHAT GOD SHOWS

Hebrews 11:1



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"...the evidence of things not seen."

But these men *did* see—

- ☞ not with natural eyes
- ☞ but through God revealing

THIS CONNECTS TO EVERYTHING WE'VE BUILT

Now we see clearly:

- ☞ Hebrews 11:6 — Faith required
- ☞ Hebrews 11:1 — Faith defined
- ☞ Hebrews 11:2–40 — Faith demonstrated

And in every case:

- ☞ God is the source
- ☞ man is the responder

THE SAME GOD WORKS TODAY

This is not just history.

This is pattern.

The same God who:

- spoke to Abraham



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Noah

- revealed Himself to Moses

☞ is the same God who works today

🔥 THE RESPONSE IS REAL — BUT GOD IS THE SOURCE

We must keep the balance:

The elders:

- ☞ truly acted
- ☞ truly believed
- ☞ truly obeyed

But:

☞ they were not the source

God was.

⚔️ HEBREWS 11:6 NOW CONFIRMED

| “Without faith it is impossible...”

Yes.

But now we see:

☞ The faith that pleases God



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h that comes from God

THE TRUE MEANING OF “BY FAITH”

“By faith” does not mean:

✗ “by human effort”

It means:

☞ **by responding to what God has revealed**

THE BURDEN IS COMPLETELY BROKEN

Now the man no longer says:

☞ “I must become like these men”

He begins to see:

☞ “The same God who worked in them is working in me”

FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 8

“The elders obtained a good report not because they produced faith, but because they responded to God—faith is always the result of God revealing, speaking, and working within man.”

CHAPTER 9 — THE VINE AND THE BRANCH:

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THE SOURCE



THE FINAL PICTURE JESUS GAVE

After all the teaching...
after all the revelation...

Jesus gave one of the simplest and most powerful pictures in all of Scripture:

John 15:5

“I am the vine, ye are the branches... for without me ye can do nothing.”

This is not symbolic language to admire.

☞ This is **reality to understand**.



“WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING”

We must not soften this.

Not:

- ☞ “You can do a little”
- ☞ “You can try your best”

☞ **Nothing.**

This includes:

- believing
- having faith



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- responding to God

Without Christ—

☞ there is no ability.

THE VINE IS THE SOURCE

Jesus said:

☞ "I am the vine"

The vine is:

- the source of life
- the source of nourishment
- the source of everything that flows

The branch is not the source.

☞ The branch is the receiver.

THE BRANCH DOES NOT PRODUCE LIFE

The branch does not:

- generate life
- create fruit
- produce anything from itself

- ☞ receives
- ☞ abides
- ☞ expresses

What flows from the vine.



THIS DESTROYS INDEPENDENT FAITH

If the branch cannot produce fruit...

Then it cannot produce:

- ☞ faith

Faith is fruit.

Faith is life expressed.

- ☞ And life comes from Christ.



CHRIST LIVES IN THE BELIEVER

Galatians 2:20

| "Christ liveth in me..."

The believer is not:

 **EN** of life

Christ is.

FAITH FLOWS FROM CHRIST'S LIFE

If Christ is the life...

Then everything that flows from that life includes:

☞ faith

Not from:

- ✗ effort
- ✗ striving
- ✗ self-will

But from:

☞ **His life within**

THE KEY WORD: ABIDE

John 15:4

| "Abide in me, and I in you..."

Abiding is not:



- working

It is:

- ☞ remaining in the source

APART FROM HIM — NO FRUIT

John 15:6

| “If a man abide not in me... he is cast forth as a branch...”

Without connection to the vine:

- ☞ no life
- ☞ no fruit
- ☞ no faith

THE SIMPLE ORDER OF GOD

Now everything becomes simple:

- ☞ Christ is the vine
- ☞ the believer is the branch
- ☞ life flows from Christ
- ☞ fruit appears in the branch



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WH IS FRUIT — NOT ROOT

Faith is not the root of the Christian life.

☞ Christ is the root.

Faith is:

☞ the fruit of His life flowing through the believer

EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM HIM

Romans 11:36

| “For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things...”

Faith is included in:

☞ **all things**

THE END OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The greatest deception is independence:

☞ “I must produce”

☞ “I must generate”

☞ “I must believe”

But Jesus removes that completely:



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... t me... nothing.”



THE TRUE POSITION OF THE BELIEVER

The believer is not:

- ☞ the source
- ☞ the producer
- ☞ the origin

The believer is:

- ☞ the vessel
- ☞ the branch
- ☞ the receiver



HEBREWS 11:6 IN LIGHT OF THE VINE

“Without faith it is impossible...”

Yes.

