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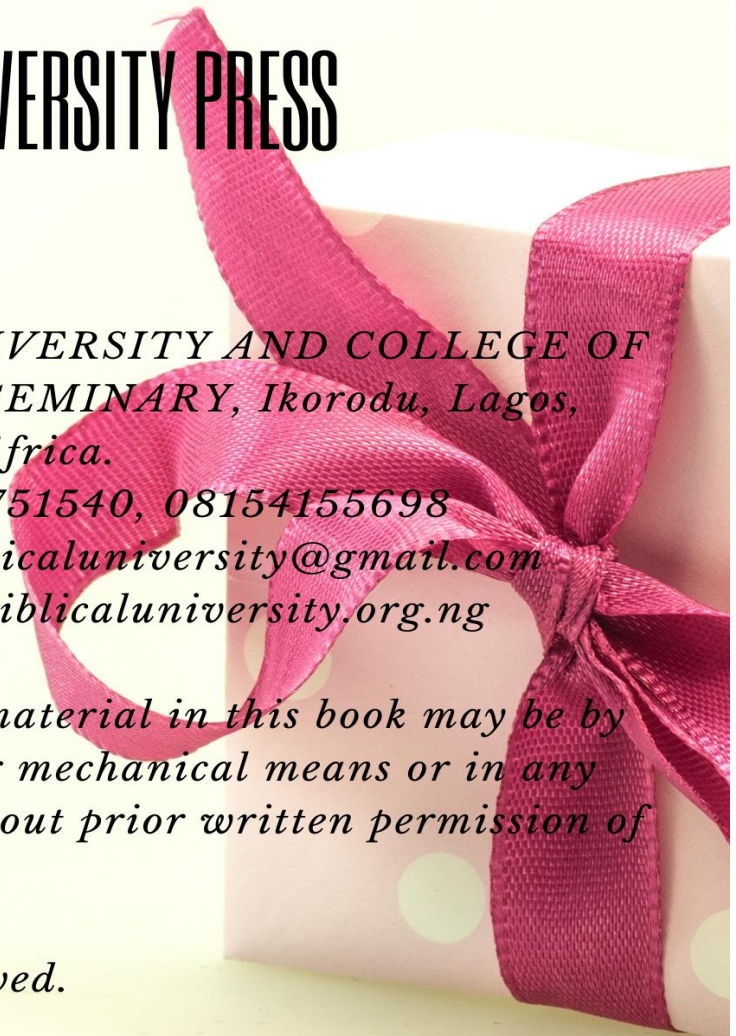
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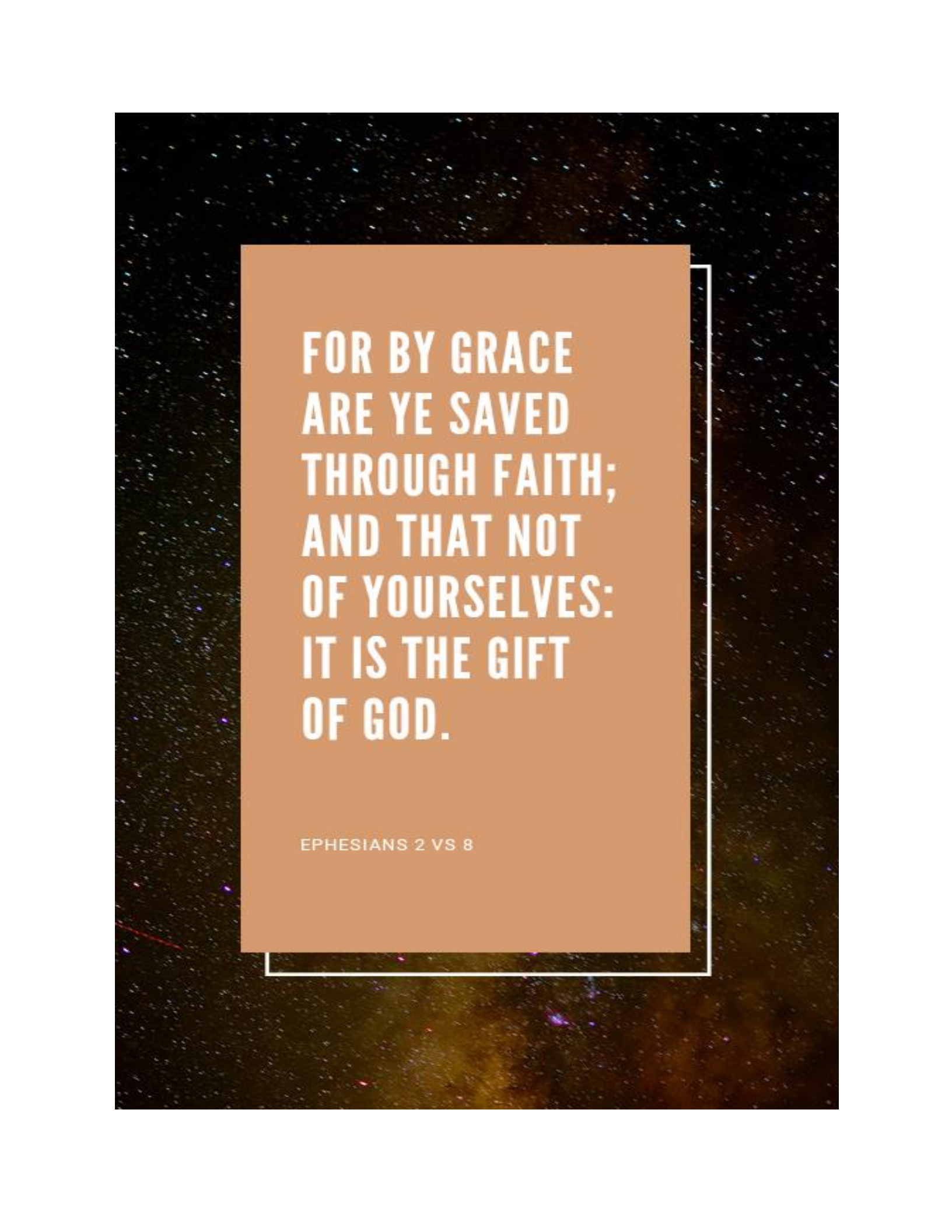
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**FOR BY GRACE  
ARE YE SAVED  
THROUGH FAITH;  
AND THAT NOT  
OF YOURSELVES:  
IT IS THE GIFT  
OF GOD.**

