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The Gospel of Grace — John 3:16 Revealed by the Full Counsel of God



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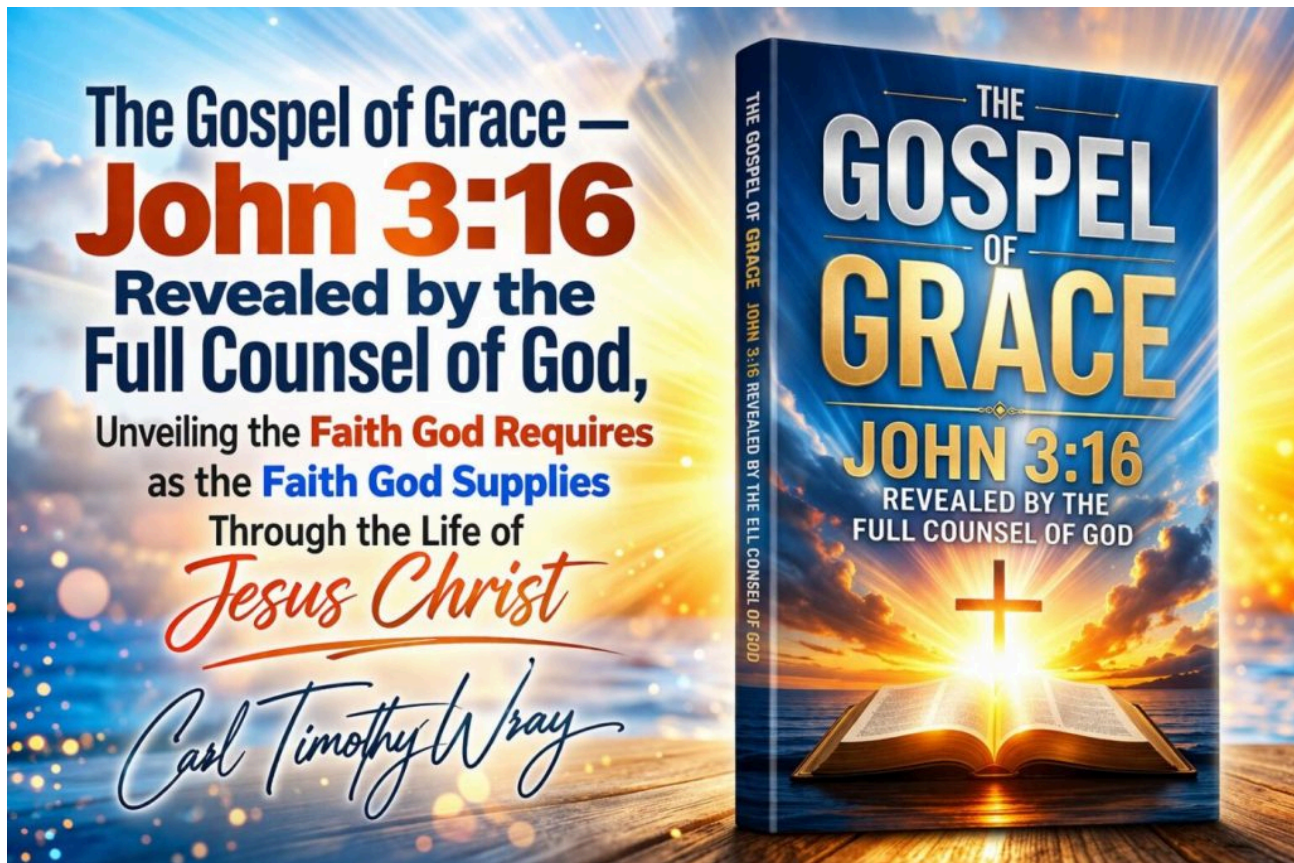
[Carl Timothy Wray](#) is a prolific author and teacher dedicated to unveiling the full counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation. Through hundreds of books and teachings, his work focuses on revealing the finished work of Christ, the plan of the ages, and the unity of Scripture in one divine mind.

Wray's message calls believers out of fragmented doctrine, religious striving, and mixture, and into the rest and clarity of the Gospel of Grace. With a strong emphasis on Scripture, he teaches that what God requires, His grace fulfills, and that the life of Christ within the believer is the source of faith, righteousness, and transformation.



