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The Gospel of Grace — John 15:5 Revealed: Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing

 **The Gospel of Grace — John 15:5 Revealed: What God Requires, Grace Fulfills Through the Life of Jesus Christ Flowing Through the Branch**

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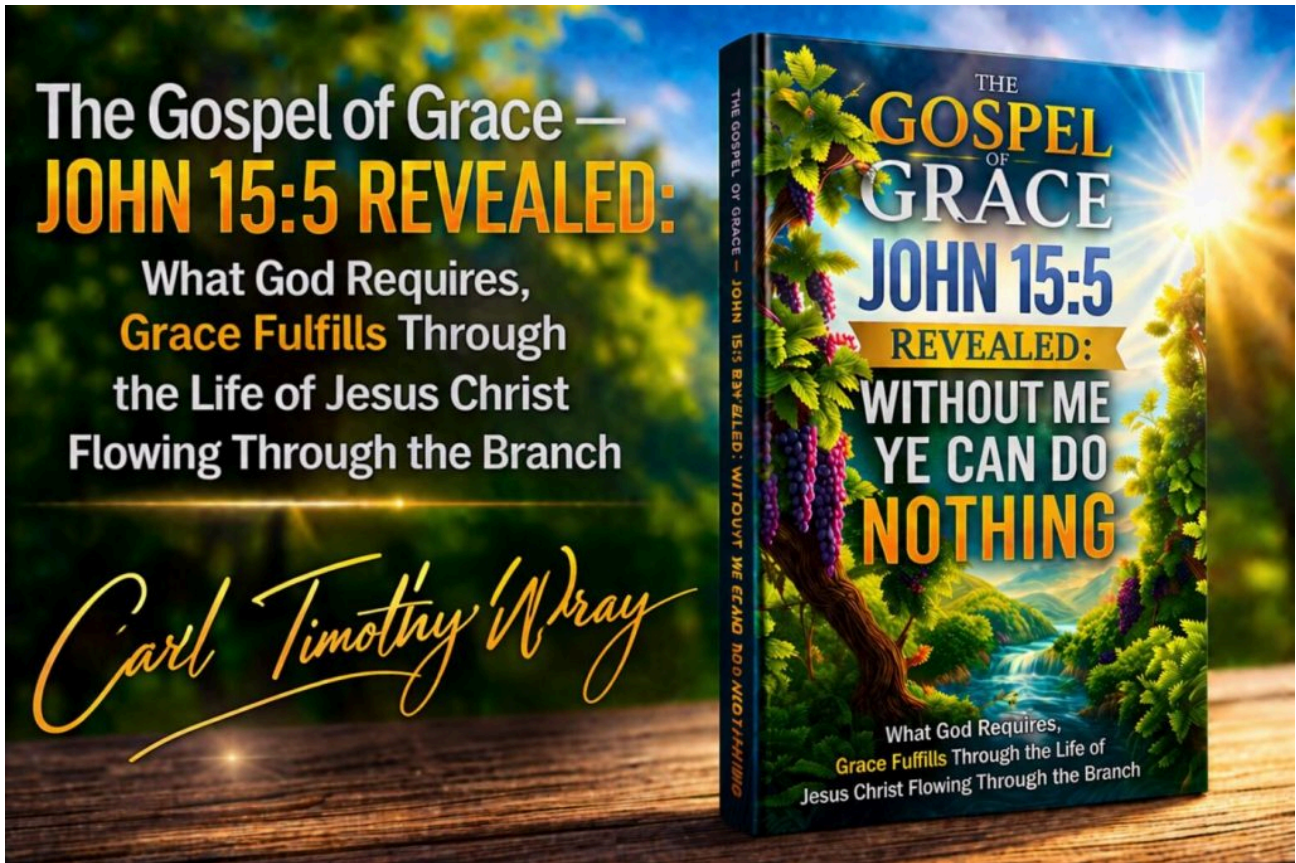
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🔥 The Gospel of Grace: INTRODUCTION

- 🌿 "I am the vine... ye are the branches..."
- 🌿 "...without me ye can do nothing."

One sentence.

One revelation.

One sword that cuts through every system of human effort.

⚔️ This is not a gentle teaching.

This is not a motivational idea.



This is a **divine interruption** to everything man thinks he can produce.

From the beginning, man has believed a lie:

✨ "I can become."

✨ "I can produce."

✨ "I can do something for God."

But the voice of the Son stands in direct opposition:

👉 "Without me... ye can do nothing."

🌊 This is where the river begins.

Not where man gets stronger...

Not where effort improves...

Not where discipline perfects...

But where everything man trusted in...

collapses.

📖 The Scriptures declare:

- Romans 7:18 — "In me... dwelleth no good thing."
- John 6:63 — "The flesh profiteth nothing."
- Philippians 3:3 — "Have no confidence in the flesh."