EPHESIANS 2 VS 8



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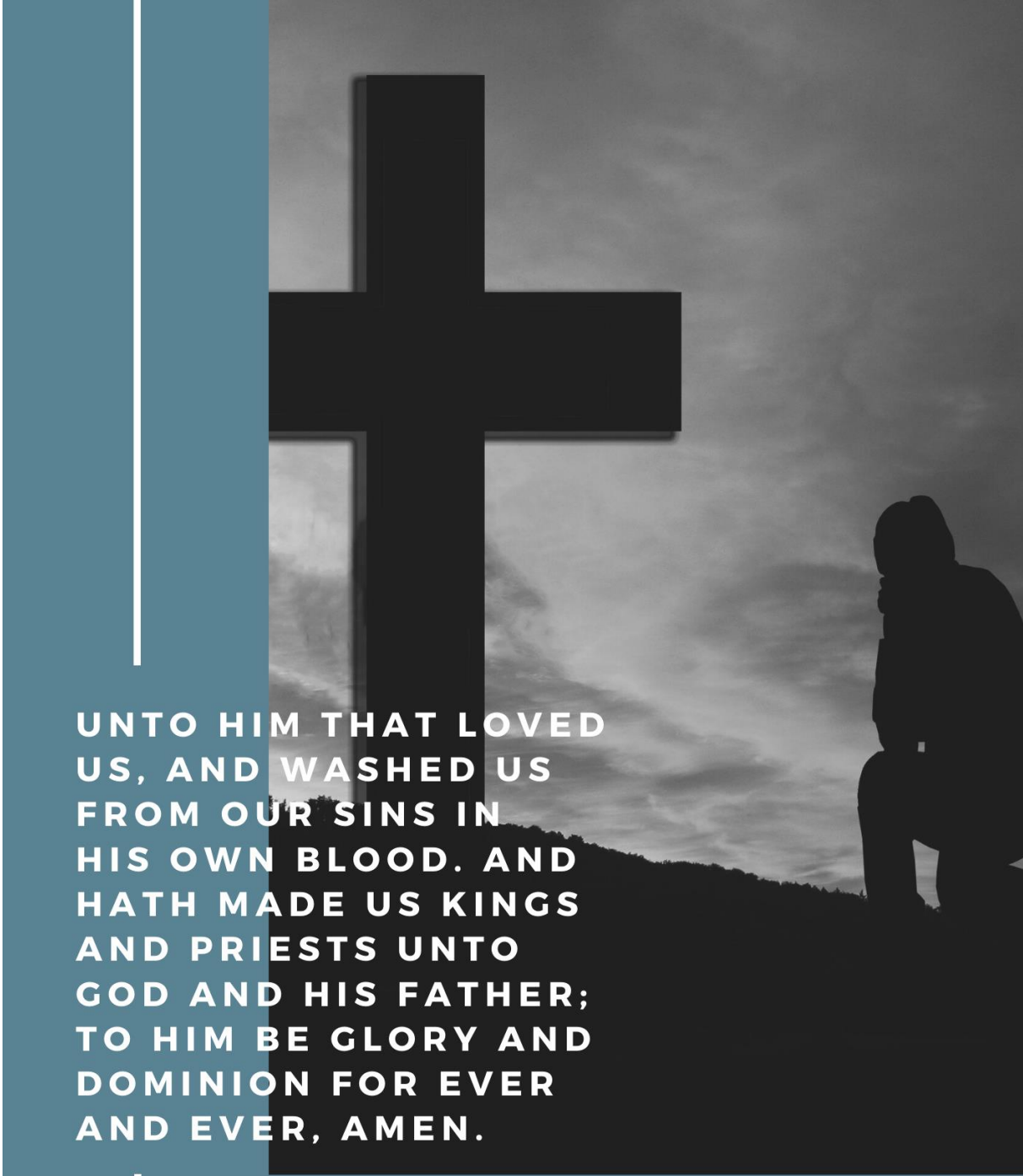
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**UNTO HIM THAT LOVED  
US, AND WASHED US  
FROM OUR SINS IN  
HIS OWN BLOOD. AND  
HATH MADE US KINGS  
AND PRIESTS UNTO  
GOD AND HIS FATHER;  
TO HIM BE GLORY AND  
DOMINION FOR EVER  
AND EVER, AMEN.**


