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# The Gospel of Grace — Not of Works, Lest Any Man Should Boast

✨ **The Gospel of Grace — Not of Works, Lest Any Man Should Boast Revealed as the Divine Removal of Human Effort So That No Flesh Glories and Only Christ Is**



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# The Gospel of Grace: Author

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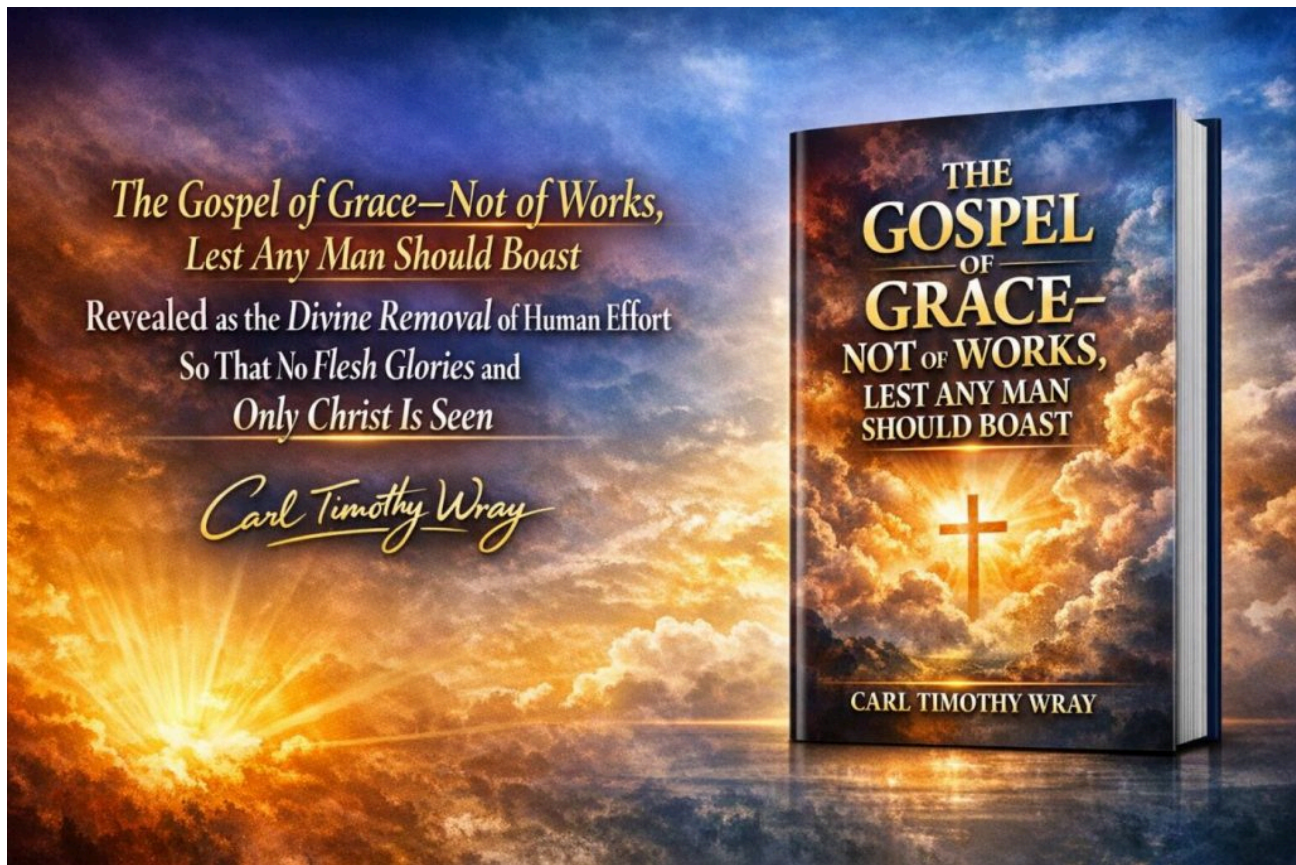
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***The Gospel of Grace — Not of Works, Lest Any Man Should Boast*** by Carl Timothy Wray is a powerful biblical teaching that reveals salvation as entirely the work of God, not human effort. Rooted in Ephesians 2:9, this book walks through the full counsel of Scripture—from Genesis to Revelation—unveiling how God removes all grounds of boasting by ending the role of flesh and revealing Christ as the sole source of righteousness, life, and glory. Covering themes such as grace vs works, the end of the law, union with Christ, and the revelation of the sons of God, this book is essential for anyone seeking to understand the true Gospel of Grace and the [Finished Work of Christ](#).