And yet, religion still whispers:



- ✘ "Try harder"
 - ✘ "Do more"
 - ✘ "Produce fruit"
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🔥 But the Gospel of Grace answers:

- 👉 The branch produces nothing.
- 👉 The branch supplies nothing.
- 👉 The branch initiates nothing.

🌿 The branch only receives.

✨ Here is the mystery hidden in plain sight:

The life you are trying to produce...
is not yours to produce.

The fruit you are striving to bear...
is not yours to generate.

The faith you are trying to muster...
is not yours to create.

✨ It is all in the Vine.

And that Vine is:

👉 Jesus Christ



✦ The tragedy of the Church is not lack of effort—
it is **misplaced effort**.

Men have separated themselves from the Vine in their thinking,
and then tried to produce what only the Vine can supply.

⚡ This book will bring you back.

Back to the source.
Back to the life.
Back to the truth.

📖 From Genesis to Revelation, we will uncover:

- The illusion of independent life
 - The failure of the flesh
 - The exposure of the law
 - The death of the old man
 - The revelation of Christ as the Vine
 - The flow of grace as divine life
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🔥 And when the veil is lifted, you will see:

“Without me ye can do nothing”
is not a statement of weakness...

It is a revelation of **source**.

✿ Not you trying to live for Christ...

✨ But Christ living through you

✿ Not you producing fruit...

✨ But the Vine bearing fruit through the branch

✨ This is the Gospel of Grace:

What God requires...

He does not demand from you—

He supplies through Christ.

🌊 Step into the river.

Lay down the burden.

Abide in the Vine.

And watch what happens...

when you stop trying to do something—

and begin living from the One

who has already done everything.

Chapter 1 — The Declaration: Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing



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The Words of the Son

John 15:5 — “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.”

These are not casual words.

This is not a suggestion.

This is a **divine line drawn in the sand**.

✿ “Without me...”

✿ “...ye can do nothing.”

Not less.

Not weaker.

Not slower.

Nothing.

The Son is not describing difficulty—

He is revealing **reality**.

✿ The Pattern of the Vine and the Branch

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

The order is established:

✿ The Vine is the source

✿ The branch is the receiver

John 15:4 — “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...”



Cannot.

The branch does not struggle to produce—
it **lacks the ability entirely**.

Everything the branch needs:

- Life
- Strength
- Fruit

Flows from the Vine.

The Requirement of Fruit

John 15:8 — “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit...”

John 15:16 — “That ye should go and bring forth fruit...”

The requirement is not removed.

Fruit is expected.

Life is required.

Expression is demanded.

 But here is the mystery:




The branch is required to bear fruit—
yet cannot produce it.

John 15:4 — “Abide in me, and I in you...”

John 15:7 — “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...”

The answer is not effort.

It is **abiding**.

-  Abiding is not striving
-  Abiding is not producing
-  Abiding is remaining in the flow

Like a branch resting in the vine—

receiving everything
without producing anything of itself.

The Inability of the Flesh

John 6:63 — “The flesh profiteth nothing...”

Romans 7:18 — “In me... dwelleth no good thing...”

Philippians 3:3 — “Have no confidence in the flesh.”

The flesh does not need improvement.

It has no life to offer.

 It profits nothing



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It supplies nothing

 It supplies nothing

● The Illusion of Independence

Yet man believes:

“I can do something.”

This began in the garden.

Genesis 3:5–6 — “Ye shall be as gods... the tree was to be desired to make one wise...”

Man reached for:

- Independence
- Ability
- Self-production

● The lie was simple:

“You can become without Him.”

🔥 The Collapse of Self-Effort

But the Word of the Son destroys that illusion:

“Without me ye can do nothing.”

Every system built on effort falls here.



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12 — “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man...”

Jeremiah 17:5 — “Cursed be the man that trusteth in man...”

Romans 10:3 — “Going about to establish their own righteousness...”

- 🔥 Effort leads to emptiness
 - 🔥 Striving leads to frustration
 - 🔥 Self leads to nothing
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The Witness of the Whole Counsel

The entire Scripture agrees:

Isaiah 53:6 — “We have turned every one to his own way...”

Romans 3:12 — “There is none that doeth good...”

1 Corinthians 15:56 — “The strength of sin is the law...”

Man, left to himself:

- Turns to his own way
 - Trusts in his own strength
 - Produces nothing of God
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The Purpose of the Declaration

This word was not spoken to condemn—



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It exposes:

- The emptiness of self
- The futility of effort
- The necessity of the Vine

💡 It brings man to a place of truth:

"I cannot produce what God requires."

The Door Opens

When this is seen, everything shifts.

The question changes:

✗ "What must I do?"



✓ "Where does the life come from?"

The Beginning of Revelation

"I am the vine..."

Life has a source.

"...ye are the branches..."



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that source.

“Without me ye can do nothing.”

Everything depends on Him.

Transition to the Next Chapter

Now that the declaration has been made,
the illusion must be exposed.