But now we see:

- ☞ Faith is fruit
- ☞ Christ is the vine
- ☞ therefore faith must come from Him



THE BURDEN IS COMPLETELY GONE

Now the man no longer says:



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- ☞ “I must produce faith”

He sees:

☞ "I abide in Christ—and His life produces everything"



THE FINAL SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is not complex.

It is:

☞ Christ the source

☞ man the vessel



FINAL DECLARATION OF CHAPTER 9

"Christ is the source of all life, and faith is the fruit of His life flowing through the believer—apart from Him, nothing can be produced."



CHAPTER 10 — THE GOSPEL OF GRACE FULLY REVEALED: WHAT GOD REQUIRES, GRACE FULFILLS



THE QUESTION THAT STARTED IT ALL

We began with one verse:



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...but faith it is impossible to please him..." — Hebrews 11:6

And one question:

- ☞ If faith is required...
- ☞ **where does that faith come from?**

Because if we answer that wrong—

- ☞ we build a gospel of burden instead of grace.

THE ERROR WE HAVE EXPOSED

Without the full counsel of God, the natural mind concludes:

- ☞ God requires faith
- ☞ now man must produce it

This creates:

- striving
- pressure
- uncertainty
- mixture

A gospel of:

- ☞ God + man

THE TRUTH WE HAVE SEEN



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...tures have revealed clearly:

Ephesians 2:1

☞ Man is dead

Ephesians 2:12

☞ Man has no hope

1 Corinthians 2:14

☞ Man cannot receive

John 15:5

☞ Man can do nothing

☞ Therefore:

Man cannot produce faith.

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING

We have seen:

John 6:44

☞ God draws

John 5:21

☞ God gives life

Philippians 2:13

☞ God works the will

Romans 10:17



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comes by hearing

☞ God is the source from beginning to end.



THE ORDER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

The divine sequence is now clear:

- ☞ Man is dead
- ☞ God quickens
- ☞ God draws
- ☞ God speaks
- ☞ Faith comes
- ☞ The man believes

Not:

✗ Man believes → then God responds



THE CROSS SETTLED EVERYTHING

John 19:30

“It is finished.”

The Cross was not:

✗ an offer waiting on man

It was:



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work accomplished by God

Hebrews 10:14

“By one offering he hath perfected for ever...”

FAITH DOES NOT COMPLETE THE WORK

Faith does not:

- activate salvation
- complete the Cross
- make the work effective

👉 Faith receives what is already finished.

FAITH IS THE RESULT — NOT THE CAUSE

Romans 10:17

“Faith cometh by hearing...”

Galatians 2:20

“...the life which I now live... I live by the faith of the Son of God...”

Faith is not:

👉 self-generated

👉 the life of Christ expressed within the believer

📖 THE VINE SETTLED IT FOREVER

John 15:5

| “Without me ye can do nothing.”

With Him:

👉 everything flows

Without Him:

👉 nothing exists

🔥 HEBREWS 11:6 FULLY REVEALED

Now we return one final time:

| “Without faith it is impossible to please Him...”

Yes.

Faith is required.

But now we see:



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... do not require something and leave man to produce it

- ☞ God requires
 - ☞ and God supplies
-

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE DEFINED

The Gospel of Grace is not:

- ☞ God doing His part and waiting on man

It is:

- ☞ God loving
- ☞ God giving
- ☞ God quickening
- ☞ God revealing
- ☞ God working

And man:

- ☞ responding to what God has done
-

WHAT GOD REQUIRES, GRACE FULFILLS

This is the revelation that unlocks everything:

- ☞ God requires faith
- ☞ grace supplies faith

- ☞ God requires righteousness
- ☞ grace supplies righteousness



- ☞ God requires life
 - ☞ grace supplies life
-

🔥 THE END OF STRIVING FOREVER

Now the man no longer says:

- “I must produce faith”
- “I must try harder”
- “I must complete the work”

He sees:

- ☞ “God has done it—and I am receiving it”
-

🔪 NO MIXTURE REMAINS

Romans 11:6

“If by grace, then is it no more of works...”

It is not:

- ✗ God + man

It is:

- ☞ God fulfilling His own requirement
-

ENTER INTO REST

Hebrews 4:10

“He that is entered into his rest...”

Rest from:

- striving
 - self-effort
 - trying to produce
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THE FINAL PROCLAMATION

God is not waiting on man.

☞ God is working in man.

God is not asking man to produce.

☞ God is supplying everything He requires.

FINAL DECLARATION OF THE BOOK

“The Gospel of Grace reveals that faith is not the work of man reaching for God, but the result of God working in man—bringing forth life, faith, and response according to His will. What God requires, grace fulfills.”

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