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## The Gospel of Grace: Introduction

**What if everything you were taught to do for God was never the source of your standing with Him?**

From the beginning, man has attempted to reach God through effort—through works, obedience, discipline, and performance. Yet the testimony of Scripture stands in direct opposition to this instinct. The Gospel of Grace does not begin with what man must do, but with what God has already done. It is not the story of man climbing upward—it is the revelation of God coming down, finishing the work, and revealing His Son.



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er of this Gospel is a statement that dismantles every system of human effort:

☞ Ephesians 2:9 — *“Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

This is not a small doctrinal point—it is a divine law. God has established salvation in such a way that no flesh can take credit, no man can glory, and no effort can stand as the source of righteousness. Everything that originates from man is removed so that only what originates from God remains.

This truth runs as a golden thread through the entire Bible.

From the fall of Adam, where human effort first attempted to cover shame, to the giving of the Law, which revealed man’s inability to produce righteousness, to the Cross, where God did not improve man but crucified him—Scripture consistently testifies to one reality: **man is not the source—God is.**

The purpose of this book is to follow that thread from Genesis to Revelation.

We will see that:

- The Law was never given to make man righteous, but to reveal that he could not be
- The Cross was not God assisting man, but God ending man as a source
- Grace is not God helping you do better—it is God doing what you could never do
- Salvation is not achieved—it is revealed

And in the end, we will discover that God has removed every ground of boasting so that one reality stands alone:

☞ Christ is all.

This is the Gospel of Grace—not of works, not of effort, not of performance—but of God alone, working, revealing, and bringing His eternal purpose to pass.



And when this truth is seen, the striving ends, the burden lifts, and the glory returns to its rightful place—not in man, but in God.

## Chapter 1 — The Foundation: Not of Works

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### Key Scriptures

👉 Ephesians 2:8–9

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

👉 Romans 11:6

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

👉 Titus 3:5

*“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...”*

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### The Gospel Begins Where Man Ends

The Gospel of Grace does not begin with man’s effort—it begins with **God’s finished work**.

From the very first step into salvation, God establishes a boundary that cannot be crossed:



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This is not a suggestion.

This is not a theological opinion.

This is a **divine line drawn by God Himself**.

Everything that originates from man—his strength, his will, his discipline, his attempts—**is excluded as the source of salvation**.

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## **Not of Works Means Not From You**

When God says “not of works,” He is not merely saying:

☞ “You shouldn’t try to earn salvation”

He is saying something far deeper:

☞ **Salvation does not originate from you at all**

- Not your effort
- Not your decision
- Not your performance
- Not your improvement

Even the faith through which you receive it is declared:

☞ *“Not of yourselves—it is the gift of God”*

This removes every root of self as the source.

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## **Grace and Works Cannot Coexist as Source**

The Scripture is clear:

☞ Romans 11:6

Grace and works are not partners.

They are **mutually exclusive origins**.

If salvation comes from grace:

✗ It cannot come from works

If it comes from works:

✗ It is no longer grace

There is no mixture.

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## Why God Removed Works Completely

God did not partially remove works—He removed them **entirely** as a source.

Why?

☞ *“Lest any man should boast”*

This reveals the heart of God’s design.

If even the smallest part of salvation came from man:



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Man would claim credit  
Man would glory in himself

- Man would stand as a contributor

So God designed salvation in such a way that:

☞ **Man has no ground to stand on except Christ**

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## **The Hidden Reality: God Is the Only Source**

☞ Titus 3:5

Salvation is not the result of what you have done...

It is the result of:

- His mercy
- His will
- His action

This means:

☞ God is not assisting you

☞ God is **saving you**

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## **The Death of Human Contribution**

This truth confronts the deepest instinct of the human heart:

☞ The desire to contribute

- To help
- To earn
- To qualify
- To add something

But the Gospel removes that completely.

Not because man is not valuable...

But because:

👉 **Man is not the source**

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## 🔥 **The Beginning of True Freedom**

When this truth is seen:

- Striving begins to fall away
- Pressure begins to lift
- Fear begins to dissolve

Because the foundation shifts from:

👉 "What must I do?"

To:

👉 **"What has God already done?"**

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## **st Alone Stands as the Foundation**

At the foundation of the Gospel is not:

- Your effort
- Your obedience
- Your performance

It is:

### ☞ **Christ and Him alone**

Everything that follows in this book will build on this one truth:

☞ God has removed works as the source so that only Christ remains.

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## 🔥 **Chapter 1 Closing**

Man reaches upward...

