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The Gospel of Grace — The Carnal Mind vs. the Mind of the Spirit

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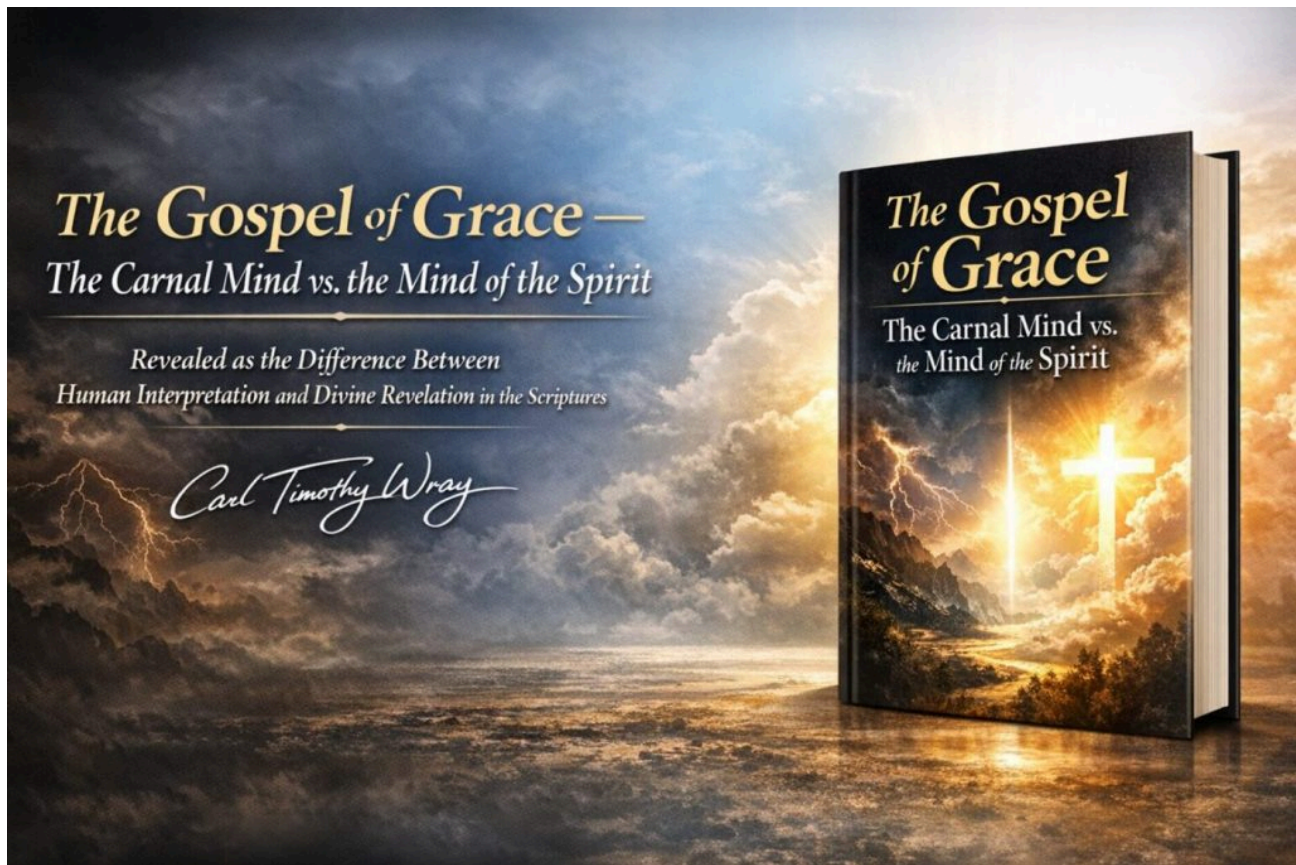
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🔥 The Gospel of Grace: INTRODUCTION

There is not more than one Bible—but there are **two ways of seeing it**.

Many have spent years reading the Scriptures, studying chapters, memorizing verses, and building doctrines—yet remain divided, confused, striving, and uncertain. Others open the same Bible and find life, clarity, rest, and revelation flowing from every page.

The difference is not the text.

The difference is the **mind reading it**.



From the beginning, two perspectives have existed: the mind of man and the mind of God. When Adam partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, something more than disobedience entered the human experience—a **way of seeing was altered**. From that moment forward, man began to interpret reality, truth, and even the voice of God through a fallen lens.

This is the carnal mind.

The carnal mind is not merely behavior—it is perception. It reads outwardly, reasons naturally, and interprets spiritually written truth through earthly understanding. It can quote Scripture, build systems, and defend doctrine—yet it cannot see Christ as He truly is.

This is why the Scriptures, though perfect and complete, have been the source of so much division. Not because they are unclear—but because they are being read through a mind that cannot perceive what is written.

But there is another way.

There is a mind that does not originate from man but from God Himself—the mind of the Spirit. This mind does not strive to understand truth; it receives it. It does not interpret Christ; it reveals Him. It does not divide the Scriptures; it harmonizes them into one unified testimony: Jesus Christ and Him fulfilled.

To be carnally minded is death—but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

This book is not an attempt to give you new information. It is a call to **see differently**. It is an unveiling of the veil that has covered the reading of Scripture for generations, and an invitation to step out of human interpretation and into divine revelation.