Because man still believes he can produce.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

- The illusion of the independent man—
and how deeply rooted it is in the heart.

Chapter 2 — The Illusion of the Independent Man

● The Lie That Began It All

Genesis 3:5–6 — “Ye shall be as gods... and the tree was to be desired to make one wise.”

Genesis 3:12 — “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me...”

The first lie was not sin alone—



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endence.

- "You can be..."
- "You can become..."
- "You can do..."

Apart from God.

Man reached for something that was never his to produce:

Life without the Vine.

The Separation in the Mind

Isaiah 59:2 — "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God..."

Ephesians 4:18 — "Alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them..."

The separation was not just position—

It was **perception**.

Man began to think:

"I am separate."

"I must produce."

"I must become."

 The branch forgot the Vine.



Trusting in Self

Jeremiah 17:5 — “Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm...”

Proverbs 3:5 — “Lean not unto thine own understanding...”

Proverbs 14:12 — “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man...”

Man now leans on:

- His strength
- His wisdom
- His effort

✂️ And it seems right—

But it leads away from the source.

🔥 Establishing Self-Righteousness

Romans 10:3 — “Going about to establish their own righteousness...”

Philippians 3:9 — “Not having mine own righteousness...”

Isaiah 64:6 — “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”

Man, disconnected in his thinking, begins to build:

- 🔥 His own righteousness
- 🔥 His own effort
- 🔥 His own standing



But it is not accepted before God.

The Multiplication of Effort


Ecclesiastes 10:15 — “The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them...”

Galatians 3:3 — “Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

Matthew 23:4 — “They bind heavy burdens...”

Once man believes he must produce—

He multiplies effort.

 More striving

 More pressure

 More burden

Yet never arriving.

The Blindness of the Natural Mind

1 Corinthians 2:14 — “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...”

Romans 8:7 — “The carnal mind is enmity against God...”

John 9:39 — “That they which see not might see...”

The natural mind cannot understand:



- Grace
- Divine life

● It defaults to effort.




It cannot see the Vine—

So it tries to become one.

The Branch Trying to Produce

John 15:4 — “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...”

Yet this is exactly what man attempts.

-  The branch tries to produce fruit
-  The branch tries to generate life
-  The branch tries to sustain itself

But the Word is clear:

“Cannot.”

The Frustration of Self-Life

Romans 7:15 — “That which I do I allow not...”

Romans 7:19 — “The good that I would I do not...”



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— “O wretched man that I am...”

This is the cry of the independent man:

- ✂ Trying
- ✂ Failing
- ✂ Repeating

Effort without life produces frustration.

The End of the Illusion

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

This statement destroys the illusion completely.

Not:

“You need help”

Not:

“You need improvement”

 “Nothing.”

The independent man is revealed as:

- Empty
 - Powerless
 - Unable
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Turning Point

Luke 15:17 — “He came to himself...”

Proverbs 28:13 — “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper...”

There comes a moment—

When man sees clearly:

“I cannot produce what God requires.”

💡 This is not failure—

This is awakening.




The Door Back to the Vine

John 6:68 — “Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.”

Acts 17:28 — “In him we live, and move, and have our being...”

The answer is not improvement.

The answer is return:

-  Back to the Vine
 -  Back to the source
 -  Back to life
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Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

The lie of independence

The effort of the flesh

The failure of self-production

Now we must go deeper—

Because the issue is not just deception...

It is nature.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

✂ The nature of the flesh—
and why it can produce nothing of God.

Chapter 3 — The Nature of the Flesh: No Good Thing

● The Testimony of the Word

Romans 7:18 — “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...”

John 6:63 — “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing...”

Romans 8:8 — “They that are in the flesh cannot please God.”



The Word does not flatter the flesh.
It does not improve the flesh.

It declares plainly:

- No good thing
- No profit
- No ability to please God

The Flesh Is Not Weak—It Is Opposed




Romans 8:7 — “The carnal mind is enmity against God...”

Galatians 5:17 — “The flesh lusteth against the Spirit...”

Colossians 1:21 — “Enemies in your mind by wicked works...”

The flesh is not trying to become spiritual.

It is:

-  At enmity
-  In opposition
-  Contrary to God

It cannot be trained into righteousness.

The Flesh Cannot Produce Life



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“The flesh profiteth nothing...”

Galatians 6:8 — “He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...”

Romans 7:5 — “The motions of sins... did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”

The flesh produces fruit—

But it is not the fruit of God.

- 🌿 It produces corruption
 - 🌿 It produces death
 - 🌿 It produces nothing eternal
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🔥 The Absence of Good

Romans 3:12 — “There is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

Isaiah 64:6 — “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”

Philippians 3:8 — “I count all things but loss...”

Even the best of man—

Is not acceptable before God.

🔥 Not because it is weak
But because it is not born of Him



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Flesh and the Law

Romans 7:14 — “The law is spiritual: but I am carnal...”