God comes downward...

Man attempts...

God accomplishes...

Man strives...

God finishes...

And at the end of it all, one truth stands unshaken:

☞ **“Not of works, lest any man should boast.”**



# Chapter 2 — No Flesh Shall Glory in His Presence

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## Key Scriptures

👉 1 Corinthians 1:29–31

*"That no flesh should glory in his presence... He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord!"*

👉 Jeremiah 9:23–24

*"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might... But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me..."*

👉 Isaiah 2:11

*"The lofty looks of man shall be humbled... and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."*

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## The Presence of God Allows No Competition

God's presence is not a place where man contributes—  
it is a place where **man is silenced as a source.**

The declaration is absolute:

👉 **"No flesh shall glory in His presence."**

Not some flesh...

Not improved flesh...

Not religious flesh...



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👉 **No flesh.**

## What “Flesh” Really Means

Flesh is not merely the body.

It is:

- Human ability
- Self-effort
- Natural identity
- The independent man

☞ Anything that originates from man apart from God

Even the best of man—his wisdom, discipline, morality—falls under this category.

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## God’s System Removes Every Advantage of Man

Look at how God operates:

☞ He chooses:

- The weak over the strong
- The foolish over the wise
- The base over the noble

Why?



☞ So that no man can say:

**“I qualified for this.”**

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## **God Doesn't Improve Flesh—He Excludes It**

This is where many misunderstand the Gospel.

They think:

👉 God helps the flesh do better

But Scripture reveals:

👉 God removes flesh as the source altogether

There is no upgrade to flesh.

There is no polishing of flesh.

👉 Flesh has no place in His presence.

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## **The Presence of God Exposes the Source**

When man comes into the presence of God:

- His strength fails
- His wisdom fades
- His confidence collapses

Because the presence of God reveals one thing:



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**... that comes from God can stand before God**

## The Only Acceptable Glory

👉 1 Corinthians 1:31

*"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."*

God does not eliminate glory...

👉 He **redirects it**

From:

✗ Man → self

To:

✓ God → source

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## Why This Must Be Established Early

If this truth is not settled:

- Man will subtly take credit
- Effort will creep back in
- Grace will be diluted

But when this is seen clearly:

👉 Every crown is laid down



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...ast is silenced

## This Connects to Chapter 1

- Chapter 1: **Not of works** → removes effort
- Chapter 2: **No flesh shall glory** → removes boasting

Together:

👉 They remove both the **source** and the **credit**

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## The Hidden Purpose of God

God is not trying to humiliate man...

👉 He is revealing the truth:

**Man was never meant to be the source.**

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## The Shift That Changes Everything

When this truth lands:

You stop asking:

👉 "What can I do for God?"

And begin seeing:



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as God already done?"

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## **The Presence Belongs to Another**

The reason flesh cannot glory in His presence is because:

☞ The presence belongs to Christ

Not to:

- Your effort
  - Your performance
  - Your identity apart from Him
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## **Christ Alone Stands Before God**

In the presence of God, there is only one who stands:

☞ **Christ**

And the only way man stands there is:

☞ **in Him**

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## **Chapter 2 Closing**

The wise fall silent...

The strong bow low...

The confident lose their ground...

... presence of God—



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No flesh remains to boast...

No man remains to glory...

Only one voice is heard:

☞ **“Let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord.”**

## 🔥 Chapter 3 — The Failure of the First Man (Adam)

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### 📖 Key Scriptures

☞ Genesis 3:6–7

*“She took of the fruit... and did eat... and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...”*

☞ Romans 5:12

*“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin...”*

☞ 1 Corinthians 15:22

*“For as in Adam all die...”*

☞ Romans 3:10–12

*“There is none righteous, no, not one...”*

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## 🔪 The Problem Did Not Begin With Behavior—

With Man



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Before there were sins...

Before there were laws...

There was a man:

👉 **Adam**

And the issue was never just what Adam did...

👉 The issue became **what Adam became**

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## 🔥 **The Fall Produced an Independent Man**

When Adam fell:

- He did not just break a command
- He became **separated in nature and perception**

Immediately:

- 👉 He saw himself apart from God
  - 👉 He became aware of self
  - 👉 He moved into independence
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## ⚖️ **The First Act of Works**

What did Adam do next?



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to fix it.

- He covered himself
- He hid himself
- He responded through effort

👉 **This is the first manifestation of “works”**

Man, now separated, tries to restore himself by his own action.