The Gospel of Grace — John 3:16 Revealed by the Full Counsel of God is a powerful biblical teaching that brings clarity to one of the most quoted and misunderstood verses in the Bible. By examining John 3:16 alongside key Scriptures such as Ephesians 2:8, Philippians 2:13, John 15:5, Romans 10:17, and 1 Corinthians 15:22–23, this book reveals that faith is not self-generated but flows from the life of Christ. It explains how grace provides what God requires, how faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and how the plan of the ages unfolds in divine order. This book is ideal for readers seeking truth about salvation, grace vs works, the finished work of Christ, and the true meaning of believing.





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Gospel of Grace: INTRODUCTION — JOHN 3:16 IN THE FULL COUNSEL OF GOD

There may be no verse more quoted, more loved, and more widely preached than John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”

This is the foundation of the Gospel.

This is the declaration of grace.

This is God acting on behalf of man.



but the verse does not end there.

“...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

And right there—without the full counsel of God—the burden enters.

What began as the revelation of what God has done is suddenly heard as a requirement placed upon man.

Now the natural mind begins to reason:

Do I believe enough?

Do I have faith?

What if I cannot believe?

And without revelation, the Gospel that should bring rest begins to produce striving.

But the same Word of God that declares “whosoever believeth” also reveals the condition of man:

| Ephesians 2:12

Without God, man has no hope.

Not little hope.

Not partial hope.

☞ **No hope.**

And Jesus Himself declared:

| John 15:5



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, man can do nothing.

Not something.

Not a little.

☞ **Nothing.**

So now the question must be asked:

If man without God has no hope,
and without Christ can do nothing...

☞ where does the faith come from?

The answer is found in the full counsel of God.

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

The same God who calls man to believe
is the God who works in him both to will and to do:

▮ Philippians 2:13

And the faith required is not of ourselves:

▮ Ephesians 2:8

Faith comes by hearing:

▮ Romans 10:17

And the life we now live is not self-produced, but Christ living in us:



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▮ Galatians 2:20

This book is written to bring John 3:16 out of fragmentation and into the full counsel of God.

Not to remove the requirement of faith—
but to reveal the source of that faith.

Because the Gospel of Grace does not say:

“God did His part, now you must do yours.”

The Gospel declares:

God loved.

God gave.

God quickened.

God works.

God supplies.

And the man now believes.

This is the revelation:

What God requires, grace fulfills.

The believing God requires
is the believing God provides.

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

CHAPTER 1 — JOHN 3:16



MISUNDERSTOOD: WHERE THE BURDEN

ENTERED

🔥 The Most Quoted Verse — and the Most Misunderstood

There may be no verse more quoted in all of Christianity than John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”

This is the foundation of the Gospel.

This is grace in its purest declaration.

God loved.

God gave.

God acted.

But the verse continues:

“...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish...”

And right there—without the full counsel of God—the burden quietly enters.

🔪 How the Natural Mind Hears It

When a man reads this without revelation, he hears:

- “God did something... now I must do something”
- “I must believe”



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produce faith”

Now the questions begin:

- Do I believe enough?
- Do I have real faith?
- What if I can't believe?

And the Gospel that should bring rest begins to produce **pressure and striving**.

The Fragmented Gospel

The problem is not the Scripture.

The problem is **fragmentation**.

The man reads:

- "God gave His Son"
...but does not continue into the full counsel.

He isolates:

- "whosoever believeth"

And builds a doctrine where:

- ☞ God is the initiator
- ☞ but man is the finisher

This creates mixture:



a little God... and a little man

Without God — No Hope

But the full counsel reveals the condition of man:

| Ephesians 2:12

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

Not little hope.

👉 **No hope. Zero hope.**

If a man has no hope...

👉 he has no ability to produce faith from himself.

Without Christ — Nothing

Jesus makes it even clearer:

| John 15:5

“Without me ye can do nothing.”

Not something.

Not a little.

👉 **Nothing. Zero.**



that includes:

- believing
 - producing faith
 - initiating salvation
-

The False Burden

So now we must ask:

If man without God has **no hope**
and without Christ can do **nothing**...

👉 how can he produce the faith required?

The answer is:

👉 **He cannot.**

And when this is not understood, the man is left in a bind:

- trying to believe
- trying to produce faith
- reaching into a dead nature

👉 pumping what cannot live

Dead Men Cannot Believe

The Scripture declares:



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2:1

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

A dead man does not believe.