You will begin to see why:



- some read law where others see grace

- Some see demand where others see fulfillment
- Some see distance where others see union

The Scriptures have always testified of Christ—but they are only clearly seen through the Spirit.

The problem has never been what is written.

The problem has always been the mind reading it.

And when that mind changes—everything changes.

CHAPTER 1 — Two Minds, One Bible

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Two Ways of Seeing

There is not more than one Bible, but there are **two ways of seeing the same Scriptures**. This is where the journey into **the gospel of grace** begins. Many read the Word daily, yet arrive at completely different conclusions. Some see law, demand, and obligation, while others see life, fulfillment, and rest through **the gospel of grace**.

The difference is not the text—it is the **mind reading it**.

The Scriptures themselves testify that the issue has never been with what is written, but with how it is perceived. The gospel of grace unveils that there are two minds at work: the carnal mind and the mind of the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace Begins in Genesis: Two



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From the beginning, we see the introduction of two ways of thinking. In Genesis 2:16–17, God gave a command:

“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it...”

This command was simple, but in Genesis 3:1–7, the serpent introduced a different interpretation:

“Yea, hath God said...?”

Here we see the birth of a competing perspective. The gospel of grace reveals that from this moment, man began to interpret God’s Word through reasoning rather than revelation.

Genesis 3:6 says:

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food... she took of the fruit thereof...”

Notice—she **saw differently**.

The gospel of grace shows us that the fall was not only an act—it was a shift in perception. Man moved from trusting God’s Word to interpreting it through the natural mind.

The Gospel of Grace Exposes the Carnal Mind

The carnal mind is not simply sinful behavior—it is a way of thinking that cannot receive the truth of the gospel of grace. It interprets everything through human



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logic, and outward appearance.

Isaiah 55:8–9 declares:

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.”

The gospel of grace reveals that God’s thoughts operate on a completely different level than man’s natural reasoning.

Romans 8:5–7 explains:

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh... Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...”

The gospel of grace shows us that the carnal mind is not just limited—it is **opposed** to the truth. It cannot align with God’s revelation because it operates from a different source.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Mind of the Spirit

In contrast, the mind of the Spirit does not interpret the Scriptures through effort or intellect—it receives them by revelation. The gospel of grace opens the Scriptures through the Spirit, not through human understanding.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:23:

“Thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”

Here, Jesus identifies two mindsets:



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- The things of men

The gospel of grace teaches us that to understand the Scriptures, one must move from the mind of men into the mind of the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace and the Natural Man

The apostle Paul makes this distinction even clearer. In 1 Corinthians 2:14, he writes:

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the issue is not availability of truth—the issue is **capacity to receive it**.

The natural man can read the Bible, quote verses, and build systems, yet still miss the revelation of Christ. The gospel of grace exposes this limitation and calls the believer into a higher way of seeing.

The Gospel of Grace: Same Scripture, Different Outcomes

This is why two people can read the same passage and walk away with completely different conclusions.

One reads and sees:

- Commands
- Obligation
- Fear



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ds and sees:

- Fulfillment
- Grace
- Life

The gospel of grace reveals that Scripture is not interpreted correctly through effort—it is unveiled through the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace Declares the Root Problem

The root issue has never been a lack of Scripture—it has always been the condition of the mind.

The gospel of grace declares:

- The carnal mind reads outwardly
- The mind of the Spirit sees Christ within

This is why the same Bible has produced both bondage and freedom depending on who is reading it.

The Gospel of Grace Calls for a New Way of Seeing

The call of the gospel of grace is not merely to read more—but to **see differently**.

It is an invitation to move:

- From reasoning to revelation



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The gospel of grace reveals that when the mind changes, everything changes.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Foundation

This chapter lays the foundation for everything that follows. There are two minds, and they cannot produce the same result. One leads to confusion and striving, while the other leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:6 declares:

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the Scriptures were never meant to be understood through the carnal mind. They were always designed to be unveiled by the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace: The Beginning of Revelation

As we move forward, this truth must remain clear:

The problem is not what is written.

The problem is the mind reading it.

The gospel of grace is the unveiling of that difference. It is the transition from human interpretation to divine revelation, from the carnal mind to the mind of the Spirit.



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where true understanding begins.

CHAPTER 2 — The Birth of the Carnal Mind

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Where the Problem Began

To understand why the Scriptures are often misunderstood, we must go back to where the distortion began. The gospel of grace does not begin with behavior—it begins with **the condition of the mind**.

In Genesis 3:6–7, we read:

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food... she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat... And the eyes of them both were opened...”

The gospel of grace reveals that something more than disobedience occurred—a **new way of seeing was born**. Their eyes were opened, but not into truth—into **carnal perception**.

The Gospel of Grace Exposes a Shift in Perception

Before the fall, man lived in simplicity and trust in God’s Word. After the fall, man began to interpret reality through his own understanding.

Genesis 3:10 says:

“I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid... and I hid myself.”



Fear entered not because God changed—but because **man's perception changed**. The gospel of grace shows that the carnal mind interprets God through fear, distance, and separation.