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## 🔑 **The Root of All Works**

Every system of human effort traces back to this moment:

👉 Man attempting to correct what only God can restore

- Religion
- Law-based thinking
- Performance-driven righteousness

All flow from:

👉 **The fallen nature of Adam**

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## 🔥 **Death Entered Through Adam**

👉 Romans 5:12

Death is not just physical...

- Separation from God
- Darkness in understanding
- Inability to produce life

And every man born after Adam inherits this condition:

👉 “In Adam all die”

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## ✂️ The Natural Man Cannot Produce Righteousness

Because of Adam:

- Man is not neutral
- Man is not capable of self-restoration

👉 The problem is not lack of effort

👉 The problem is **the nature itself**

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## 👑 Why “Not of Works” Had to Be Established

Now we see clearly:

Why did God say:

👉 “Not of works”?

👉 The man doing the works is the problem

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## 🔥 You Cannot Fix Adam—You Must Replace Him

God's solution was never:

- ❌ Improve Adam
- ❌ Strengthen Adam
- ❌ Train Adam

God's solution is:

👉 **End Adam**

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## ⚡ The Hidden Truth

The Gospel is not:

👉 God helping the first man succeed

It is:

👉 God introducing a **second Man**

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## 📖 The Contrast Begins

👉 1 Corinthians 15:47



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*n is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."*

Now we have:

- First man → failure
  - Second Man → solution
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## **This Changes Everything**

If you don't see this:

- You will try to fix yourself
- You will rely on effort
- You will live under pressure

But when you see this:

- 👉 You stop trying to perfect Adam
  - 👉 And begin to look to Christ
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## **The Entire Gospel Depends on This**

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
  - Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
  - Chapter 3 → Adam is the source of both
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## **Chapter 3 Closing**



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Man failed...

And every attempt since...  
has only repeated the same pattern...

Until God revealed something greater—

Not a better man...  
Not a stronger man...

But **another Man**.

## Chapter 4 — The Law: Revealing the Inability of Man

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### Key Scriptures

👉 Romans 3:20

*"By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."*

👉 Galatians 2:16

*"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law..."*

👉 Hebrews 10:1

*"For the law... can never... make the comers thereunto perfect."*

👉 Romans 7:18

*"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing..."*





## The Law Was Never Given to Make Man Righteous

Most misunderstand the Law.

They think:

☞ God gave the Law so man could become righteous

But Scripture reveals:

☞ The Law was given to **prove that man could not**

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## The Law Exposes—It Does Not Empower

☞ Romans 3:20

The Law does not remove sin...

☞ It reveals it

The Law does not produce righteousness...

☞ It exposes the lack of it

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## The Law Brings Knowledge, Not Power

The Law tells man:



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- What is right

- What is wrong

But it gives him:

✗ No power to fulfill it

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## Why God Gave the Law

God was not trying to fix Adam...

👉 He was **demonstrating Adam's condition**

The Law acts like a mirror:

- It shows the problem
  - But it cannot solve the problem
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## The Law Shuts Every Mouth

👉 Romans 3:19

The end result of the Law is:

- 👉 Every excuse removed
  - 👉 Every argument silenced
  - 👉 Every mouth stopped
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## Flesh Can Be Justified

👉 Galatians 2:16

This is absolute:

👉 **No flesh**

Not improved flesh

Not disciplined flesh

Not religious flesh

👉 No flesh can stand righteous before God

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## 🔥 **The Law Demands Perfection—Not Effort**

This is where many stumble.

The Law does not say:

👉 "Try your best"

It says:

👉 **"Be perfect"**

And if one point is broken:

👉 The whole Law is broken

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## **Result: Total Failure of Man**

Under the Law:

- Man tries
- Man strives
- Man fails

Again and again

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## The Law Was a Tutor Leading to Christ

 Galatians 3:24

The Law's purpose was never to be the solution...

 It was to lead man to the One who is

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## The Cry of Romans 7

 Romans 7:24

*"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me..."*

This is the honest voice of a man under the Law:

- Aware of good
  - Unable to perform it
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## The Turning Point



The Law brings man to this place:

👉 Not confidence...

👉 Not pride...

👉 But **desperation**

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## ⚡ Why This Chapter Matters

Now we see clearly:

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
- Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
- Chapter 3 → Adam failed
- Chapter 4 → The Law proves it

👉 There is now **no argument left**

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## 🔥 The Stage Is Set

Man has been:

- Tested
- Proven
- Examined

And the conclusion is clear:

👉 **Man cannot produce righteousness**

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## Chapter 4 Closing

The Law spoke...

Man listened...

Man tried...