**DEDICATION**

# INTRODUCTION



Only the blood of Jesus cleanses soul and not the blood of bulls or goats (Hebrews 9:13-14)  
The blood becomes the only entry ticket into the limitless abundance. We gain access into the miraculous.

With His blood, He purchased man for God, He became poor that we might become rich. He paid the price once and for all for the remission of the sins of the whole world. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"  
Romans 5:8



Christ Jesus is God's precious and most marvelous gift He has offered unto man. Christ is the only way in which we can be saved through faith.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."  
Ephesians 2 vs 8



PART 1



**THE GRACE  
OF SALVATION**



# CHAPTER

# 1

## The Good Shepherd

The entire Bible bears the testimony of a loving and seeking God. Immediately the first man and the woman sinned, God called out to them "where are you?" Genesis 3:9. Ever since then God has been actively seeking people separated from Him by sin. He is so concerned for the lost that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to lay down His life for the lost humanity.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:10

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*Jesus Christ paid the price  
in order to free mankind  
from the bondage, by dying  
a vicarious death and  
resurrected for our  
justification. We were  
forgiven and restored to  
fellowship with God.*



"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" John 10:11

Jesus came to offer "life". Lazarus received that life in an astonishingly literally way, providing yet another sign of Jesus' ultimate power.

The ultimate sacrifice of the good shepherd is in giving up His own life.

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A close-up photograph of a person's hand gently touching a large, vibrant green leaf. The background is dark, and there are several golden, dashed light streaks scattered across the scene, creating a spiritual or divine atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this image.

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*If you have everything but  
Christ, you have nothing. If  
you have nothing but  
Christ, you have everything.*



# CHAPTER

# 2

## God's love toward us

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us".

Romans 5:8

Love is life. So very often, we think that life is taking what the world has to offer. No, life is receiving what God has to give. When we wonder what next step to take in our lives, we do well to consider stopping at God's gates to find out what next to give to God and what He has to give in return.

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Your wholehearted, complete and sacrificial giving determines your acceptability in God's sight.

Any sinner who will be acceptable to the Holy One needs the good news that God's Son came to deliver us from sin's guilt and power.



God is love and so He gave the best that He had. Often, we see the farmer planting seed corn in the earth. Even though it may be all that the farmer has, he cannot refuse to plant what he has into the earth if he expects any harvest. God became like the farmer - giving His only Son to us in order to bring back the lost humanity.

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# 3

## Repent and be saved

Christ had a vision of reaching souls and bringing them back home. This was truly demonstrated when He wept over a particular city.