Romans 8:3 — “The law... was weak through the flesh...”

Hebrews 7:19 — “The law made nothing perfect...”

The law exposed the problem:

The flesh cannot fulfill what God requires.

The issue was never the command.

The issue was always the vessel.

The Cycle of Failure

Romans 7:15 — “That which I do I allow not...”

Romans 7:19 — “The good that I would I do not...”

Romans 7:23 — “Bringing me into captivity...”

The flesh produces a cycle:

 Desire

 Effort

 Failure

Over and over again.



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cks the life required.




No Confidence in the Flesh

Philippians 3:3 — “Have no confidence in the flesh.”

2 Corinthians 1:9 — “Should not trust in ourselves...”

Proverbs 28:26 — “He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool...”

The instruction is clear:

-  Do not trust it
-  Do not rely on it
-  Do not expect from it

Because it has nothing to give.

The Flesh Profits Nothing

John 6:63 — “The flesh profiteth nothing...”

Not a little.

Not less.

Nothing.

Everything produced from it:



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- Willpower

🔥 Profits nothing before God

● The Root Problem

Jeremiah 17:9 — “The heart is deceitful above all things...”

Genesis 6:5 — “Every imagination... only evil continually...”

Mark 7:21–23 — “From within... proceed evil thoughts...”

The problem is not behavior.

It is nature.

- The root is corrupted
 - The source is flawed
 - The life is absent
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💡 The Revelation of Helplessness

Romans 7:24 — “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me...”

This is the moment of truth:

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But:

“I cannot produce what God requires”

💡 This is not defeat—

This is the doorway.

The Flesh Must Be Set Aside




Galatians 5:24 — “They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh...”

Romans 6:6 — “Our old man is crucified with him...”

Colossians 3:5 — “Mortify therefore your members...”

The answer is not fixing the flesh.

The answer is:

-  Ending its rule
 -  Removing its confidence
 -  Replacing its source
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The Shift Begins

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



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comes clear:

It is not that man needs help.

It is that man has **no life in himself to produce anything.**

Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

The illusion of independence

The nature of the flesh


The total inability of man

Now we must see the next layer:

Why did the law come...

and what did it actually do?

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

 The law—and how it strengthened the illusion instead of producing life.

Chapter 4 — The Law Strengthened the Illusion



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

Psalm 19:7 — “The law of the Lord is perfect...”

Romans 7:14 — “The law is spiritual...”

The law is not flawed.

It is not corrupt.

⚖️ It is holy

⚖️ It is just

⚖️ It is perfect

But it is not life.

● The Law Could Not Produce What It Required

Galatians 3:21 — “If there had been a law given which could have given life...”

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

Hebrews 7:19 — “The law made nothing perfect...”

The law demanded righteousness—
but could not impart it.

It required fruit—
but supplied no life.



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The Law Exposed the Flesh

Romans 3:20 — “By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 7:7 — “I had not known sin, but by the law...”

The law acted like a mirror.



It revealed sin



It exposed weakness



It uncovered the flesh

But it could not change what it revealed.



The Law Strengthened Sin

1 Corinthians 15:56 — “The strength of sin is the law.”

Romans 5:20 — “The law entered, that the offence might abound...”

The law did not remove sin.



It made it visible



It made it accountable



It made it stronger in awareness

The more man tried under the law—

the more failure increased.






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The Law Required Continuous Performance

Galatians 3:10 — “Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things...”

James 2:10 — “Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point...”

The law does not accept partial obedience.

-  It requires all
-  It requires continual obedience
-  It requires perfection

And anything less—

brings condemnation.

The Law Produced Condemnation

2 Corinthians 3:7 — “The ministration of death...”

2 Corinthians 3:9 — “The ministration of condemnation...”

Romans 4:15 — “The law worketh wrath...”

The law is not evil—

But its effect on fallen man is:

 Condemnation

 Guilt

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Because it demands what man cannot give.

● The Law Fed the Illusion

Romans 10:3 — “Going about to establish their own righteousness...”

Galatians 2:21 — “If righteousness come by the law...”

Philippians 3:6 — “Touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.”

Instead of bringing man to surrender—

the law often fed the illusion:

- “I can do this”
- “I can perform”
- “I can measure up”

But it was a deception.

🔥 The Law Shut Every Mouth

Romans 3:19 — “That every mouth may be stopped...”

The true purpose of the law:

- 🔥 Silence pride
- 🔥 Remove boasting
- 🔥 Remove confidence



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So that no man could say:

"I produced righteousness."

The Law Was a Schoolmaster

Galatians 3:24 — "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ..."

The law was never the destination.

It was a guide.

It led man to one conclusion:

 "I cannot produce what God requires."

And then it pointed:

 To the One who can

The Transition to the Vine

John 1:17 — "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Romans 10:4 — "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness..."