The Gospel of Grace Defines the Carnal Mind

The carnal mind is not simply sin—it is a **way of thinking shaped by separation**. It is the mind that:

- Judges by appearances
- Interprets through senses
- Seeks to understand spiritual truth through natural reasoning

Jeremiah 17:9 declares:

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

The gospel of grace reveals that the natural heart and mind cannot be trusted to interpret divine truth.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Depth of Corruption

The condition of the carnal mind is not shallow—it is deeply rooted. Genesis 6:5 declares:

“Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”



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of grace reveals that the issue is not isolated actions—it is the **source of** **itself**. The carnal mind continually produces distorted interpretations of

truth.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Alienation of the Mind

The carnal mind is not just limited—it is **alienated from God**.

Colossians 1:21 says:

“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works...”

The gospel of grace shows that the separation is not geographical—it is **mental and spiritual**. The mind itself became an enemy to divine truth.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Futility of Natural Thinking

Ephesians 4:17–18 describes the condition clearly:

“Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the natural mind operates in **vanity and darkness**, unable to perceive the light of Christ.

This is why the Scriptures can be read but not understood.



The Gospel of Grace Declares the Limitation of the Flesh

Romans 7:18 states:

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

The gospel of grace reveals that nothing within the carnal nature has the ability to produce or perceive spiritual truth.

The limitation is absolute.

The Gospel of Grace Explains Misinterpretation of Scripture

Because the carnal mind is:

- Darkened
- Alienated
- Fear-driven
- Sense-based

It reads Scripture incorrectly.

The gospel of grace reveals that this is why:

- Law is emphasized over grace
- Effort is emphasized over faith
- Performance is emphasized over the finished work



The carnal mind always turns revelation into responsibility.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Root of Religious Confusion

Religion is often the result of the carnal mind attempting to interpret spiritual truth. The gospel of grace exposes that confusion does not come from Scripture—it comes from the **mind interpreting it**.

This is why:

- One group sees law
- Another sees grace
- Another sees mixture

The gospel of grace reveals that these differences are not in the Word—they are in the mind reading the Word.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares for Transformation

The purpose of revealing the carnal mind is not condemnation—it is **liberation**.

The gospel of grace shows us:

- Where the problem began
- Why misunderstanding exists
- Why effort cannot fix it

And prepares us for what comes next:



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Removal of the veil

Revealing of the mind of the Spirit

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Need for Renewal

The carnal mind cannot be improved—it must be **replaced in its way of seeing**.

This is why the gospel of grace leads us to transformation, not modification.

The issue is not:

- Trying harder
- Studying more
- Doing better

The issue is:

👉 Seeing through the right mind

The Gospel of Grace: The Root Has Been Identified

Now the foundation is clear:

- The carnal mind was born in the fall
- It operates in darkness and separation
- It cannot interpret spiritual truth
- It produces confusion and striving

The gospel of grace reveals that until this is understood, the Scriptures will continue to be misread.



But once this is seen...

👉 Everything begins to change.

CHAPTER 3 — The Veil Over the Scriptures

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Why the Scriptures Are Not Seen

Many assume that if a person has the Bible, they have understanding. But the gospel of grace reveals that access to Scripture does not guarantee revelation.

There is something that has covered the reading of the Word for generations.

The Scriptures are not hidden—but they are **veiled**.

2 Corinthians 3:14 declares:

“But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the problem is not the availability of the Word—it is the presence of a veil over the mind.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Veil Is Over the Heart

The veil is not over the Bible—it is over the heart of the reader.



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s 3:15 says:

“But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.”

The gospel of grace exposes that people can read Scripture faithfully and still not see Christ, because the veil remains in place.

This is why:

- The law is read, but grace is not seen
- The promises are read, but fulfillment is missed
- Christ is present, but not recognized

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Pattern of Blindness

This condition was prophesied long before.

Isaiah 6:9–10 declares:

“Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not...”

Jesus Himself confirmed this in Matthew 13:13:

“Because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”

The gospel of grace reveals that this blindness is not physical—it is spiritual. The eyes function, but perception is absent.



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Gospel of Grace Shows the Veil in Action

Even the disciples walked with Jesus and did not fully see.

Luke 24:25–27 says:

“O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken... And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them... the things concerning himself.”

The gospel of grace reveals something powerful here:

- ☞ Christ was always in the Scriptures
- ☞ But they could not see Him

The veil was not removed by proximity—it was removed by **revelation**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals What the Veil Hides

The veil does not hide information—it hides **Christ**.

John 5:39 declares:

“Search the scriptures... and they are they which testify of me.”

The gospel of grace shows that the entire Scripture testifies of Christ, yet the carnal mind reads it and sees:

- Law instead of life
- Demand instead of fulfillment
- Distance instead of union



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causes the reader to miss the central reality: **Jesus Christ revealed in all**

The Gospel of Grace Declares How the Veil Is Removed

The good news is this—the veil is not permanent.

2 Corinthians 3:16 declares:

“Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the removal of the veil is not achieved through effort, study, or discipline—it comes through **turning to the Lord**.

This is a shift from:

- Self → Christ
- Effort → grace
- Interpretation → revelation

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Role of the Spirit

The veil is removed by the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17 says:

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”



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The gospel of grace shows that true freedom comes when the Spirit unveils the Word. Without the Spirit, the veil remains, even in the presence of the Word.