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it" Luke 19:41

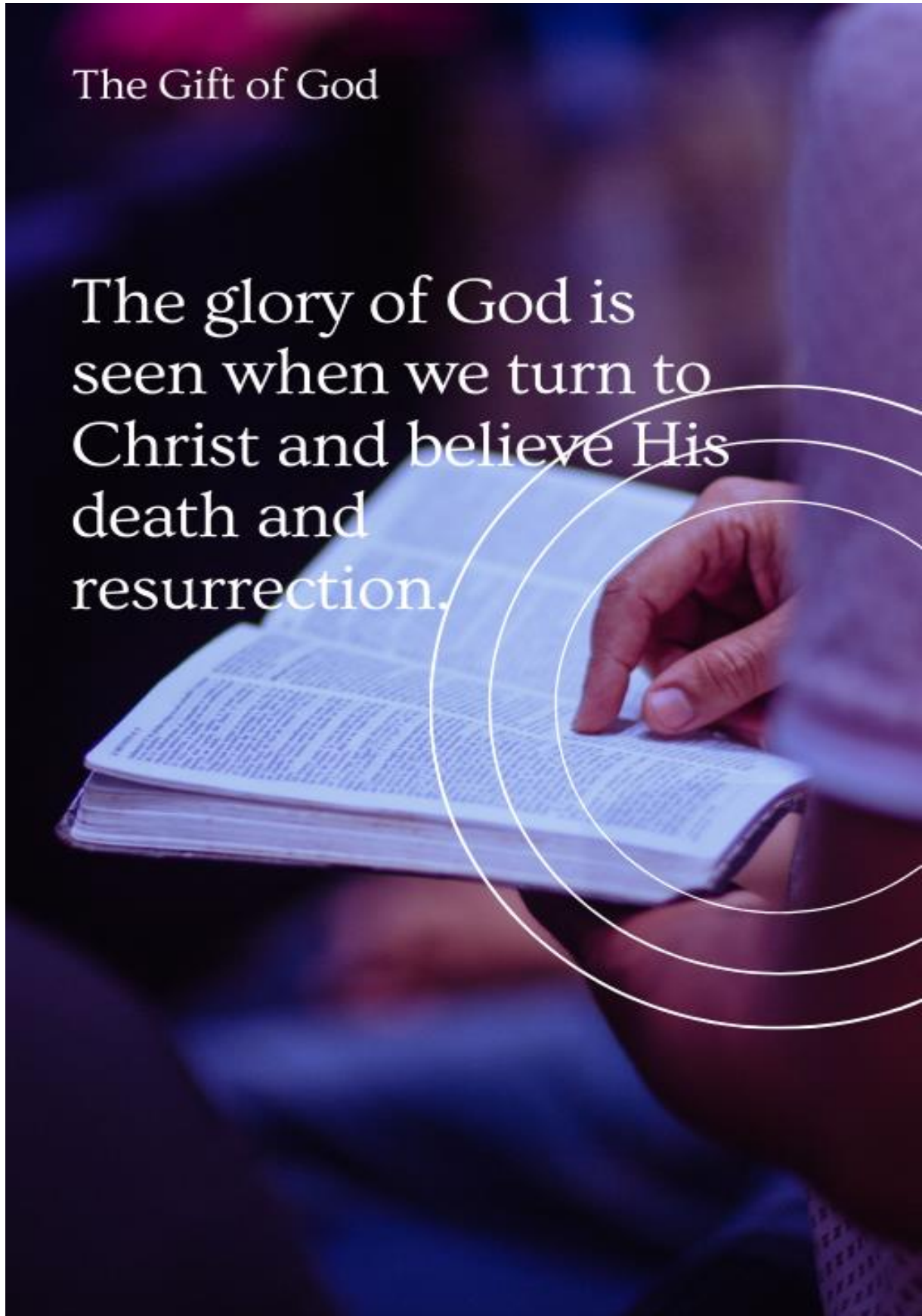
It is not enough that you have money, it is not enough that you have education. You have to be born again.

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The glory of God is  
seen when we turn to  
Christ and believe His  
death and  
resurrection.





Oswald Chambers wrote "Never build your case for forgiveness on the idea that God is our father and that He will forgive us because He loves us". That contradicts the revealed truth of God in Jesus Christ. It makes the cross unnecessary and the redemption. God forgives sins because of the death of Christ.

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A photograph of a man and a woman shaking hands in an office. The man, on the left, is wearing a brown button-down shirt and is smiling broadly, looking towards the woman. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light-colored blazer over a dark turtleneck and glasses. They are standing in front of a desk with a laptop and coffee cups. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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**GOD HAS ACCEPTED  
WHAT JESUS DID ON  
THE CROSS AND IN THE  
RESURRECTION FOR  
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HIM ALONE, FOR OUR  
FORGIVENESS AND FOR  
ETERNAL LIFE.**

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Are you so confused?

You are probably asking who God is, and how do you get to know Him?

"For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all..." 1 Timothy 2:5,6

No one comes to know the true God but by Christ Jesus.

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The amazing grace - how sweet the sound.  
"That in the ages to come he might shew the  
exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward  
us through Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:7

Think for a moment, what grace is. Your answer to  
that question may reveal where you really stand with  
God.