Man failed...

Again and again—

Until one cry rose above all effort:

☞ **“Who shall deliver me?”**

And in that cry...

The answer was already waiting—

Not in the Law...

Not in man...

But in **Christ**.

## Chapter 5 — Grace Introduced: God Alone Acts

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### Key Scriptures

☞ John 1:17

*“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”*

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☞ Romans 5:20–21

*"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound..."*

☞ 2 Timothy 1:9

*"Who hath saved us... not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace..."*

☞ Ephesians 1:4–5

*"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world..."*



## Grace Enters Where Man Fails

After the Law has spoken...

After man has been proven unable...

God does not give more instructions—

☞ **He introduces grace**

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## Grace Is Not Help—Grace Is God Acting

Most think grace means:

☞ God helping you do better

But Scripture reveals:

☞ Grace is **God doing what you could never do**

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## Grace Has a Different Origin

☞ 2 Timothy 1:9

Grace does not originate from:

- Your effort
- Your decision
- Your response

☞ It originates from:

- His purpose
  - His will
  - His plan
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## Grace Was Established Before You Existed

☞ Ephesians 1:4–5

Before:

- You were born
- You made a choice
- You performed anything

☞ Grace was already set in motion

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## Grace Is the Answer to Adam

Adam failed...

The Law exposed...

Now grace answers:

- ☞ Not by fixing Adam
- ☞ But by introducing something entirely new



## Grace Replaces Effort With Provision

Under the Law:

- Man must do

Under Grace:

- God has done



## Where Sin Abounded, Grace Did Much More Abound

☞ Romans 5:20–21

Grace is not equal to sin...

☞ It **overwhelms it**

- Sin increases → grace exceeds



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increases → grace overcomes



## Grace Produces What Law Could Not

The Law demanded righteousness...

☞ Grace **produces it**

The Law exposed sin...

☞ Grace **removes it**

The Law showed weakness...

☞ Grace **reveals strength**

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## Grace Leaves No Room for Boasting

Because grace is:

☞ Entirely God's work

It leaves no place for:

- Pride
  - Credit
  - Self-glory
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## The Shift From Demand to Supply



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aw:

👉 "You must"

Under Grace:

👉 "It is finished"



## Grace Reveals the True Source

Grace makes one thing clear:

👉 God is not assisting man

👉 God is **the source of everything**

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## This Connects to the Whole Thread

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
  - Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
  - Chapter 3 → Adam failed
  - Chapter 4 → The Law proved it
  - Chapter 5 → Grace reveals God alone acts
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## The Beginning of True Rest

When grace is seen:

- Striving stops



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the lifts

the burden breaks

Because now:

☞ The responsibility is no longer on man

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## **Grace Introduces Christ**

Grace is not a concept...

☞ It is a person:

☞ **Jesus Christ**

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## **Chapter 5 Closing**

Man tried...

The Law proved...

The failure stood...

And then—

Grace entered.

Not to help man try again...

Not to give man another chance...

But to reveal—

☞ **God had already done it.**



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# Chapter 6 — The Cross: The End of the Flesh

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## Key Scriptures

👉 Romans 6:6

*"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him..."*

👉 Galatians 2:20

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..."*

👉 2 Corinthians 5:14

*"...if one died for all, then were all dead."*

👉 Galatians 5:24

*"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh..."*

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## The Cross Was Not God Helping Man—It Was God Ending Man

Most see the Cross as:

👉 God helping man improve

But Scripture reveals something far deeper:

👉 **The Cross is the termination of man as a source**



## **The Old Man Was Not Repaired—He Was Crucified**

👉 Romans 6:6

God did not:

- ✗ Reform the old man
- ✗ Strengthen the old man
- ✗ Educate the old man

👉 He **crucified him**

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## **The Cross Solves What the Law Could Not**

The Law revealed sin...

👉 The Cross removes the man producing it

The Law exposed weakness...

👉 The Cross ends the source of that weakness

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## **“If One Died for All, Then Were All Dead”**

👉 2 Corinthians 5:14

This is massive:



👉 The Cross is not just about Christ dying

☞ It declares that **all died in Him**

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## 🔥 This Is Where Works Fully End

If the old man is crucified:

☞ Who is left to perform?

If the source is gone:

☞ What effort remains?

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## 🔪 The End of Flesh at the Cross

☞ Galatians 5:24

The flesh is not managed...

☞ It is **crucified**

This confirms:

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
- Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory

☞ Because the flesh itself has been **put to death**

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Great Exchange

👉 Galatians 2:20

"I am crucified..."