A dead man must be made alive first.

☞ **Life precedes faith**

Faith Comes by Hearing

So where does faith come from?

| Romans 10:17

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Faith is not self-produced.

☞ It comes by hearing the Word.

And who is the Word?

| John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word...”

☞ The Word is Christ.



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Source of Faith Revealed

So now we see:

- The man hears the Word
 - Faith comes through hearing
 - The Word produces the response
- ☞ The source is not the man
 - ☞ The source is **the Word he heard**



What John 3:16 Really Reveals

John 3:16 is not:

✗ God did His part → now man must do his

It is:

- ☞ God loved
- ☞ God gave
- ☞ God quickens
- ☞ God reveals
- ☞ God works

And the man now believes.



The Burden Removed

The Gospel of Grace does not say:



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er to believe"

It declares:

☞ **“Receive the life that believes”**

The Final Declaration

What God requires, grace fulfills.

The believing God requires is the believing God provides.

Call to Rest

Hebrews 4:9–10

“There remaineth therefore a rest...”

The call is not:

☞ strive to believe

The call is:

☞ **enter into what God has done**

CHAPTER 2 — THE PLAN OF THE AGES: ORDER, PURPOSE, AND THE DRAWING OF THE FATHER

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God Is Not Random — He Works by Purpose

The Gospel is not random.
Salvation is not chaos.
Believing is not left to chance.

The Scripture declares:

| Ephesians 1:11

“Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.”

Not some things.

☞ **All things.**

God is not reacting.
God is not hoping.
God is not waiting to see what man will do.

☞ God is working according to His purpose.

The Error of a Fragmented View

When John 3:16 is isolated, it can appear as though:

- God gave the Son
- and now everything depends on man’s decision

This creates the illusion that salvation is:



- ☞ random
- ☞ uncertain
- ☞ dependent on human ability

But this contradicts the full counsel of God.

No Man Comes Unless Drawn

Jesus makes it clear:

| John 6:44

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

Not may not.

Not might not.

☞ **Cannot.**

This destroys the idea that man comes to God on his own.

☞ The Father must draw.

☞ The Father must initiate.

The Drawing of the Father

This drawing is not random.



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It is not disconnected from God's purpose.

It is part of the **plan of the ages**.

Every Man in His Order

The Scripture declares:

| 1 Corinthians 15:22–23

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
But every man in his own order...”

This reveals something critical:

- ☞ God works in **order**
- ☞ God works in **sequence**
- ☞ God works in **purpose**

Nothing is out of place.

Order Protects the Plan

If salvation were random...

If man could come at any time by his own power...

Then the plan of God would have no structure.



ot the author of confusion:

1 Corinthians 14:33

- ☞ His work is ordered
- ☞ His purpose is precise

The Plan of the Ages

From Genesis to Revelation, God has been unfolding:

- creation
- fall
- redemption
- restoration

This is not reaction.

☞ This is design.

Acts 15:18

“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”

The Father Draws According to His Will

The drawing of the Father is not disconnected from His plan.

It is part of His will.

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

This is not uncertainty.

☞ This is purpose

☞ This is fulfillment

God Works the Will Within Man

So how does a man respond?

| Philippians 2:13

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

The will to come

The desire to believe

The ability to respond

☞ all flow from God working within

John 3:16 in the Plan of God

Now John 3:16 is no longer isolated.

It is not a random offer floating in uncertainty.

It is part of a divine plan where:



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- God gave
 - God draws
 - God works
 - and man believes
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The Response Is Real — But the Source Is God

The man truly believes.

The man truly responds.

But:

- ☞ the source of that response
 - ☞ is God working within him
-

The Key Revelation

“No man comes on his own — the Father draws, and within that drawing, the man truly believes.”

The Burden Removed Again

Now the man no longer says:

- ☞ “I must come to God on my own”

☞ **“God is drawing me, and I am responding to Him.”**

Call to Understanding

| Proverbs 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...”

The call is not to figure it out in the natural mind.

The call is to:

- ☞ trust
 - ☞ receive
 - ☞ respond
-

Final Declaration of Chapter 2

| **“God’s plan is not random — it is ordered, purposeful, and unfolding according to His will, as He draws, works, and brings forth a real response of faith.”**

CHAPTER 3 — DEAD MEN CANNOT BELIEVE: THE NECESSITY OF BEING MADE ALIVE FIRST

The Question That Must Be Answered

If John 3:16 says:

| John 3:16

"...whosoever believeth..."