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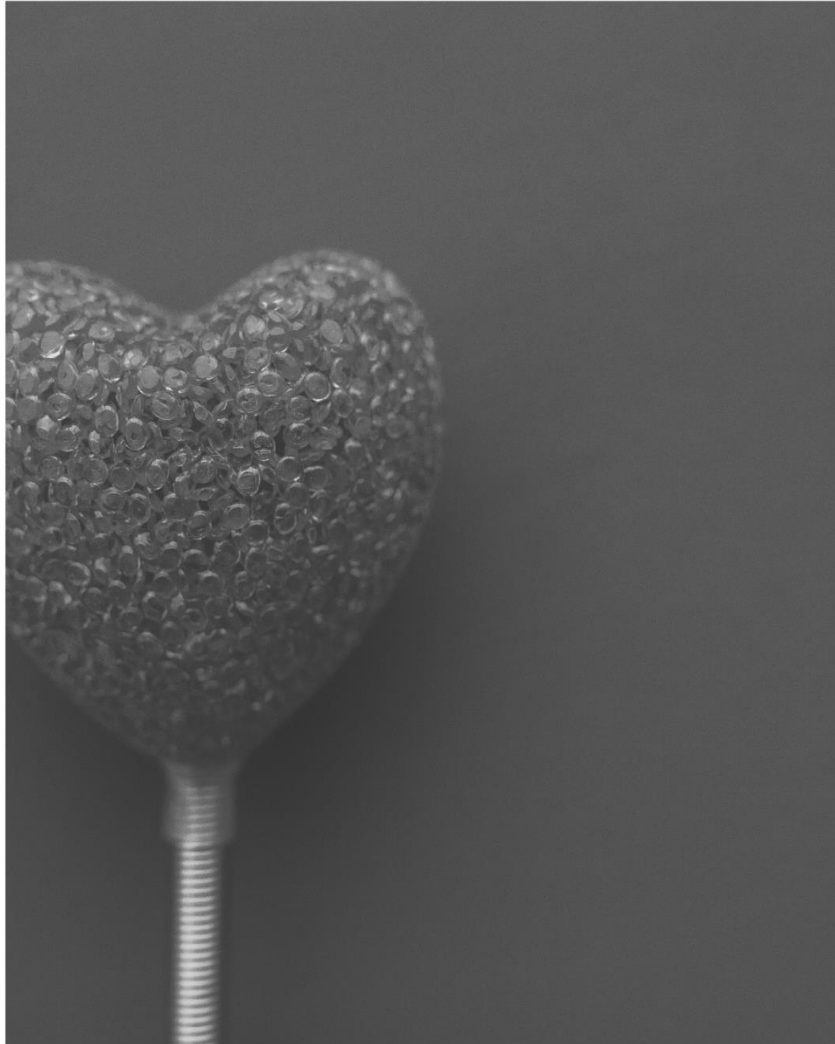


The full meaning of grace is seen in the cross. Because of my sin, justice demands that I experience the wrath of God. Instead, because of grace, God has taken all my slimy iniquity and placed it on His own Son, and the just anger of God was fallen upon Him, and Jesus in His own spirit and soul and body has borne the penalty for all our iniquity and cried out, "It is done. It is finished. It is paid - it is enough!"

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So rich is the love of God for us. This love is best seen in His Son suffering on the cross in our place.





"I've heard preachers say that God gives us salvation as a free gift. But if that's true, then why doesn't God go ahead and give it to everyone? I guess I don't really understand this."

QUESTION

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# ANSWER

One of the Bible's greatest truths is that God offers us our salvation as a free gift.

It isn't something we can buy, nor is it something we can earn by our own good works. The Bible puts it this way: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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**BUT THE BIBLE ALSO TELLS US TWO IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION. FIRST, IT TELLS US THAT IT IS A COSTLY GIFT. THINK OF IT THIS WAY. SUPPOSE YOU WANTED TO EXPRESS YOUR LOVE FOR SOMEONE BY GIVING THEM A VERY FINE GIFT. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE TO DO? WELL, YOU'D FIRST HAVE TO GO TO THE STORE AND BUY IT—AND THE FINER THE GIFT, THE MORE IT WOULD COST YOU. TO YOUR FRIEND, IT'S A FREE GIFT, BUT IT WASN'T FREE ON YOUR PART.**



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**THE SAME IS TRUE WITH GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION. TO US IT'S FREE, BUT IT COST GOD THE LIFE OF HIS SON. THE REASON IS BECAUSE ON THE CROSS JESUS CHRIST BECAME THE FINAL SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. HE PAID FOR OUR SALVATION WITH HIS BLOOD.**



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**BUT THE BIBLE ALSO TELLS US A SECOND TRUTH: LIKE ANY OTHER GIFT, GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION DOESN'T BECOME OURS UNTIL WE ACCEPT IT. JUST AS WE CAN REFUSE THE GIFT SOMEONE OFFERS US, SO WE CAN REFUSE GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION. BUT WHY WOULD WE? DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU, BUT BY FAITH REACH OUT AND ACCEPT CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE TODAY.**





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# YOU TOO CAN KNOW CHRIST

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At thirteen years of age as a school boy in 1987, I gave my life to the Lord at a crusade meeting organized by my home church (Christ Apostolic Church) C.A.C Agbala-Itura, Ibadan.

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"THAT DAY, I FELT GOD KNOCKING AT MY HEART'S DOOR. ALL MY SINS CAME TO MIND, AND I CONFESSED EVERYTHING. THEN I FELT THAT MY SINS HAD BEEN FORGIVEN. WARM JOY FLOODED MY SOUL. THEN I STEPPED FORWARD FOR THE ALTAR CALL TO RECEIVE THE LORD. I RECEIVED SUCH A WONDERFUL PEACE IN MY HEART, AND SUCH AN AMAZING CHANGE IN MY LIFE THAT I NEVER IMAGINED POSSIBLE. THAT PEACE, WHICH IS STILL IN MY HEART TODAY, IS WHAT HAS KEPT ME IN THE GOSPEL, IN MANY FALLS AND FAILURES, TRIALS AND STORMS, AND IN THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE DEVIL, THE LORD HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL TO ME AND HAS KEPT ME IN HIS EMBRACE".