👉 That's the end

"Nevertheless I live..."

👉 That's the beginning

"Yet not I..."

👉 That's the removal

"But Christ..."

👉 That's the revelation

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## 🔥 The Cross Removes Identity as the Source

The Cross does not just deal with sin...

👉 It deals with **identity**

- Not just what you did
  - But who you were
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## Why This Must Be Understood



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If this is not seen:

- You will try to improve yourself
- You will return to works
- You will live under pressure

But when this is seen:

👉 You stop trying to fix the old man

👉 Because he is already gone

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## The Cross Leaves Only One Source

After the Cross:

👉 There is no second source left

Not:

- You + Christ
- Effort + grace
- Flesh + Spirit

👉 Only **Christ**

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## This Connects Everything

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
- Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
- Chapter 3 → Adam failed
- Chapter 4 → Law proved it
- Chapter 5 → Grace revealed God acts



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- Chapter 6 → The Cross ends man completely
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## **The End of Striving**

When the Cross is seen:

- Striving collapses
- Effort loses its place
- Pressure disappears

Because:

- ☞ The man who was striving... is gone
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## **Christ Alone Remains**

The Cross clears the stage completely...

So that one reality stands:

- ☞ **Christ is the only life**
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## **Chapter 6 Closing**

The Law exposed him...

Grace answered him...



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👉 ended him.

Not improved...

Not strengthened...

Not repaired...

Crucified.

And in that death—

Something greater arose...

👉 Christ alone.

## 🔥 Chapter 7 — Of Him Are Ye in Christ Jesus

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### 📖 Key Scriptures

👉 1 Corinthians 1:30

*"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."*

👉 Colossians 1:27

*"Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

👉 Ephesians 1:3

*"Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."*



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ians 5:17

*"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."*

## ✂️ **After the Cross—God Does Not Leave You Empty**

The Cross ends the old man...

But God does not leave a void.

👉 He introduces a new reality:

👉 **“Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus.”**

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## 🔥 **This Is the Source of Everything**

👉 *“Of Him...”*

This settles it:

- Not of yourself
- Not of your effort
- Not of your decision

👉 **Of Him**

God is not assisting you into Christ...

👉 He is the one who **placed you there**

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👉 **You Are Not Trying to Get Into Christ**

This is where many miss it.

They think:

☞ "I need to get into Christ"

But Scripture says:

☞ You are **already there by God's doing**

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## **Christ Becomes Everything**

☞ 1 Corinthians 1:30

Look at what Christ is made unto you:

- Wisdom
- Righteousness
- Sanctification
- Redemption

Not:

☞ Given to you separately

But:

☞ **He Himself becomes these things for you**

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## **This Leaves No Room for Works**

If Christ is:

- Your righteousness
- Your holiness
- Your redemption

Then what is left for you to produce?

☞ **Nothing as a source**

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## **The Shift From Doing to Being**

Under works:

☞ You try to become

In Christ:

☞ You **are made**

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## **A New Creation Reality**

☞ 2 Corinthians 5:17

This is not improvement...

☞ This is **new creation**



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👉 A completely new identity

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## Christ in You—The Hope of Glory

👉 Colossians 1:27

This is the answer to everything we've built so far:

- No flesh shall glory
- Not of works
- The Cross ends the old man

Now:

👉 Glory comes from **Christ within**

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## Blessed With All Things in Christ

👉 Ephesians 1:3

Not:

- Some things
- Future things

👉 **All spiritual blessings**

And where are they?



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## You Stand Before God in Another

This is the great revelation:

You do not stand before God as yourself...

👉 You stand before God **in Christ**

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## This Connects the Entire Thread

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
  - Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
  - Chapter 3 → Adam failed
  - Chapter 4 → Law proved it
  - Chapter 5 → Grace revealed God acts
  - Chapter 6 → Cross ended the old man
  - Chapter 7 → God places you in Christ
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## The End of Self as Source

When this is seen:

- You stop trying to produce righteousness
- You stop striving for acceptance
- You stop building identity through effort

Because:



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Identity is now **Christ Himself**

## Christ Is Your Standing

You are not:

- Trying to become accepted

👉 You are accepted **in Him**

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## Chapter 7 Closing

The old man was ended...

The source was removed...

And then God did something greater—

He did not leave you empty...

He placed you...

👉 **in Christ.**

And now—

Everything you once tried to become...

