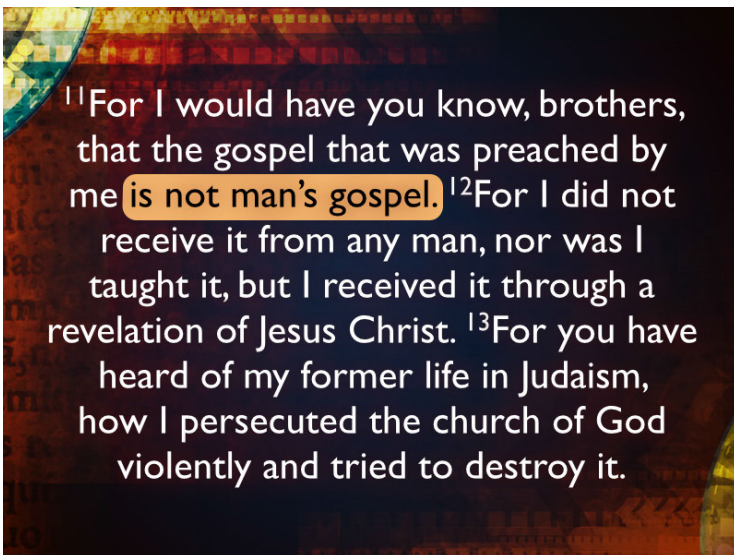




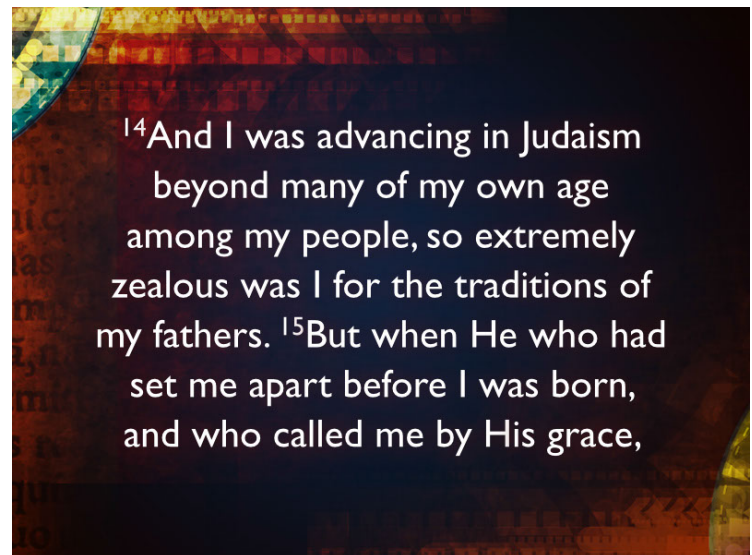
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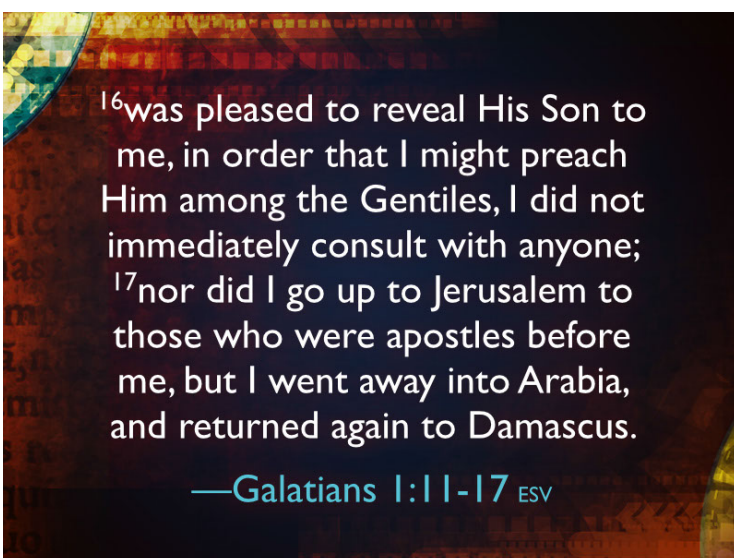
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## GRACE

<sup>15</sup>But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace, <sup>16</sup>was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.

—Galatians 1:15-16 ESV

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“The startling truth of Christianity is that God’s pleasure is not based on our performance... God’s favor is free... it’s based on His performance—Christ for us.”