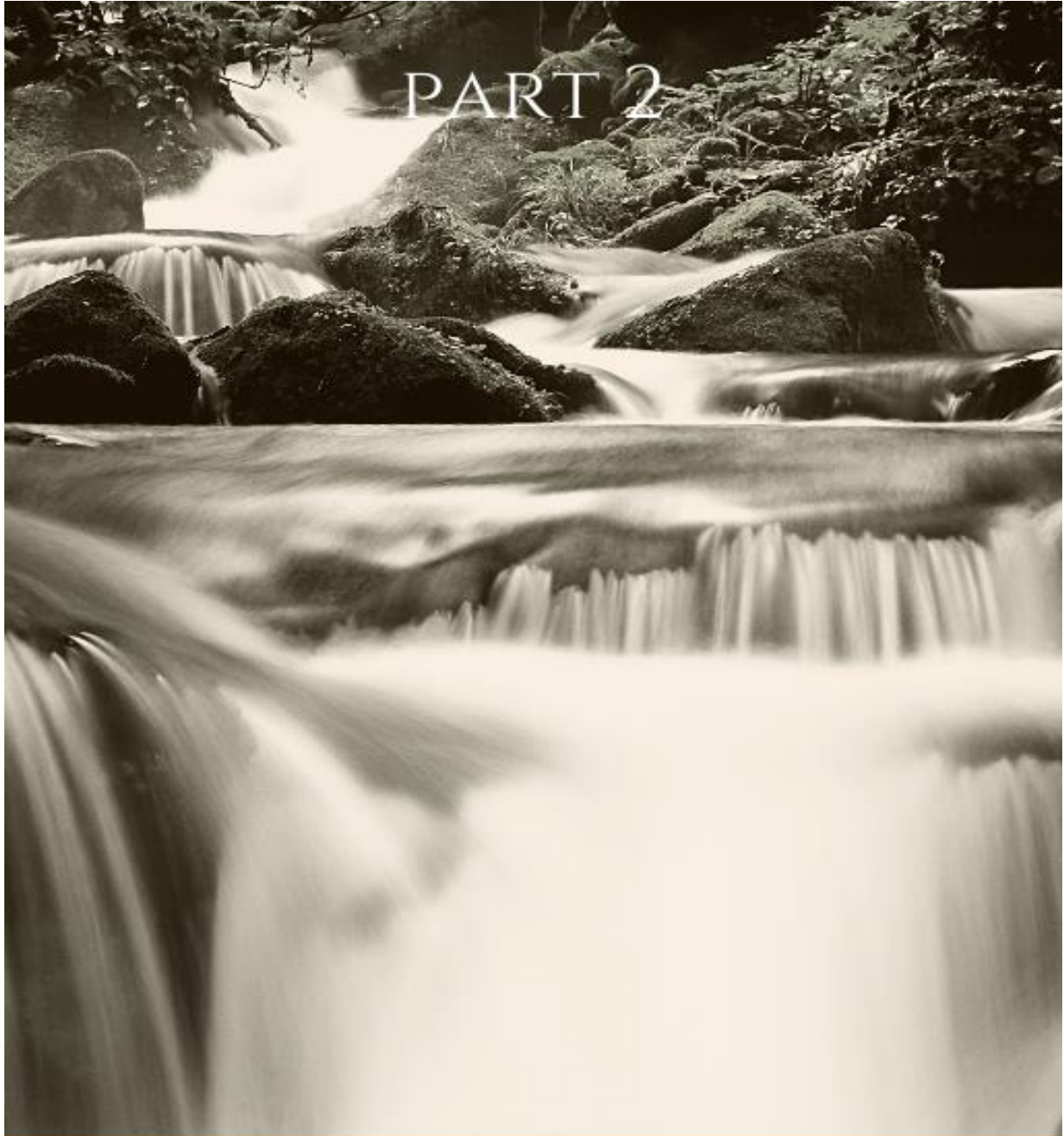
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# THE MIRACULOUS



# CHAPTER

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## I believe in miracles

Miracle is a restoration of lifestyle and the qualities God has deposited in you.

It is never a question of how much God can give, but how much we can receive.

The staff of Elisha was not enough to bring back life to the dead son of the grief stricken home. Flesh had to touch flesh. We must learn to impart ourselves.