👉 **He already is.**

# Chapter 8 — Knowing Christ No More After the Flesh

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## Key Scriptures

👉 2 Corinthians 5:16

*"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."*

👉 John 16:10

*"...I go to my Father, and ye see me no more."*

👉 John 14:20

*"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."*

👉 John 6:63

*"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing..."*

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## A New Way of Knowing Has Begun

After being placed in Christ...

👉 God does not leave you to know Him the old way

He introduces a **completely new realm of perception:**

👉 **"Henceforth know we... no more after the flesh."**

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## **Knowing After the Flesh Is Limited**

To know after the flesh is to know by:

- Sight
- Senses
- Natural understanding
- External observation

Even the disciples once knew Christ this way:

- They saw Him
- They walked with Him
- They heard Him outwardly

👉 But this was not the fullness

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## **Jesus Announced the End of Natural Seeing**

👉 John 16:10

👉 "Ye see me no more"

He was not removing Himself...

👉 He was removing the **old way of knowing Him**

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## **The Shift From External to Internal**

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☞ Christ with them

Now:

☞ Christ in them

☞ John 14:20

This is the turning point:

- Not observation
- Not distance
- Not form

☞ **Union**

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## **The Flesh Profits Nothing**

☞ John 6:63

The flesh cannot:

- Reveal Christ
- Understand Christ
- Perceive Christ

☞ It has no profit in this realm

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**This Must Be Understood**

If this is not seen:

- You will look outward
- You will depend on senses
- You will seek external confirmation

But when this is seen:

👉 You begin to know Him **within**

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## **The End of Natural Relationship**

Religion thrives on:

- External systems
- Visible structures
- Outward dependence

But Christ says:

👉 That realm has ended

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## **The Beginning of Spiritual Revelation**

Now:

- Christ is known by the Spirit
- Christ is revealed within
- Christ is experienced through union



## This Connects to Everything Before

- Chapter 1 → Not of works
  - Chapter 2 → No flesh shall glory
  - Chapter 3 → Adam failed
  - Chapter 4 → Law proved it
  - Chapter 5 → Grace introduced
  - Chapter 6 → Cross ended the old man
  - Chapter 7 → You are in Christ
  - Chapter 8 → You now know Him by the Spirit
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## The Shift That Changes Everything

You stop asking:

 "Where is Christ?"

And begin to realize:

 **He is within**

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## Seeing Is About to Be Redefined

This chapter prepares you for the next truth:

 Seeing is not natural

 Seeing is **spiritual revelation**

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# The True Knowing

To know Christ now is:

- Not by sight
- Not by flesh
- Not by effort

👉 But by **Spirit and union**

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## Chapter 8 Closing

They saw Him...  
yet did not fully know Him...

They walked with Him...  
yet still perceived Him outwardly...

So He spoke—

👉 "You will see Me no more..."

Not to remove Himself...

But to bring them into something greater—

No longer beside them...

But within them...



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at place—

👉 He would be known as He truly is.

## 🔥 Chapter 9 — You Shall See Him As He Is

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### 📖 Key Scriptures

👉 1 John 3:2

*"Beloved, now are we the sons of God... we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."*

👉 Matthew 5:8

*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."*

👉 2 Corinthians 3:18

*"But we all, with open face beholding... are changed into the same image..."*

👉 Hebrews 12:14

*"...without holiness no man shall see the Lord."*

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### 🗡️ The Promise of True Sight

After:

- Works are removed
- Flesh is silenced
- Adam is exposed
- The Law has proven inability
- Grace has acted



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...ss has ended the old man  
... placed in Christ

- You know Him no more after the flesh

Now comes the promise:

☞ **“You shall see Him as He is.”**

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## **This Is Not Natural Sight**

This is not:

- Physical vision
- Outward observation
- External appearance

☞ This is **spiritual revelation in union**

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## **Why Man Could Not See God Before**

☞ Exodus 33:20

“No man shall see me...”

That man:

- The natural man
- The flesh man
- The Adamic man



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t perceive God

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## Now the Condition Has Changed

That man has been:

- Crucified
- Removed
- Replaced

Now:

👉 A new man stands

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## “We Shall Be Like Him”

👉 1 John 3:2

This is the key:

👉 Seeing and becoming are connected

You do not:

👉 First see clearly, then change

You:

👉 Are changed... and therefore see

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## Pure in Heart See God

👉 Matthew 5:8

Purity here is not:

- Human effort
- Moral perfection

👉 It is a heart:

- Cleansed
  - Undivided
  - Centered in Christ
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## 🔪 Beholding Produces Transformation

👉 2 Corinthians 3:18

As you behold:

👉 You are changed

This is not effort...