The Gospel of Grace Explains Religious Blindness

This is why religion often struggles to see clearly.

The carnal mind can:

- Study Scripture
- Memorize verses
- Build systems

Yet still remain veiled.

The gospel of grace reveals that knowledge without revelation does not remove the veil—it often reinforces it.

The Gospel of Grace Calls for Unveiled Sight

The call of the gospel of grace is not merely to read—but to **see**.

To move from:

- Veiled reading → unveiled revelation
- Outward interpretation → inward illumination

This is the transition from the carnal mind to the mind of the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace: From Veiled to Unveiled



Now the truth is clear:

- The Scriptures are perfect
- The testimony is complete
- Christ is present in every page

But without the Spirit, the veil remains.

The gospel of grace reveals that when the veil is removed, the same Scriptures that once confused now bring clarity, life, and peace.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Way Forward

With the veil exposed, the path becomes clear:

The problem is not:

- Lack of Scripture
- Lack of teaching

The problem is:

👉 The veil over the heart

And the solution is not effort—it is **revelation by the Spirit**.

CHAPTER 4 — The Natural Man Cannot Receive

The Gospel of Grace Declares the Limitation of the Natural Man



There is a difference between difficulty and impossibility. The gospel of grace reveals that the issue with the natural man is not that he struggles to understand the things of God—it is that he **cannot receive them at all**.

1 Corinthians 2:14 declares:

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...”

The gospel of grace establishes a clear boundary: spiritual truth cannot be accessed through natural reasoning. It is not hidden due to complexity—it is hidden due to **capacity**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Source of True Understanding

True understanding does not originate from intellect—it comes from the Spirit. The gospel of grace teaches that revelation is given, not achieved.

1 Corinthians 2:10 declares:

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit...”

The gospel of grace shows that what the natural man cannot receive, the Spirit freely reveals. This is not earned through study—it is granted through relationship and revelation.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Difference Between Flesh and Spirit



Jesus Himself made this distinction clear.

John 3:6 declares:

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the flesh and the Spirit operate in entirely different realms. The natural mind belongs to the realm of the flesh, and therefore cannot access the things that belong to the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Nature of Spiritual Truth

Spiritual truth is not processed through the natural senses—it is discerned by the Spirit.

John 6:63 declares:

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing...”

The gospel of grace shows that the flesh adds nothing to understanding. No amount of effort, discipline, or study in the natural mind can produce spiritual revelation.

The Gospel of Grace Exposes the Mindset of the Flesh



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7 declares:

“For to be carnally minded is death... Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the carnal mind is not neutral—it is in opposition to God. This is why it cannot receive the things of the Spirit.

The issue is not lack of information—it is **incompatibility of nature**.

The Gospel of Grace Explains Why Truth Seems Foolish

The natural man does not simply reject spiritual truth—he considers it foolish.

1 Corinthians 2:14 continues:

“...neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

The gospel of grace reveals that spiritual truth must be discerned spiritually. To the natural mind, grace appears too simple, too complete, and too free.

This is why:

- The finished work is questioned
 - Grace is resisted
 - Rest is misunderstood
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The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Need for Spiritual Birth



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Understanding does not begin with study—it begins with **new birth**.

John 3:3 declares:

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of grace reveals that spiritual sight is not developed—it is **given** through being born of the Spirit.

Without this, the Scriptures remain closed, even when read daily.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Wisdom from Above

Not all wisdom is the same.

James 3:15 declares:

“This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.”

The gospel of grace reveals that natural wisdom cannot lead to spiritual understanding. There is a wisdom that comes from below, and a wisdom that comes from above.

Only the latter can reveal Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Separates Knowledge from Revelation

... man can accumulate knowledge, but knowledge is not the same as



The gospel of grace shows that:

- Knowledge informs
- Revelation transforms

A person may know many Scriptures and still not see Christ in them.

The Gospel of Grace Calls for Dependence on the Spirit

Since the natural man cannot receive, the answer is not to try harder—it is to depend on the Spirit.

The gospel of grace calls the believer to:

- Trust the Spirit to reveal
- Yield to divine illumination
- Abandon reliance on natural reasoning

This is the transition from effort to grace.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Absolute Truth

Now the line is clear:

- The natural man cannot receive
- The carnal mind cannot understand



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But:

- The Spirit reveals
- The Spirit gives life
- The Spirit unveils Christ

The gospel of grace establishes that the difference between confusion and clarity is not effort—it is the **source of understanding**.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Next Step

Now that the limitation of the natural man is fully exposed, the next question becomes:

- ☞ If the natural man cannot receive...
- ☞ Then how does the mind of the Spirit operate?

The gospel of grace now prepares us to step into the answer:

- ☞ The revealing of the mind of the Spirit

CHAPTER 5 — The Mind of the Spirit Revealed

The Gospel of Grace Reveals There Is Another Mind

After exposing the limitation of the carnal mind, the gospel of grace now unveils a h: there is another mind available to the believer—the mind of the



This mind does not originate from man. It is not developed through effort or study. It is given by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 declares:

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God...”

The gospel of grace reveals that believers are not left to interpret Scripture through the natural mind—they are given access to divine understanding.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Mind of Christ

The mind of the Spirit is the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16 declares:

“But we have the mind of Christ.”