Then the question must be asked:

👉 **Who has the ability to believe?**

If we do not answer this correctly, we will place a burden on man that he cannot carry.

The Condition of Man Without God

The Scripture does not describe man as weak.

It describes man as **dead**.

| Ephesians 2:1

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

Not sick.

Not struggling.

👉 **Dead.**

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Dead Means No Ability

A dead man cannot:

- respond
- choose
- produce faith
- initiate life

And earlier we saw:

| Ephesians 2:12

“Having no hope...”

- ☞ No hope = no source
 - ☞ No hope = no ability
-

The Natural Man Cannot Receive

| 1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...”

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

This Destroys Self-Generated Faith

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- dead
- without hope
- unable to receive

Then faith cannot come from:

☞ the old Adamic nature

It is impossible.

Life Must Come First

Before there can be faith...

☞ there must be life

| John 5:21

“The Son quickeneth whom he will.”

| John 1:13

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

Regeneration Is the Beginning

| Titus 3:5



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...ing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost...”

James 1:18

“Of his own will begat he us...”

- ☞ Life is given
 - ☞ Not initiated by man
-

Faith Follows Life

Once life is given:

- the man can hear
- the man can respond
- the man can believe

But not before.

The Error of Reversing the Order

The natural mind says:

☞ “Believe → then receive life”

But the full counsel reveals:

☞ **“Receive life → then believe”**



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... Comes by Hearing

Romans 10:17

Faith does not come from:

- effort
- striving
- self-will

☞ It comes by hearing the Word

The Word Produces the Response

When the Word is heard:

- life is imparted
- understanding comes
- faith arises

☞ The response is real

☞ But the source is the Word

John 3:16 Reframed Again

Now we return:

John 3:16

“whosoever believeth...”



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nger:

✘ a demand placed on a dead man

It is:

☞ the response of a man who has been made alive

🔥 The Sequence of God

Now the order is clear:

1. Man is dead
 2. God quickens
 3. The Word is heard
 4. Faith comes
 5. The man believes
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🌟 The Key Revelation

“God does not ask a dead man to believe—He makes him alive, and the man believes.”

🔥 The End of Striving

Now the man no longer says:

☞ “I must produce faith”

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

Call to Revelation

| 2 Corinthians 4:6

“God... hath shined in our hearts...”

It is God who brings light.

Final Declaration of Chapter 3

| **“Faith is not the root of life—it is the fruit of life. And life comes from God alone.”**

CHAPTER 4 — THE LAW AND THE REQUIREMENT: WHY GOD DEMANDED WHAT MAN COULD NOT PRODUCE

The Question of Requirement

When a man reads:

| John 3:16



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r believeth...”

He immediately feels:

👉 requirement

- “I must believe”
- “I must have faith”

But the question is:

👉 Why would God require something man cannot produce?

🔪 The Purpose of the Law

The answer begins with the Law.

| Romans 3:20

“By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

The Law was never given to empower man.

👉 It was given to **expose man**

📖 The Law Reveals Inability

| Galatians 3:10

“Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things...”



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| Deuteronomy 27:26

The Law demands perfection.

☞ Not effort

☞ Not partial obedience

☞ **Perfection**

🔥 Man Could Not Fulfill It

| Romans 8:3

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh...”

The Law was not weak.

☞ The flesh was.

⚔️ The Pattern of God

Here is the pattern:

1. God requires
 2. Man fails
 3. God fulfills
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📖 The Law Was a Schoolmaster



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3:24

The Law was given to bring man to Christ.

- ☞ Not to save him
 - ☞ But to show him he **cannot save himself**
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Now Apply This to Faith

When God says:

- ☞ "You must believe"

It functions the same way:

- It reveals the requirement
 - It exposes inability
 - It points to the need for God
-

Faith as Requirement

| Hebrews 11:6

"Without faith it is impossible to please him..."

That is absolute.

- ☞ Faith is required
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Where Does Faith Come From?

This is where grace enters.

| Ephesians 2:8

"...through faith; and that not of yourselves..."

The Law demands.

☞ Grace supplies.