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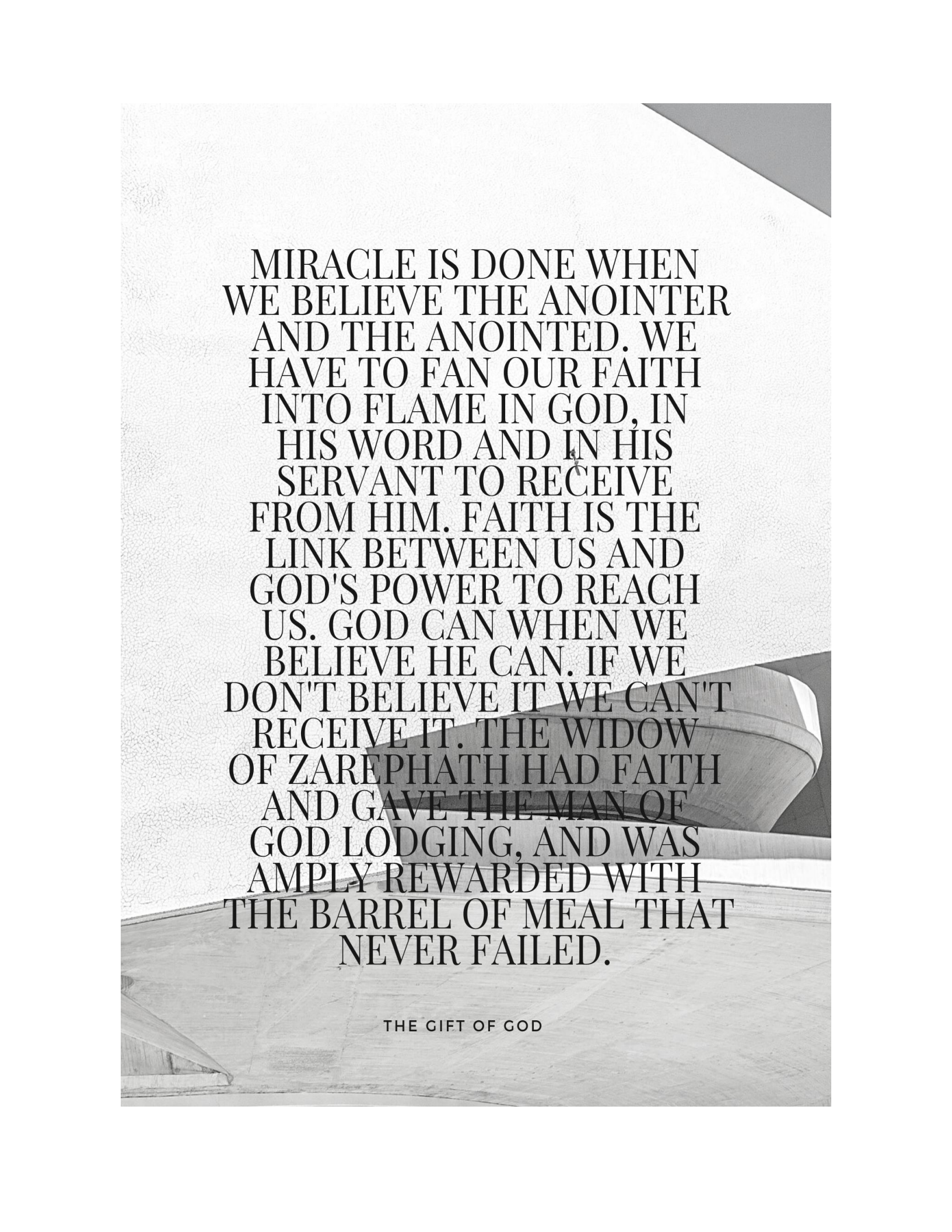
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Miracle is done through the power of God "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" Acts 10:38

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MIRACLE IS DONE WHEN WE BELIEVE THE ANOINTER AND THE ANOINTED. WE HAVE TO FAN OUR FAITH INTO FLAME IN GOD, IN HIS WORD AND IN HIS SERVANT TO RECEIVE FROM HIM. FAITH IS THE LINK BETWEEN US AND GOD'S POWER TO REACH US. GOD CAN WHEN WE BELIEVE HE CAN. IF WE DON'T BELIEVE IT WE CAN'T RECEIVE IT. THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH HAD FAITH AND GAVE THE MAN OF GOD LODGING, AND WAS AMPLY REWARDED WITH THE BARREL OF MEAL THAT NEVER FAILED.

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# 5

## Healing wounds

The death of Jesus on the cross, His suffering healed us of our sins, enabling us to live for righteousness.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed" 1 Peter 2:24

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## The essence of supernatural miracles

- To lead people to repentance, followership of Jesus and commitment to service "Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent" Matthew 11:20

- To lead people to believe the Father in the Son through the evidence of miracles "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves" John 14:11

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- To glorify God "When He heard this, Jesus said, this sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it" John 11:4

Miracle is intended to generate or arouse the kind of excitement that will automatically convert to life - changing faith.