The gospel of grace reveals that this is not a future promise—it is a present reality. The believer is not striving to attain this mind—it has already been given through union with Christ.

Philippians 2:5 declares:

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

The gospel of grace shows that the call is not to create a new mind, but to **walk in the one already given.**

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Spirit as Teacher

The mind of the Spirit operates through revelation, and the Spirit Himself is the teacher.

John 14:26 declares:

“But the Comforter... he shall teach you all things...”

John 16:13 declares:

“When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”

The gospel of grace reveals that understanding the Scriptures is not dependent on human ability, but on the Spirit’s instruction.

The Gospel of Grace Shows How the Spirit Reveals Truth

The Spirit does not merely inform—the Spirit reveals.

Isaiah 11:2 declares:

“The spirit of wisdom and understanding... the spirit of knowledge...”

The gospel of grace shows that the Spirit brings:

- Wisdom
- Understanding



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Not through effort, but through **revelation of Christ**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Life Through the Spirit

The mind of the Spirit produces life and peace.

Romans 8:6 declares:

“To be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

The gospel of grace reveals that when the Scriptures are seen through the Spirit, they no longer produce confusion or striving—they produce clarity, rest, and life.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Indwelling Spirit

The mind of the Spirit is not external—it is within.

Romans 8:9–10 declares:

“The Spirit of God dwell in you... Christ be in you...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the source of understanding is not outside the believer—it is within.

This changes everything:

- No longer searching outwardly
- Receiving inwardly



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The Gospel of Grace Reveals a New Way of Seeing

The mind of the Spirit does not read the Scriptures the same way as the carnal mind.

Where the carnal mind sees:

- Law
- Obligation
- Distance

The mind of the Spirit sees:

- Fulfillment
- Grace
- Union

The gospel of grace reveals that the difference is not in the Scripture—it is in the **sight**.

The Gospel of Grace Shows Dependence on the Spirit

The mind of the Spirit operates through dependence, not independence.

The gospel of grace calls the believer to:

- Trust the Spirit



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in self-reliance

This is the shift from:

- “I will understand”
to
 - “He will reveal”
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The Gospel of Grace Reveals Unity in the Scriptures

When the mind of the Spirit is active, the Scriptures begin to harmonize.

The gospel of grace reveals that what once seemed:

- Contradictory
- Confusing
- Disconnected

Now becomes:

- Unified
- Clear
- Centered in Christ

This is because the Spirit reveals the **one testimony** of Scripture.

The Gospel of Grace Declares the End of Striving

The mind of the Spirit does not strive to understand—it rests in revelation.



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The gospel of grace reveals that:

- Understanding is not achieved
- Revelation is received

This brings the believer into rest.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the New Foundation

Now the foundation is clear:

- The carnal mind cannot receive
- The natural man cannot understand
- But the Spirit reveals all things

The gospel of grace establishes that the mind of the Spirit is the only lens through which the Scriptures can be truly understood.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Next Step

Now that the mind of the Spirit has been revealed, the next step becomes clear:

☞ What does the Spirit actually reveal in the Scriptures?

The answer is simple—and powerful:

☞ Christ in all things

The gospel of grace now leads us into the next unveiling:



☞ Seeing Christ in all Scripture

CHAPTER 6 — Seeing Christ in All Scripture

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Central Testimony of Scripture

The Scriptures are vast, spanning generations, covenants, prophets, and apostles. Yet the gospel of grace reveals that beneath all of it, there is **one unified testimony**.

That testimony is **Jesus Christ**.

John 5:39 declares:

“Search the scriptures... and they are they which testify of me.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the purpose of Scripture is not merely information—it is **revelation of Christ**. Without seeing Him, the reader has missed the heart of the Word.

The Gospel of Grace Shows Christ from Genesis to Revelation

From the beginning, Christ has been present in the Scriptures, though often hidden from the carnal mind.

Luke 24:27 declares:

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them... the concerning himself.”



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The gospel of grace reveals that:

- Moses wrote of Him
- The prophets spoke of Him
- The apostles testified of Him

Christ is not a part of the Bible—He is the **center of it**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Types, Shadows, and Fulfillment

Many Scriptures are written in types and shadows that point to Christ.

Colossians 2:17 declares:

“Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

The gospel of grace reveals that:

- The law was a shadow
- The sacrifices were shadows
- The temple was a shadow

But Christ is the **substance**.

The carnal mind sees the shadow and builds doctrine around it. The mind of the Spirit sees the shadow and follows it to Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Fulfillment of All Promises

All promises of God find their fulfillment in Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20 declares:

“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the Scriptures are not pointing to something we must accomplish—they are pointing to what has already been fulfilled in Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Christ in the Law

The law itself testifies of Christ.

John 1:45 declares:

“We have found him, of whom Moses in the law... did write...”

The gospel of grace shows that even the law, when seen through the Spirit, reveals Christ.

Where the carnal mind sees:

- Rules
- Commands
- Requirements

Where the Spirit sees:



- Shadows
- Types
- Fulfillment in Christ

The Gospel of Grace Shows Christ Revealed Through Preaching

The revelation of Christ is not automatic—it is unveiled.