The law demanded life—



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Christ became life.

The law required fruit—

Christ became the Vine.

The Revelation Begins to Open

John 15:5 — “I am the vine...”

Now the shift becomes clear:

The law said:

“Produce.”

The Vine says:

“Abide.”

The law said:

“Do.”

The Vine says:

“Receive.”

Transition to the Next Chapter



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W seen:


The illusion of independence
The failure of the flesh
The purpose of the law

Now comes the turning point:

Who is the source?

Because if man cannot produce—
then life must come from another.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

 The Vine revealed—
Christ as the only source of life.

Chapter 5 — The Vine Revealed: Jesus Christ the Source of Life

The Revelation of the Vine

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

The answer is not a system.
The answer is not effort.

The answer is a Person:



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"I am the vine..."

Not "I give life."

Not "I help you live."

I am the life.

✨ Life Is in Him

John 1:4 — "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

1 John 5:11–12 — "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Colossians 3:4 — "Christ, who is our life..."

Life is not something He distributes.

✨ Life is who He is.

And that life is only found:

In Him.

The Source of All Things

Colossians 1:17 — "By him all things consist."

Acts 17:28 — "In him we live, and move, and have our being..."




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Hebrews 1:3 — "Upholding all things by the word of his power..."

Everything:

- Exists
- Continues
- Functions

Because of Him.

 He is not part of life—





He is the source of all life.

The Vine Supplies Everything

John 15:1 — “I am the true vine...”

John 15:4 — “Abide in me... as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...”

The Vine supplies:

-  Life
-  Strength
-  Nourishment
-  Fruit

The branch contributes:

Nothing.



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Not a Helper—The Source

Too many think:

“Christ helps me live right.”

But the Scripture declares something deeper:

John 14:6 — “I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

Galatians 2:20 — “Christ liveth in me...”

He is not assisting your life.

✂ He is your life.

The Union of the Vine and the Branch

John 15:4 — “Abide in me, and I in you...”


1 Corinthians 6:17 — “He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”

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

This is not connection—

This is union.

 Not near Him

 Not trying to reach Him



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The End of Independent Living

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

Now it becomes clear:

Independent life is not just difficult—

 It is impossible.

Everything outside of Him:

- Effort
- Religion
- Performance

Leads to:

Nothing.

The Branch Has No Life of Its Own

John 5:26 — “As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself...”

The branch has no life in itself.

All life originates in:



→ The Son → The branch

● Cut off from the Vine—

there is no life.

✨ Receiving, Not Producing

John 1:16 — “Of his fulness have all we received...”

Romans 5:17 — “They which receive abundance of grace...”

The branch does not produce—

✨ It receives.

Everything:

- Life
- Righteousness
- Fruit

Is received from the Vine.

🌿 The True Meaning of Abiding


John 15:7 — “If ye abide in me...”

1 John 2:27 — “Ye need not that any man teach you... but as the same anointing teacheth you...”



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...not striving to stay connected.

 It is resting in what is already true.

You are in the Vine.

The Vine is in you.

The Revelation of the Source

The law said:

“Produce.”

The flesh said:

“I will try.”

The Vine says:

 “Receive from me.”

This is the turning point:

From self → to Christ

From effort → to life

From production → to flow

The Shift Is Complete



- The branch is not the source
- The branch is not the producer
- The branch is not the initiator

✂ The Vine is everything.

Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

The failure of man

The exposure of the law

The revelation of the Vine

Now comes the next step:

What happened to the man who thought he could produce?

Because before the Vine can fully be lived—

The old man must be removed.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

✂ The Cross—the end of the independent man.

Chapter 6 — The Cross: The End of the Independent Man



The Sentence on the Old Man

Romans 6:6 — “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...”

Galatians 2:20 — “I am crucified with Christ...”

2 Corinthians 5:14 — “If one died for all, then were all dead...”


The man who said:

“I can do something”

“I can produce”

“I can become”

Has already been judged.

 Not improved

 Not trained

 Crucified

The End of Self-Life

Galatians 2:20 — “Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

Colossians 3:3 — “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”

John 12:24 — “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die...”

The Cross does not assist the old life.

So that another life—

may appear.

● **The Flesh Removed from the Throne**

Romans 6:7 — “He that is dead is freed from sin.”

Romans 6:11 — “Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin...”

Galatians 5:24 — “They that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh...”

The flesh no longer rules.

- Its authority is broken
- Its voice is exposed
- Its confidence is removed

Not by effort—

By death.

🔥 **The Cross Answers the Problem**

The law exposed the problem.

The flesh revealed the inability.

The Cross answers both.



— “God sending his own Son... condemned sin in the flesh.”

Hebrews 9:26 — “He appeared to put away sin...”

John 1:29 — “The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

🔥 The problem is not managed—




It is removed.

The Branch Cut from Adam

1 Corinthians 15:22 — “In Adam all die...”

Romans 5:12 — “By one man sin entered into the world...”