👉 This is **revelation producing transformation**

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## 🔑 Holiness and Sight Are Connected

👉 Hebrews 12:14



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ot:

- Self-produced righteousness

☞ It is the state of:

- Being set apart
  - Being in Christ
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## **The Removal of Every Obstruction**

Now we see the full thread:

- Works removed
- Flesh removed
- Old man removed
- External knowing removed

☞ Nothing is left to block vision

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## **Christ Revealed Without Veil**

Now:

- No distortion
- No mixture
- No limitation

☞ You see Him **as He is**

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# This Is the Goal of the Entire Gospel

Everything has been leading here:

☞ Not just salvation...

☞ But **revelation**

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## Seeing Changes Everything

When you see Him as He is:

- Identity becomes clear
  - Striving ends
  - Confidence rises
  - Rest is established
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## The Union Is Now Fully Seen

You are not:

- Looking at Him from afar

☞ You are seeing Him:

☞ **from within union**

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## Connects Everything

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  - Chapter 8 → Knowing by the Spirit
  - Chapter 9 → Seeing Him as He is
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## **The Final Unveiling Before Fullness**

This is the moment where:

👉 Christ is no longer hidden

👉 Christ is fully revealed

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## **Chapter 9 Closing**

The veil is gone...

The distance is gone...

The striving is gone...

And now—

With nothing left to block the view...

No flesh...



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no separation...

You do not see Him partially...

☞ You see Him as He is.

## 🔥 Chapter 10 — That God May Be All in All

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### 📖 Key Scriptures

☞ 1 Corinthians 15:28

*"...that God may be all in all."*

☞ Colossians 3:11

*"...Christ is all, and in all."*

☞ Isaiah 26:12

*"...thou also hast wrought all our works in us."*

☞ Romans 11:36

*"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things..."*

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### 🔪 The Final Outcome of the Gospel

Everything God has done...

- Removing works
- Silencing flesh



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- Accomplishing the Cross
- Placing you in Christ
- Transforming your sight

Leads to one conclusion:

☞ **God is all**

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## 🔥 **Not Part—But All**

God's purpose was never:

☞ To share space with man

It was:

☞ To fill all things

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## ⚖️ **The End of Every Other Source**

At this point:

- Works are gone
- Flesh is gone
- Self is gone
- Effort is gone

☞ There is no second source left



# 🔑 “Of Him, Through Him, To Him”

👉 Romans 11:36

This is the full circle:

- Of Him → origin
  - Through Him → operation
  - To Him → completion
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## 👑 Christ Is All and in All

👉 Colossians 3:11

Not:

- Christ plus you
- Christ plus effort
- Christ plus religion

👉 **Christ is all**

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## 🔥 Even the Works Were His

👉 Isaiah 26:12

This is humbling and liberating:

👉 **It appeared to come from you...**



👉 Was God working in you

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## 🔪 The End of Boasting Forever

Now we see fully:

👉 Why God said:

- Not of works
- No flesh shall glory

Because in the end:

👉 **There is nothing left to boast in but Him**

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## 🔥 The Restoration of Glory to Its Source

All glory returns to:

👉 God alone

Not shared with:

- Flesh
- Effort
- Self

But revealed through:



## This Is the True Meaning of Salvation

Salvation is not:

- Man improved
- Man empowered
- Man elevated

 It is:

 **God revealed as all**

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## The Completion of the Thread

Now the full thread is seen:

- Not of works → removes effort
  - No flesh shall glory → removes boasting
  - Adam failed → reveals the problem
  - Law proved it → confirms inability
  - Grace entered → reveals God acting
  - Cross ended man → removes the source
  - In Christ → establishes new identity
  - Knowing by Spirit → shifts perception
  - Seeing Him as He is → reveals truth
  - God all in all → completes everything
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## Nothing Left But God

At the end:

- No mixture
- No division
- No second source

👉 Only God remains as everything

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## **The Rest of the Believer**

This is where true rest is found:

Not in:

- Trying
- Becoming
- Achieving

But in:

👉 **Seeing that God is already all**

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## **Chapter 10 Closing**

Man tried...

God removed...

Man failed...

God fulfilled...



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Man ended...  
Christ remained...

And now—

From beginning to end...  
From source to completion...

One truth stands forever:

☞ **God is all... and in all.**

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## **FINAL BOOK CLOSING (Optional Use)**

The Gospel of Grace has spoken...

Not of works...  
Not of flesh...  
Not of man...

But of God—

Working...  
Revealing...  
Fulfilling...

Until nothing remains...

☞ But Him. 



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