Acts 8:30–35 declares:

“Understandest thou what thou readest?... Then Philip opened his mouth... and preached unto him Jesus.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the Scriptures must be opened through revelation. Without this, the reader may read faithfully yet miss the meaning entirely.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Difference in Interpretation

Two people can read the same passage and arrive at different conclusions because they are seeing through different minds.

The gospel of grace reveals:

The carnal mind reads:

- David and sees history
- EN and sees law
- Israel and sees a nation



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The mind of the Spirit reads:

- David and sees Christ as King
 - Moses and sees Christ as Mediator
 - Israel and sees Christ as fulfillment
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The Gospel of Grace Shows the Unifying Thread

When Christ is seen, the Scriptures begin to harmonize.

The gospel of grace reveals that:

- What seemed disconnected becomes unified
- What seemed contradictory becomes clear
- What seemed complex becomes simple

This is because all Scripture flows from one source and points to one reality: Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Declares the End of Fragmented Understanding

Without Christ, the Scriptures appear fragmented.

The gospel of grace reveals that:

- One passage may seem to oppose another
- One covenant may seem separate from another



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Christ is revealed:

- Everything aligns
 - Everything connects
 - Everything points to fulfillment
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The Gospel of Grace Reveals Christ as the Key

Christ is not only the message—He is the **key to understanding the message**.

Without Him:

- The Scriptures remain closed
- The meaning remains hidden

With Him:

- The Word opens
- The meaning becomes clear

The gospel of grace reveals that Christ is both:

- ☞ The subject of Scripture
 - ☞ The key to understanding it
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The Gospel of Grace Establishes the True Way of Reading

The Scriptures were never meant to be read apart from Christ.

The gospel of grace establishes that:



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- Every passage must be seen through Him

- Every promise must be understood in Him
- Every shadow must lead to Him

This is the difference between:

- Reading words
 - Seeing Christ
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The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Next Step

Now the truth is clear:

- The Spirit reveals Christ
- The Scriptures testify of Christ
- The understanding of Scripture depends on seeing Christ

The gospel of grace now leads us into the next unveiling:

- 👉 If Christ is seen in all Scripture...
- 👉 Then what happens to the law?

This brings us into the next revelation:

- 👉 Law vs Grace — Two Interpretations

CHAPTER 7 — Law vs Grace: Two Interpretations



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Gospel of Grace Reveals Two Ways of Reading the Same Scripture

The difference between law and grace is not merely found in the text—it is found in the **interpretation of the text**. The gospel of grace reveals that two people can read the same Scripture and walk away with two entirely different messages.

One sees:

- Obligation
- Requirement
- Performance

Another sees:

- Fulfillment
- Provision
- The finished work of Christ

The gospel of grace shows that this difference is not in the Word—it is in the **mind reading the Word**.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Purpose of the Law

To understand this contrast, we must first understand the purpose of the law.

Exodus 20:1–17 presents the commandments given to Israel. The carnal mind reads these as a system to be obeyed for righteousness.

But the gospel of grace reveals a deeper truth.

Galatians 3:24 declares:



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

The law was never the destination—it was a **pointer to Christ**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Limitation of the Law

The law exposes sin, but it does not remove it.

Romans 3:20 declares:

“By the law is the knowledge of sin.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the law was designed to show man his inability, not to empower him to overcome.

The carnal mind reads the law and says:

☞ “I must do this.”

The mind of the Spirit sees the law and says:

☞ “I cannot do this—therefore I need Christ.”

The Gospel of Grace Declares the Arrival of Grace

Grace did not abolish truth—it fulfilled it.

John 1:17 declares:

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



The gospel of grace reveals that what the law demanded, Christ fulfilled.

The carnal mind still reads through the lens of demand. The mind of the Spirit sees fulfillment in Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the End of the Law for Righteousness

The transition from law to grace is clearly defined.

Romans 10:4 declares:

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

The gospel of grace reveals that righteousness is no longer based on performance—it is based on Christ.

Yet the carnal mind continues to read Scripture as though righteousness must still be achieved.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Curse of the Law

The law brings a curse upon those who rely on it.

Galatians 3:10 declares:

“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse...”



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of grace reveals that striving under the law leads to bondage.

But Galatians 3:13 declares:

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...”

The mind of the Spirit sees redemption. The carnal mind continues in effort.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Superiority of the New Covenant

The new covenant is not an improvement of the old—it is a **new reality**.

Hebrews 8:6 declares:

“He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the new covenant operates on:

- Grace
- Fulfillment
- Divine provision

Not on human performance.

The Gospel of Grace Shows Two Interpretations of the Same Commands

Commands are interpreted differently depending on the mind.



The carnal mind reads:

- “Be holy” → as a requirement to achieve

The mind of the Spirit sees:

- “Be holy” → as a reality fulfilled in Christ and revealed in the believer

The gospel of grace reveals that commands are either:

- Burdens under the law
 - Revelations of identity under grace
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The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Shift from Doing to Believing

Under the law:

☞ Man works to become

Under grace:

☞ Man believes what Christ has already accomplished

Romans 6:14 declares:

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

The gospel of grace reveals that freedom comes not through effort, but through **grace received by faith.**



The Gospel of Grace Exposes Mixture

One of the greatest issues is mixture—reading grace through a law mindset.

The gospel of grace reveals that mixture produces:

- Confusion
- Instability
- Striving

Galatians 5:4 declares:

“Christ is become of no effect unto you... whosoever of you are justified by the law...”