Grace Fulfills What God Requires

| Hebrews 10:14

"By one offering he hath perfected..."

| 2 Corinthians 5:19

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world..."

The Shift From Law to Grace

Under the Law:

- God required
- Man could not perform

Under Grace:



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God requires

- God fulfills
-

John 3:16 Seen Through This Pattern

Now John 3:16 is clear:

- "God so loved" → grace
- "He gave His Son" → fulfillment
- "whosoever believeth" → requirement

But the requirement is not isolated.

👉 It is fulfilled within grace

The End of Self-Effort

The man no longer says:

👉 "I must produce faith"

He sees:

👉 **"God has required faith—and God supplies the life that believes."**

The Work Is Finished

| John 19:30

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"It is finished."

Nothing left for man to complete.

The Key Revelation

“God requires faith—but He does not leave man to produce it. Grace supplies what the Law demands.”

Call to Freedom

Romans 11:6

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

No mixture.

-  Not God + man
 -  But God fulfilling His own requirement
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Final Declaration of Chapter 4

“The requirement reveals the need—but grace fulfills the demand.”

CHAPTER 5 — THE CROSS: THE WORK WAS FINISHED, NOT OFFERED

The Central Question

If God requires faith...
and man cannot produce it...

👉 what happened at the Cross?

Was the Cross:

- an offer waiting on man?
or
 - a finished work accomplished by God?
-

The Final Word of the Cross

Jesus declared:

| John 19:30

“It is finished.”

Not:

- “It has begun”
- “It is available”
- “It will be completed if man believes”

👉 **Finished.**



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What Was Finished?

The Cross did not make salvation possible.

☞ It accomplished salvation.

| Hebrews 10:10

“We are sanctified... once for all.”

| Hebrews 10:14

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

Not Waiting on Man

If the work is finished...

☞ it is not waiting on man to complete it.

| 2 Corinthians 5:19

“God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself...”

Not:

- trying to reconcile
- offering reconciliation

☞ **Reconciling.**



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Sin Dealt With Completely

| Colossians 2:13–14

“Having forgiven you all trespasses...”

| Hebrews 9:26

“He appeared to put away sin...”

The Error of “The Offer Gospel”

When the Cross is preached as an offer:

👉 it becomes incomplete

- God did His part
- now man must activate it

This turns the finished work into:

👉 a conditional work

The Truth of the Finished Work

The Cross is not:

✗ an invitation waiting on man

👉 an accomplishment completed by God

📖 The Lamb Slain Before Time

| Revelation 13:8

“The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

This was not reaction.

👉 This was eternal purpose.

🔥 Grace Completed the Work

| 2 Timothy 1:9

“Given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”

Grace was not activated at the Cross.

👉 It was **revealed at the Cross**

🗡️ So Where Does Faith Fit?

Faith does not complete the work.

Faith does not activate the work.

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👉 Faith receives what is already finished.

Faith Receives, Not Produces

| Romans 5:1

“Being justified by faith...”

| Ephesians 2:8

“Through faith... not of yourselves...”

The Order Is Clear

1. God finished the work
2. God reveals the work
3. Faith receives the work

👉 Not the other way around

John 3:16 Revisited Again

Now we return:

| John 3:16

“whosoever believeth...”

This is not:



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✗ a condition that completes salvation

It is:

👉 **the response to a finished salvation**

🔥 **The Burden Is Broken Completely**

Now the man no longer says:

👉 "I must do something to make this work"

He sees:

👉 **"It is finished—and I am receiving what God has done."**

📖 **Enter Into Rest**

| Hebrews 4:10

"He that is entered into his rest..."

Rest from:

- striving
 - self-effort
 - trying to complete the work
-



Key Revelation

“The Cross did not make salvation possible—it finished it. Faith does not complete it—it receives it.”

Final Declaration of Chapter 5

“It is finished means nothing is left for man to complete—only to receive by faith what God has already accomplished.”

CHAPTER 6 — QUICKENED FIRST: WHY LIFE MUST COME BEFORE FAITH

The Order Must Be Right

If the order is wrong, everything is wrong.

The natural mind says:

👉 “Believe first... then receive life”

But the full counsel of God reveals:

👉 “Receive life... then believe”

The Condition of Man

The Counsel is clear:



| Ephesians 2:1

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

Man is not spiritually weak.

☞ He is **dead**.

Dead Men Do Not Believe

A dead man cannot:

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

| 1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural man receiveth not...”