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# CHAPTER

# 6

## The sign of Jonah

Jesus compared Himself to Jonah, and the people of His time to the Ninevites. He predicted that "The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here" Matthew 12:41

"...he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonah the prophet" Luke 11:29

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**NO AMOUNT OF  
PROOF WOULD CON  
VINCE THOSE WHO  
STUBBORNLY REFUSED  
TO BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

**IF YOU REFUSE TO  
BOW BEFORE CHRIST  
YOU WILL BE FORCED  
TO BOW AT HIS  
APPEARING.**

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## Too merciful a God?

**ROBERT FROST SAID,  
"AFTER JONAH, YOU  
COULD NEVER TRUST  
GOD NOT TO BE  
MERCIFUL AGAIN". CAN  
ANYONE PUT LIMITS  
ON GOD'S MERCY AND  
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AND A WARNING  
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REPENTANCE. THOUGH  
CRUEL AND HARDENED,  
NINEVEH WAS READY TO  
BELIEVE GOD.**

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# 7

## Faith for miracles

If there is faith for salvation there is faith for miracles!

Kenneth E. Hagin made this profound statement.

"As a teenager, I became bed fast. Medical science said I would die. Now, I'd heard the new birth

preached all my life. I knew what God's will was concerning salvation. And when I came to the Lord

while bed fast, I had no doubt that He would hear me, I had no lack of understanding along that line.

Therefore, I had no doubt or unbelief concerning salvation. I received salvation, I knew I was saved.

But I was still bedfast!

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I certainly had a lack of understanding of God's word concerning divine healing, prayer and faith. All I had ever heard preachers say about healing was, 'just leave it to the Lord. He knows best'. (Yes, but in His word, God has made provision for us to have His best!)

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In time, after much study of the Bible, I saw the exact steps I needed to take in prayer, and I saw just how to release my faith. Had I known these things earlier, I could have been off that bed months before I was. God didn't have a certain 'set time' to heal me. No! He's the same everyday! The trouble wasn't with God or His willingness to heal me; the trouble was on my end of the line. As soon as I found out what God's word said about healing and acted upon it, I got result!"

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What is faith?

Someone once asked Raymond T. Richey, a man mightily used of God in the healing ministry, "What is faith?" Richey replied, "faith is just acting on God's word".

Smith Wigglesworth would say, "faith is an act"

Faith is acting on God's word.

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**Faith is a  
constant  
commitment to  
hang on and  
believe God  
against all  
odds, no matter  
what.**



## Extraordinary miracles

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them"

Acts 19:11

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God chose to enclose in man the immeasurable power which works signs and wonders. An immortal God chooses mere humans as His personal representatives. Man's hand becomes an extension of God's hand. He becomes a channel through which God releases power and blessing upon mankind.

It demands enough faith in God, in His word and His servants to receive unusual miracles.

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## Expect a miracle

The book of Mark 5:24-34 stated the story of Jesus and a woman with the issue of blood, an exciting account of how faith brought about a miracle. It is very important to realize that opposition will come before your miracle. To receive her healing, this woman had a number of obstacles to overcome. She didn't pray that God would overcome the obstacles; she did something about them herself! You, too, will have to do something yourself about the obstacles that confront you.

Receiving from God is a faith proposition

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# *How I got mine*

At a particular difficult time, myself and my family hardly had two wicker meals per day. No stability, no direction, the whole hell was let loose. My ministry was not speaking. We seemed to believe staying far away from people who knew us was best because of the shame of things not working out as planned, it was like from Grace to Grass for us. We prayed, God spoke to us and instructed us to move from Abuja to Lagos. We obeyed and He worked out His miracles in our lives, the ministry that seemed almost dormant at that time started working in full speed, in fact our progress was accelerated to the extent that we cover more grounds than ever before and our fallow grounds became developed beyond people's imagination. Halleluyah!

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**Action speaks  
better than  
faith, faith  
without a  
corresponding  
action is  
impotent**





You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer.

Prayer is talking to God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart.

The following is a suggested prayer. If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, then you can pray this prayer right now and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

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## Prayer

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be." Amen

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EXPRESS THE DESIRE  
OF YOUR HEART?**

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## about the book

It tells about God's love for the world, God's gift of His Son, and the opportunity for any one who believes to be saved.

## about the author

Prof. Emmanuel Kolawole, PhD, is the Founder and Chancellor of Biblical University which he started for His glory and commenced class on Saturday 5th January 2008 in small church building located at Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State with 5 students face-to-face, but now has it's vast ministry purposefully fitted out to satisfy the varying requirements of providing excellent theological education, and has grown to include ministry training centers and BU extensions in many locations in Africa and the world.

He is happily married to his queen and amazingly incredible wife, Dr. Mrs. Dorcas Kolawole, also an amiable woman of God, Christian Counselor, Christian apologist, and First VC of Biblical University and they are blessed with excellent children.