The carnal mind mixes law and grace. The mind of the Spirit sees their distinction clearly.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the True Interpretation

Now the truth is clear:

- The law points to Christ
- Grace reveals Christ
- The law demands
- Grace fulfills

The gospel of grace establishes that the correct interpretation of Scripture is always found in **Christ and His finished work.**



The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Next Step

Now that the contrast between law and grace is clear, the next question becomes:

- ☞ If everything is fulfilled in Christ...
- ☞ Why do so many still strive?

The answer lies in one final transition:

- ☞ From effort to the finished work

The gospel of grace now leads us into the next revelation:

- ☞ From Effort to Finished Work

CHAPTER 8 — From Effort to Finished Work

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the End of Human Effort

The natural response of the carnal mind is to strive. It reads the Scriptures and concludes that something must be done, achieved, or completed by man. But the gospel of grace reveals a completely different reality:

- ☞ The work has already been finished.

John 19:30 declares:

“It is finished.”



The gospel of grace reveals that this was not the beginning of man's effort—it was the **end of it**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Burden of Effort

Under a carnal interpretation, the Scriptures become a weight.

The mind of the flesh reads:

- Commands as obligations
- Promises as conditions
- Righteousness as something to attain

This produces striving.

Matthew 11:28–30 declares:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest...
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of grace reveals that Christ did not come to increase the burden—He came to **remove it**.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Difference Between Wages and Grace

Effort operates on the principle of earning.



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5 declares:

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt... But to him that worketh not, but believeth...”

The gospel of grace reveals that righteousness is not a wage—it is a **gift received by faith**.

The carnal mind seeks to earn. The mind of the Spirit receives.

The Gospel of Grace Declares Salvation as a Gift

Salvation is not the result of effort—it is the result of grace.

Ephesians 2:8–9 declares:

“For by grace are ye saved through faith... not of works, lest any man should boast.”

The gospel of grace reveals that nothing in salvation is based on human performance. It is entirely rooted in what Christ has already accomplished.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Rest of God

The finished work leads to rest.

Hebrews 4:9–11 declares:

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God... For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works...”

The gospel of grace reveals that true rest is not inactivity—it is **ceasing from self-effort**.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Life of Christ Within

The believer is not called to live for Christ through effort, but to allow Christ to live through them.

Galatians 2:20 declares:

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

The gospel of grace reveals that the Christian life is not:

- Self-powered
- Effort-driven

It is:

- Christ expressed
 - Life flowing from within
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The Gospel of Grace Exposes the Lie of Performance

The carnal mind believes:

“If I do more, I become more.”



The gospel of grace reveals:

☞ "Because Christ has finished the work, I receive what He has already accomplished."

This dismantles performance-based thinking.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Simplicity of Faith

Faith is not effort—it is trust.

The gospel of grace reveals that faith does not strive to produce—it rests in what has already been done.

This is why:

- Effort produces exhaustion
 - Faith produces rest
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The Gospel of Grace Shows Why Many Still Strive

Even after hearing the truth, many continue in effort.

Why?

Because the carnal mind continues to interpret Scripture through:



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- Fear

- Performance

The gospel of grace reveals that until the mind is renewed, the believer may hear grace but still live under effort.

The Gospel of Grace Calls for Rest in Christ

The call is simple:

- ☞ Stop striving
- ☞ Start believing

The gospel of grace invites the believer to:

- Rest in Christ
 - Trust His finished work
 - Receive what has already been accomplished
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The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Foundation of Rest

Now the truth is clear:

- The work is finished
- Salvation is a gift
- Righteousness is received
- The life is Christ



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of grace establishes that everything flows from what Christ has already
what man must do.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Next Step

Now that effort has been replaced with rest, the next step becomes clear:

👉 How does the mind transition from carnal thinking to spiritual perception?

The answer is:

👉 The renewing of the mind

The gospel of grace now leads us into the next revelation:

👉 The Renewing of the Mind

CHAPTER 9 — The Renewing of the Mind

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Need for Renewal

The problem has been clearly revealed: the carnal mind cannot receive the things of God. But the gospel of grace does not leave the believer in that condition—it reveals the path into transformation.

That path is the **renewing of the mind**.

Romans 12:2 declares:



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...not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

The gospel of grace reveals that transformation is not outward—it is **inward**, beginning in the mind.

The Gospel of Grace Shows Transformation Is Not Behavior Modification

Many attempt to change through behavior, but the gospel of grace reveals that true change does not begin with actions—it begins with **perception**.

The carnal mind focuses on:

- Doing better
- Trying harder
- Fixing behavior

But the gospel of grace shows that transformation comes through:

☞ Seeing differently

When the mind changes, behavior follows.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Putting Off the Old Mind

The renewing of the mind involves leaving behind the old way of thinking.

Ephesians 4:22–23 declares:

“That we put off... the old man... And be renewed in the spirit of your mind...”



The gospel of grace reveals that the old man is not merely actions—it is a **way of thinking rooted in the carnal mind.**

The Gospel of Grace Shows Putting On the New Mind

Renewal is not only removing the old—it is embracing the new.