—Tony Merida

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<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

—Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

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*Sola Gratia* = Grace Alone

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“This whole section flows out of the last three words of verse 11: ‘not man’s gospel.’ Why are those words there?

Because the real gospel is counterintuitive. It is not what we expect. It is not what we are comfortable with. The message, ‘Hey you rotten sinners, stop it! Get your act together!’ makes total sense to us.

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But the message of divine grace, those sacred words from the cross, ‘it is finished’—that’s surprising.”

—Ray Ortland

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**But God,** being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us... —Ephesians 2:4 ESV

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Religious Fanatics vs. Christ Followers  
Traditions vs. Truth

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<sup>14</sup>And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers... <sup>4</sup>Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—

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<sup>5</sup>to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

—Galatians 1:14; 2:4-5 ESV

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### What is the Nature of Scripture?

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

—Isaiah 40:8 ESV

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. —2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

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### What is the Nature of Scripture?

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

—Hebrews 4:12 ESV

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Religious Fanatics vs. Christ Followers

## Violence vs. Service

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<sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

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<sup>15</sup>But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace, <sup>16</sup>was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.

—Galatians 1:13-16 ESV

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16 ESV

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“Paul understood that the messenger must embody the message. Paul understood that he is himself a living argument for ‘not man’s gospel.’ He is a living surprise, because he really represents God’s counter-intuitive grace. When we see the gospel in a person, then we really see it, we can touch it, we can understand it as more than an argument.” —Martin Luther

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“The gospel came to you because it was heading to someone else. God never intended for your salvation to be an end, but a beginning.”

—Robby Gallaty

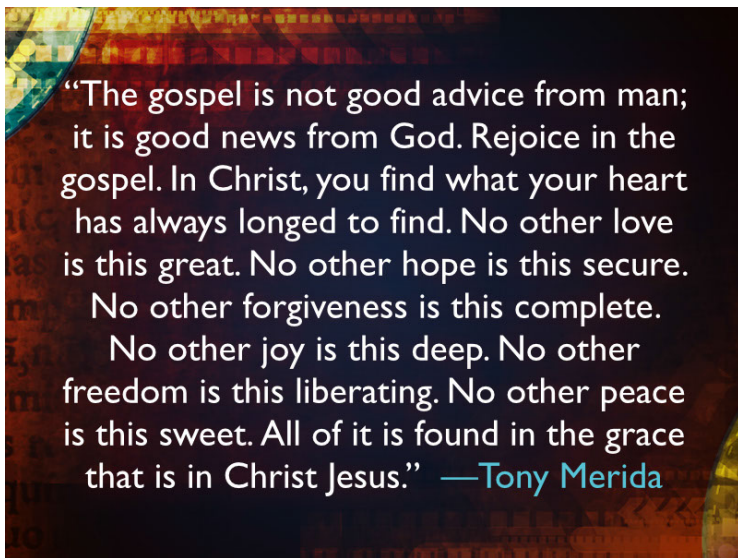
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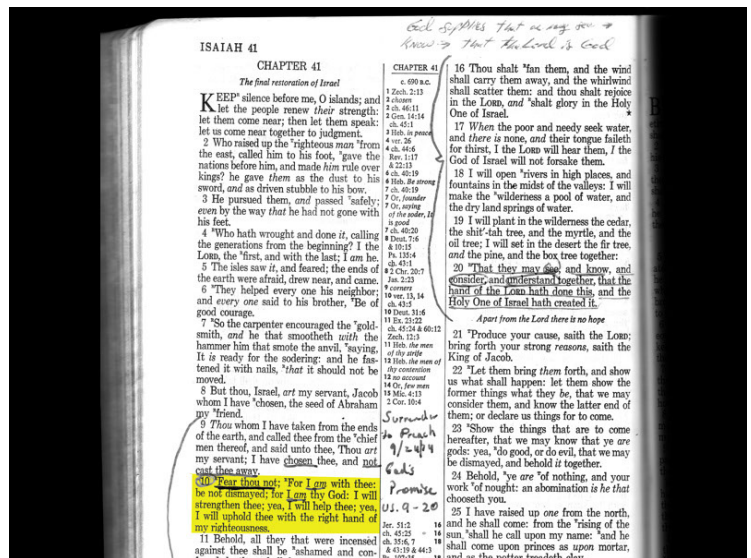
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