☞ Not because he won't

☞ Because he **cannot**

Quickening Comes First

Before faith...



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st be life

| John 5:21

“The Son quickeneth whom he will.”

| Ephesians 2:5

“Even when we were dead... hath quickened us...”

Born Not of Human Will

| John 1:13

“Not of the will of the flesh...”

| James 1:18

“Of his own will begat he us...”

👉 The new birth is not initiated by man.

Regeneration — The Beginning of Everything

| Titus 3:5

“The washing of regeneration...”

Regeneration is:



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...ng of life

... the beginning of response

- the source of faith
-

Faith Comes After Life

Now we understand:

| Romans 10:17

“Faith cometh by hearing...”

But hearing requires:

- 👉 life
 - 👉 awakening
 - 👉 quickening
-

The Word Brings Life

| John 6:63

“The words... are spirit, and they are life.”

The Word does not just inform.

- 👉 It **imparts life**
-

 EN **When Faith Arises**

Once life is present:

- the man hears
- the man understands
- the man responds

👉 Faith arises naturally from life

🔪 The Error of Reversed Order

When the order is reversed:

✗ "Believe → then life"

Man is left:

- striving
 - trying to believe
 - producing from nothing
-

🔥 The Correct Order

The full counsel reveals:

1. Man is dead
 2. God quickens
 3. The Word brings life
 4. Faith comes
 5. The man believes
-

“Faith is not the cause of life—it is the response of life.”

John 3:16 Reconciled Again

Now we see:

John 3:16

“whosoever believeth...”

This is not:

✗ a command to a dead man

It is:

☞ **the response of a man made alive**

God Shines First

2 Corinthians 4:6

“God... hath shined in our hearts...”

Light comes first.

☞ Then sight

☞ Then response

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The Burden Is Gone

Now the man no longer says:

☞ "I must believe to get life"

He sees:

☞ "God has given life—and now I believe."

Final Declaration of Chapter 6

“God does not ask a dead man to believe—He makes him alive, and the believing follows.”


CHAPTER 7 — GOD WORKS THE WILL: THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUE RESPONSE

The Root Question

If man believes...

☞ where did the will to believe come from?

Did it arise from:

- the old nature?
-  **EN** effort?
- independent decision?

Or...

☞ did it come from God?

God Works the Will

The Scripture answers clearly:

| **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**

The Will Is Not Independent

Man does have a will.

Man does make choices.

But the source of the will that responds to God is not:

☞ the flesh

☞ the old nature

It is:



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☞ **God working within**

The Heart Is Changed First

| Ezekiel 36:26

“A new heart also will I give you...”

| Ezekiel 36:27

“I will put my spirit within you...”

God does not ask man to respond with the old heart.

☞ He gives a new one.

God Causes the Walk

| Ezekiel 36:27

“I will cause you to walk...”

Not:

- you might walk
- you should walk

☞ I will cause you



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Not of Him That Wills

| Romans 9:16

“So then it is not of him that willeth...”

This does not remove the will.

☞ It removes the will as the source

The Will Flows From God’s Work

So now we see:

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

☞ The man now responds

Grace Supplies the Power to Do

| Hebrews 13:21

“Working in you that which is wellpleasing...”

| 2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient...”



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just forgiveness.

👉 It is **power**

🔪 The Response Is Real

The man:

- believes
- responds
- walks

But:

👉 he is not the source

🔥 The Source and the Response

This is the balance:

- 👉 The response is real
 - 👉 The source is God
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📖 The Branch Bears — But Does Not Produce

| John 15:5

The branch bears fruit.

👉 the life comes from the vine

🔪 John 3:16 Seen Again

Now we return:

| John 3:16

“whosoever believeth...”

This is not:

✗ a will rising from the flesh

It is:

👉 **a will formed by God working within**

🔥 The End of Confusion

Now the man no longer says:

👉 “I must will myself to believe”

He sees:

👉 **“God has worked the will in me—and I am responding.”**

The Key Revelation

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

Final Declaration of Chapter 7

“Man truly responds—but God is the source of the will and the power behind that response.”

CHAPTER 9 — THE VINE AND THE BRANCH: TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST

The Final Picture Jesus Gave

Jesus did not leave this complicated.

He 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.”