Ephesians 4:24 declares:

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the new man already exists in Christ. Renewal is not creating something new—it is **aligning with what is already true.**

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Mind Set on Things Above

The renewed mind shifts focus.

Colossians 3:2 declares:

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the mind of the Spirit is not centered on earthly perception—it is fixed on Christ.



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- What we see
 - How we interpret
 - What we believe
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The Gospel of Grace Shows the Replacement of Thoughts

Renewal involves replacing thoughts.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 declares:

“Casting down imaginations... and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

The gospel of grace reveals that thoughts that contradict Christ must be replaced with truth.

The carnal mind produces:

- Fear
- Effort
- Condemnation

The renewed mind produces:

- Faith
 - Rest
 - Confidence in Christ
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The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Role of Peace

The renewed mind is marked by peace.

Philippians 4:7 declares:

“And the peace of God... shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

The gospel of grace reveals that peace is not something we strive to achieve—it is the result of a mind aligned with truth.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Process of Renewal

Renewal is not a one-time event—it is a process.

The gospel of grace reveals that the mind is continually:

- Being aligned
- Being corrected
- Being illuminated

As the believer continues to see through the Spirit, the old patterns of thinking lose their influence.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Power of Truth

Truth renews the mind.

The gospel of grace shows that as truth is revealed:



- Lies are exposed

- Fear is removed
- Clarity increases

This is not through effort—it is through **light replacing darkness**.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Transition from Carnal to Spiritual

The renewing of the mind is the transition point.

From:

- Carnal thinking
- Natural interpretation
- Effort-based understanding

To:

- Spiritual perception
- Christ-centered interpretation
- Rest in the finished work

The gospel of grace reveals that this transition changes everything.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Result of Renewal

When the mind is renewed:



- Scripture becomes clear

- Christ becomes visible
- Rest becomes normal

The gospel of grace reveals that renewal is the doorway into living in the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace Prepares the Final Step

Now the final question becomes:

👉 What does life look like when the mind is fully aligned with the Spirit?

The answer is:

👉 The unveiled life

The gospel of grace now leads us into the final revelation:

👉 The Unveiled Life in the Spirit

CHAPTER 10 — The Unveiled Life in the Spirit

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Life Without the Veil

From the beginning of this journey, we have seen:

- The carnal mind cannot receive
- The natural man cannot understand
- The veil covers the heart



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But now the gospel of grace reveals the final reality:

☞ The veil has been removed.

2 Corinthians 3:16 declares:

“Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.”

The gospel of grace reveals that life in the Spirit is not partially seen—it is **unveiled**.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Freedom in the Spirit

Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17 declares:

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the unveiled life is a life of:

- Freedom from striving
- Freedom from confusion
- Freedom from condemnation

This is not theoretical—it is experiential.



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The Gospel of Grace Shows Transformation by
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Transformation in the Spirit does not come through effort—it comes through **beholding**.

2 Corinthians 3:18 declares:

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed...”

The gospel of grace reveals that change happens as Christ is seen, not as self is improved.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Life Led by the Spirit

The unveiled life is a Spirit-led life.

Romans 8:14 declares:

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

The gospel of grace reveals that life is no longer directed by the carnal mind—it is led by the Spirit within.

The Gospel of Grace Shows Walking in the Spirit

The unveiled life is not passive—it is active in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 declares:



“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

The gospel of grace reveals that walking in the Spirit is not effort—it is alignment with the life already within.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals Union with Christ

The unveiled life is rooted in union.

Colossians 3:3–4 declares:

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear...”

The gospel of grace reveals that the believer does not live independently—Christ is the life.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the End of Separation

One of the greatest lies of the carnal mind is separation.

The gospel of grace reveals:

- No distance
- No separation
- No division

Only union with Christ.

The Gospel of Grace Reveals the Anointing Within

The unveiled life is guided from within.

1 John 2:20 declares:

“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”

The gospel of grace reveals that the believer is not dependent on external systems for truth—the Spirit within leads and reveals.

The Gospel of Grace Shows the Restoration of All Things

The unveiled life sees beyond individual experience—it sees the greater purpose of God.

Revelation 22:3–5 declares:

“And there shall be no more curse... and they shall see his face...”

The gospel of grace reveals the final outcome:

- No curse
 - No veil
 - Full revelation
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The Gospel of Grace Declares the Full Picture

Now the journey is complete:

- The carnal mind exposed
- The veil removed
- The Spirit revealed
- Christ seen in all Scripture
- Effort replaced with rest
- The mind renewed
- The life unveiled

The gospel of grace reveals that everything was always pointing to this moment:
seeing and living in Christ fully revealed.

The Gospel of Grace Establishes the Unveiled Life

The unveiled life is:

- Seeing clearly
- Walking freely
- Living in union
- Resting in Christ

The gospel of grace reveals that this is not reserved for a few—it is the inheritance of all who see through the Spirit.

The Gospel of Grace: The Final Word

Now the truth stands clear:



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... was never the Scriptures.

The problem was the mind reading them.

And now:

- The veil is removed
- The mind is renewed
- The Spirit reveals
- Christ is seen

The gospel of grace has done what it was always meant to do:

- ☞ Bring the believer out of darkness
- ☞ Into light
- ☞ Out of striving
- ☞ Into rest
- ☞ Out of confusion
- ☞ Into revelation

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