The old source was Adam:

-  A life of independence
-  A life of effort
-  A life of failure

The Cross severs that root.

A New Source Established

1 Corinthians 15:45 — “The last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”

Romans 5:19 — “By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”



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:18 — “He is the head...”

Now there is a new source:

- ✦ Not Adam
 - ✦ Not self
 - ✦ Christ
-

The End of “I Can”

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

The Cross makes this reality clear:

The “I” that thought it could—

has died.

No more:

“I will produce”

“I will become”

“I will do”

The Life That Remains

Galatians 2:20 — “Christ liveth in me...”

John 14:19 — “Because I live, ye shall live also.”



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:4 — “Christ, who is our life...”

After the Cross:

Only one life remains.

🌿 Not yours

🌿 Not mine

🌿 His

🔥 The Exchange Completed

2 Corinthians 5:21 — “That we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Romans 6:4 — “Walk in newness of life.”

The Cross is not just death—

It is exchange.

🔥 Old life removed

🔥 New life given

● Buried with Him

Romans 6:4 — “Buried with him by baptism into death...”

Colossians 2:12 — “Buried with him in baptism...”

The old man is not only crucified—



- Hidden
 - Removed
 - No longer the source
-

✨ Raised in Newness of Life

Romans 6:5 — “We shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”

Ephesians 2:6 — “Raised us up together...”

The Cross does not leave you in death.

- ✨ It brings you into resurrection
 - ✨ Into a new life
 - ✨ Into a new source
-

🌿 The Vine Becomes Everything

John 15:5 — “I am the vine...”

Now the truth is clear:

The branch has no old life left.

- 🌿 The Vine is now the only source
 - 🌿 The Vine is now the only life
 - 🌿 The Vine is now everything
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Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

The independent man has died
 The flesh has been removed
 The old source has been cut off

Now comes the revelation of what flows from the Vine:

Because death made room for something.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

 Grace—the life of the Vine flowing through the branch.

Chapter 7 — Grace: The Life of the Vine Flowing Through the Branch

Grace Is Not Help—It Is Life

John 1:16 — “And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.”




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

2 Timothy 1:9 — “Not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...”



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assistance to the old man.




-  It is the life of the Vine
-  It is the supply of Christ
-  It is what flows after the Cross

Not helping you do—
but becoming what you could never do.

The Flow from the Vine

John 15:5 — “He that abideth in me... bringeth forth much fruit...”

The branch does not produce.

-  It receives the flow
-  It carries the life
-  It manifests what comes from the Vine

Grace is that flow.

Receiving, Not Producing

Romans 5:17 — “They which receive abundance of grace... shall reign in life...”

John 1:12 — “As many as received him...”

Colossians 2:6 — “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him...”

The message is the same:



- ✦ You received Him
- ✦ You walk in Him
- ✦ You live from Him

Grace is not earned.

Grace is received.

The End of Self-Effort

Romans 11:6 — “If by grace, then is it no more of works...”

Galatians 2:21 — “If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

Hebrews 4:10 — “He also hath ceased from his own works...”

Grace and effort cannot mix.

 One cancels the other

If it is grace—

It is not you.




Strength in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:9 — “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”



1:27 — “God hath chosen the weak things...”

The branch is not strong.

-  It is dependent
-  It is receiving
-  It is supplied

Grace does not remove weakness—

It fills it.




Christ Living Through the Branch

Galatians 2:20 — “Not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

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

John 14:10 — “The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”

The life being lived is not yours.

-  It is Christ
-  It is His will
-  It is His working

Grace Produces the Fruit

John 15:8 — “That ye bear much fruit...”



Galatians 5:22–23 — “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...”

Philippians 1:11 — “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness...”

Fruit is not manufactured.

🔥 It is the result of life

The Vine produces—
The branch reveals.

● No Confidence in the Flesh

Philippians 3:3 — “Have no confidence in the flesh.”

2 Corinthians 3:5 — “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves...”

John 6:63 — “The flesh profiteth nothing...”

Grace removes confidence from self.

- Nothing comes from you
 - Nothing originates in you
 - Nothing depends on you
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✨ The Sufficiency of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:5 — “Our sufficiency is of God...”

Colossians 2:10 — “Ye are complete in him...”



14 — “He hath perfected for ever...”

Everything required—

Is already supplied.

✦ Complete

✦ Perfected

✦ Finished


Living from the Flow

John 7:38 — “Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

1 Corinthians 15:10 — “Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Grace is not static.

 It flows

 It moves

 It expresses

The life of the Vine flows through the branch—

continuously.

The Simplicity of the Life

2 Corinthians 11:3 — “The simplicity that is in Christ...”



“Abide in me...”

It is not complex.

- ✦ Stay in Him
- ✦ Receive from Him
- ✦ Live through Him

That is the life.

Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

The old man is gone
The Vine is the source
Grace is the flow

Now comes the next revelation:

How do we live in this continually?

Because grace flows—

but the branch must remain in the Vine.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

- ✦ Abiding—the life of resting in union.

Chapter 8 — Abiding: Living From the Vine



The Call to Abide

John 15:4 — “Abide in me, and I in you...”

John 15:5 — “He that abideth in me... bringeth forth much fruit...”

John 15:7 — “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...”

The command is not:

“Produce.”

It is:

 Abide.

Not achieve.

Not strive.

Remain.

Abiding Is Not Effort




Hebrews 4:10 — “He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works...”

Romans 4:5 — “To him that worketh not, but believeth...”

2 Thessalonians 1:11 — “Fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power.”

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Abiding is not working harder to stay connected.

-  It is ceasing from your own works
 -  It is resting in what is already true
 -  It is trusting the Vine
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The Reality of Union

1 Corinthians 6:17 — “He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”

Colossians 3:3 — “Your life is hid with Christ in God.”

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

Abiding is not creating union.

 It is recognizing union.

You are not trying to get into the Vine.

 You are already in Him.

The Danger of Forgetting

2 Peter 1:9 — “Hath forgotten that he was purged...”

Hebrews 2:1 — “Lest at any time we should let them slip...”

Galatians 3:1 — “Who hath bewitched you...”



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not separation—

It is forgetfulness.

- Forgetting the Vine
 - Forgetting the source
 - Returning to self-effort
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Abiding Versus Striving

John 6:29 — “This is the work of God, that ye believe...”

Galatians 5:4 — “Ye are fallen from grace...”

Romans 11:6 — “If by grace, then is it no more of works...”

There are two ways to live:

-  Striving — trying to produce
-  Abiding — receiving from the Vine

Striving pulls you into self.

Abiding keeps you in Christ.

The Word Abiding Within

John 15:7 — “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...”

Colossians 3:16 — “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”



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1 — “Thy word have I hid in mine heart...”

The Word anchors abiding.




- ✿ It reminds you of truth
- ✿ It renews your mind
- ✿ It keeps you in the Vine

The Flow of Life Continues

John 7:38 — “Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

Ezekiel 47:9 — “Everything shall live whither the river cometh.”

When you abide—

-  Life flows
-  Grace moves
-  Fruit appears

Not by effort—

By connection.

The Simplicity of Abiding

2 Corinthians 11:3 — “The simplicity that is in Christ...”

Matthew 11:28 — “Come unto me... and I will give you rest.”



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ot complicated.




- ✦ Remain in Him
 - ✦ Trust His life
 - ✦ Receive His flow
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The Branch at Rest

John 15:4 — “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...”

Psalm 23:2 — “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures...”

The branch does not strain.

-  It rests
-  It receives
-  It remains

And fruit comes naturally.

The Result of Abiding

John 15:5 — “Bringeth forth much fruit...”

John 15:8 — “That ye bear much fruit...”

Philippians 1:11 — “Filled with the fruits of righteousness...”

Fruit is not forced.



vidence of abiding.

Living Moment by Moment

Colossians 2:6 — “As ye have therefore received Christ... so walk ye in him.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 — “We walk by faith...”

Abiding is not occasional.

 It is continual

 It is daily

 It is moment by moment

Living from the Vine.

Transition to the Next Chapter

We have now seen:

Grace is the flow

The Vine is the source

Abiding is the life

Now comes the visible result:

Because when the branch abides—

something begins to appear.

In the next chapter, we will uncover:



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remains—the life of Christ made visible.

Chapter 9 — Fruit That Remains: The Life of Christ Manifested

The Purpose of the Vine

John 15:8 — “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit...”

John 15:16 — “I have chosen you... that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”

The purpose is clear:

 Fruit

 Much fruit

 Fruit that remains

God is not looking for effort.


He is looking for **expression**.

The Source of the Fruit

John 15:5 — “He that abideth in me... bringeth forth much fruit...”

The fruit does not originate in the branch.

 It flows from the Vine

 It is carried by the branch



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led through the branch

The branch is not the producer—

It is the vessel.

✨ The Fruit of the Spirit

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

Ephesians 5:9 — “The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth...”

This fruit is not behavior modification.

- ✨ It is the nature of Christ
 - ✨ It is the life of the Spirit
 - ✨ It is what flows from the Vine
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🌊 Filled With the Fruits of Righteousness

Philippians 1:11 — “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ...”

Colossians 1:10 — “Being fruitful in every good work...”

The fruit is not yours.

🌊 It is “by Jesus Christ”

🌊 It is supplied by Him



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essed through you


A Good Tree Cannot Produce Bad Fruit

Matthew 7:18 — “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit...”

Matthew 12:33 — “Make the tree good, and his fruit good...”

The issue is not behavior—

It is source.

 Bad tree → bad fruit

 Good tree → good fruit

The Vine determines the fruit.