The Meaning of “Nothing”

We have already seen it:



👉 Nothing means nothing

👉 Zero means zero

Without Christ:

- no life
 - no faith
 - no righteousness
 - no ability
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🔥 The Source and the Flow

The vine:

👉 is the source

The branch:

👉 is the receiver and expression

The branch does not:

- generate life
- create fruit
- produce anything on its own

👉 It simply **bears what flows from the vine**



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Flows From Christ

Galatians 2:20

“Christ liveth in me...”

The believer is not:

✎ the origin of life

Christ is.

🔥 Faith Flows From That Life

Because Christ is the life...

✎ faith flows from Him

Not from:

- effort
 - striving
 - self-will
-

✂️ The Branch Truly Bears Fruit

The branch is not passive.

The branch:



- bears fruit

| John 15:4

“Abide in me...”

Abiding — The Key to Everything

Abiding is not:

- striving
- producing
- working



It is:

 **remaining in the source**

Apart From Him — No Fruit

| John 15:6

Without the vine:

-  no fruit
-  no life



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John 3:16 Seen Through the Vine

Now we return:

| John 3:16

“whosoever believeth...”

This is not:

✗ a branch producing its own fruit

It is:

☞ a branch bearing what flows from the vine

The End of Independence

The greatest deception is:

☞ independence from God

But the truth is:

☞ total dependence

All Things Flow From Him

| Romans 11:36



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and through him, and to him, are all things...”

Everything:

- begins in Him
 - flows through Him
 - ends in Him
-

The Simplicity of the Gospel

The Gospel is not complicated.

It is:

- ☞ Christ the source
 - ☞ man the vessel
-

The Final Reconciliation of John 3:16

John 3:16 now stands clear:

- God loved
- God gave
- God quickened
- God works
- Christ is the life

☞ and the man believes



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Key Revelation

“The branch truly bears fruit—but it never becomes the source of what it bears.”

The End of Striving Forever

Now the man no longer says:

☞ “I must produce faith”

He sees:

☞ **“I abide in Christ—and His life produces everything.”**

Call to Abide

| John 15:9

“Continue ye in my love.”

Final Declaration of Chapter 9

“Christ is the source of all things, and man lives, believes, and bears fruit only by abiding in Him.”

CHAPTER 10 — THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

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REVEALED: WHAT GOD REQUIRES,

GRACE FULFILLS

The Question That Started It All

We began with one question:

| John 3:16

"...whosoever believeth..."

👉 If believing is required...

Where does that faith come from?

The Error We Exposed

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

- God did His part
- now man must do his

This creates:

- 👉 pressure
- 👉 striving
- 👉 mixture

A gospel of:



God + man

The Truth We Discovered

But the full counsel revealed:

- Man is dead → Ephesians 2:1
- Man has no hope → Ephesians 2:12
- Man can do nothing → John 15:5

➡ Therefore:

Man cannot produce faith.

God Is the Source of Everything

We saw:

- God draws → John 6:44
- God works the will → Philippians 2:13
- God gives life → John 5:21

➡ God is the source.

The Order Was Established

The divine order became clear:

1. Man is dead



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3. the word is heard

- 4. Faith comes
- 5. The man believes



The Cross Settled Everything

| John 19:30

“It is finished.”

The Cross was not:

✗ an offer waiting on man

It was:

☞ a finished work accomplished by God



Faith Is the Result — Not the Cause

| Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing.

| Galatians 2:20

We live by the faith of the Son of God.

☞ Faith is:



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not self-produced

- not self-originated

☞ It flows from life.

🔥 The Vine and the Branch Settled It Forever

| John 15:5

Without Him:

☞ nothing

With Him:

☞ everything flows

🔪 John 3:16 Fully Revealed

Now we can read it clearly:

| John 3:16

Not as:

✗ a burden placed on man

But as:








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ion of what God has accomplished and is working in man

The Gospel of Grace Defined

The Gospel of Grace is:

-  God loving
-  God giving
-  God quickening
-  God working
-  God fulfilling

And man:

-  **responding to what God has done**
-

The Final Key Revelation

| **“What God requires, grace fulfills.”**

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.”**



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Enter Into Rest

Hebrews 4:10

“He that is entered into his rest...”

Rest from:

- effort
 - striving
 - self-production
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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 salvation is not the work of man reaching for God, but God working in man—bringing forth life, faith, and response according to His will.”

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