The Failure of Self-Produced Fruit

Romans 7:5 — “Bring forth fruit unto death...”

Hebrews 6:1 — “Repentance from dead works...”

Isaiah 64:6 — “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...”

Fruit produced from the flesh:

-  Looks right
-  Feels right
-  But is dead



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id not come from the Vine.

The Fruit That Remains

John 15:16 — “That your fruit should remain...”


1 John 2:17 — “He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 — “The things which are not seen are eternal...”

There is fruit that fades—

And fruit that remains.

 Only what comes from the Vine remains

 Only what is born of Christ endures

The Life Made Visible

2 Corinthians 4:10 — “That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body...”

Galatians 2:20 — “Christ liveth in me...”

The fruit is not separate from Christ—

 It is Christ revealed

 It is His life expressed


 It is His nature made visible

Effortless Expression


John 15:4 — “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself...”

Hebrews 4:10 — “Ceased from his own works...”

The branch does not strain to produce fruit.

 It abides

 It receives

 It reveals

Fruit is the natural result of life.

The Evidence of the Vine

James 2:18 — “Show me thy faith without thy works...”

Titus 3:8 — “Careful to maintain good works...”

The fruit does not prove effort—

 It reveals source

It shows:

Where the life is coming from.



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John 15:5 — “Bringeth forth much fruit...”

John 15:8 — “That ye bear much fruit...”

Not little fruit.

Not occasional fruit.

 Much fruit.

Because the Vine is not limited.

Transition to the Final Chapter

We have now seen:

The Vine is the source

Grace is the flow

Abiding is the life

Fruit is the result

Now comes the final revelation:

What happens when this fruit is fully revealed in the earth?

In the next chapter, we will uncover:

 The manifestation of the Vine through the sons.

Chapter 10 — The Manifestation of the Vine Through the Sons

Creation Is Waiting for This

Romans 8:19 — “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

All creation is not waiting for:

- Better effort
- Stronger discipline
- More religion

 It is waiting for **manifestation**.

Not striving sons—
revealed sons.

From Vine to Visibility

John 15:5

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

What was hidden in the Vine—

 Now appears in the branch



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comes visible in the earth

The life of Jesus Christ
is no longer concealed—

It is revealed.

✨ Christ Revealed in You

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

2 Corinthians 4:11 — “That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh...”

Galatians 1:16 — “To reveal his Son in me...”

This is the goal:

✨ Not you improving

✨ Not you becoming

But Christ—

revealed in you.

🔥 The Life of Jesus Made Visible

2 Corinthians 4:10 — “Always bearing about... that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest...”



— “The works that I do shall he do also...”

1 John 2:6 — “Walk, even as he walked.”

This is not imitation.

🔥 It is manifestation

🔥 It is expression

🔥 It is life revealed

The Sons Carry the Vine

John 20:21 — “As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”

Matthew 5:14 — “Ye are the light of the world.”

Philippians 2:15 — “Shine as lights in the world...”

The Vine is now carried:

🌿 Through the sons

🌿 Through their lives

🌿 Through their expression

Rivers Flowing Out




John 7:38 — “Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

Ezekiel 47:9 — “Everything shall live whither the river cometh.”



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ontained life.

-  It flows outward
 -  It reaches others
 -  It brings life everywhere it goes
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The End of the Old Identity

Galatians 2:20 — “Not I, but Christ...”

Colossians 3:3 — “Ye are dead...”

Philippians 3:8 — “I count all things but loss...”

The old identity:

-  The producer
-  The striver
-  The self-made man

Is gone.

The New Identity Established

Colossians 3:4 — “Christ, who is our life...”

1 Corinthians 6:17 — “One spirit...”

2 Peter 1:4 — “Partakers of the divine nature...”



th stands:

- ✦ Christ is your life
 - ✦ Christ is your source
 - ✦ Christ is your expression
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🔥 The Reign of Life

Romans 5:17 — “Shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ...”

Revelation 5:10 — “We shall reign on the earth.”

This is not survival.

- 🔥 This is reign
 - 🔥 This is dominion
 - 🔥 This is life overflowing
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🌿 The Full Circle

We return to the beginning:

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

Now we understand:

It was never a statement of limitation—

It was a revelation of source.

✦ The Testimony of the Sons

The sons no longer say:

"I am trying to produce fruit."

They say:

✦ "Christ is my life."

They no longer strive to become:

✦ They reveal what already is.

☾ God All in All

1 Corinthians 15:28 — "That God may be all in all."

This is the end:

☾ Not man producing for God

☾ Not effort rising to heaven

But God—

Filling man

Living through man

Revealing Himself in man





Final Call

The Word still speaks:

"I am the vine..."

The invitation remains:

-  Abide
-  Receive
-  Live

The Gospel of Grace Declared

What God requires—
He supplies.

What the Vine contains—
the branch reveals.

What Christ is—
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