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> **Highlight key:** = grace / apart-from-works truth · = the precious gift · **bold** = key terms

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New Grace Every Morning — Restoration Begins

His grace is **new every morning** — grace upon grace, not worldly ups and downs. The day you met Christ, the downward trajectory *stopped*; now He lifts you higher.

- Grace upon grace — strength upon strength every day
- Restoration: He will **restore your life again** — Psalm 71:20
- Bible records how the psalmist fell and rose — learn so you need not fall
- God wants to take you to the **next level**, not repeat the wilderness

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Key 1 — Have Wisdom

Proverbs 22:3 — a prudent person sees danger and takes refuge; the simple walk in and suffer. **Jesus is greater than Solomon** — wisdom is inside you.

- Solomon’s era had **zero wars** — wisdom brings peace
- A wise person learns from others’ falls; a fool must experience them
- By hearing God’s word together, you **prevent falling**
- Christ Himself is your wisdom

Key 2 — Have Faith

Israel wandered **40 years** for lack of faith — you need not repeat that. Faith comes by *hearing and hearing the word of Christ*.

- Faith comes by hearing — sit and listen; that is the easy way out
- Lechem = bread; lacham = fighting — more word, more faith, more victory
- Focus on **Jesus** — hearing about Christ delivers you
- Come out of trouble **quickly** — not 40 years in the wilderness

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Key 3 — Desire and Claim the Blessing

Psalm 109:17 — if you do not **desire blessing**, it runs away from you. The greatest honour to Christ is believing He took *all* your sickness, pain, and sorrow.

- Do not settle in darkness like soldiers who ran back from bright light
- Claim 100% healing, peace, and prosperity — Deuteronomy 28 blessings vs curses
- Jesus received every blessing at the cross — **receive everything from Christ**
- Promise verse each month — *desire* it, do not treat it as random

Without desire	With desire
Blessing runs **away**	Blessing **chases** you
Settle for partial healing	Claim **100%** — zero sickness
Sickness feels ‘normal’	Honour Christ — He took **all** sickness

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Key 4 — Seek His Righteousness, Not Yours

Psalm 71 repeats **Your righteousness** four times — not my own. Matthew 6:33 — seek first His kingdom and *His righteousness*; all things are added.

- My righteousness is a **filthy rag** — Isaiah 64:6

- Moses looked to Christ on the cross — saved from serpents in the wilderness
- Abel’s lamb sacrifice focused on Christ; Cain trusted his own strength
- Communion: new covenant — bless me by **Your obedience**, not mine

Self-righteousness	His righteousness
Bless me for my obedience	Bless me for **His obedience**
Fig leaves — Adam’s cover	Animal skin — **God’s cover**
Purchase health by works	**All things added** — Matthew 6:33

Romans 3:21 (NKJV)

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Righteousness Apart From the Law — Romans 3:21

The whole gospel is in one verse: **righteousness of God apart from the law**, witnessed by the law and prophets — meaning Moses, Elijah, and Jesus on the mount.

- Romans 3:21 — revealed apart from law, witnessed by law and prophets
- Matthew 17:5 — Father’s voice: **Hear Him**, not Moses and Elijah equally
- Acts 10:44 — while Peter preached, Holy Spirit fell on all who heard
- Galatians 5:4 — justified by law = **separated from Christ**

Romans 3:28 (NKJV)

> *“Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified** by faith **apart from the deeds** of the law.”* — **Romans 3:28 (NKJV)**

Matthew 17:5 (NKJV)

> *“**While he was still speaking**, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him**!”” — **Matthew 17:5 (NKJV)***

Acts 10:44 (NKJV)

> *"**While Peter was still speaking** these words, **the Holy Spirit fell** upon all those who heard the word."* — **Acts 10:44 (NKJV)**

Galatians 5:4

> *"You are **separated from Christ**, you who are **trying to be justified by law**; you have fallen from grace."* — **Galatians 5:4**

Ministry of Death — Letter Kills, Spirit Gives Life

2 Corinthians 3:7 — the ministry engraved on stones had a **passing glory**. The letter kills; mixing law and gospel ministers death, pain, and sickness.

- Ministry of death — engraved on stones
- 2 Corinthians 3:6 — the letter kills; the Spirit gives life
- Fallen from grace when you justify yourself by law
- **Hear Him only** — Holy Spirit falls while the gospel is preached

Law path	Faith path
Blessed because you obey	Blessed because **Christ obeyed**
Separated from Christ	**Holy Spirit falls** while gospel preached
Ministry of death	Spirit gives **life and freedom**

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

> *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**."* — **2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)**

2 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)

> *"But if the **ministry of death**, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,"* — **2 Corinthians 3:7**

> **(NKJV)**

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

> *“who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the* ***law kills****, but the Spirit gives life.”* — **2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)**

Holy Communion — Remember His Obedience

At the table we confess: **not my obedience — Your obedience** makes me righteous. Break bread for others’ healing; drink the cup proclaiming sins forgiven.

- New covenant cup — bless me by what You did, not what I do
- Body broken — pray healing for friends by breaking bread for them
- Colossians 2:14 — handwriting of ordinances nailed to the cross
- Communion gives faith to rise from sickness and unbelief

Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)

> *“having* ***wiped out the handwriting of requirements*** *that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has* ***taken it out of the way****, having* ***nailed it to the cross****.”* — **Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)**

Luke 9:54 (NKJV)

> *“And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to* ***command fire to come down from heaven*** *and consume them,* ***just as Elijah did****?”* — **Luke 9:54 (NKJV)**

Luke 24:27 (NKJV)

> *“And beginning at* ***Moses and all the Prophets****, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning* ***Himself****.”* — **Luke 24:27 (NKJV)**

Revelation 3:15 (NKJV)

> *“I know your works, that you are **neither cold nor hot**. I could wish you were cold or hot.”* — **Revelation 3:15 (NKJV)**

Scripture Foundations from the Deck

These verses anchor today’s teaching — read them as **gospel promises**, not a wage list.

Psalm 34:19 (NIV)

> *“The righteous person **may** have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them **all**;”* — **Psalm 34:19 (NIV)**

Proverbs 12:21 (NIV)

> *“**No harm** overtakes the **righteous**, but the wicked have their fill of trouble.”* — **Proverbs 12:21 (NIV)**

Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

> *“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by **one Man’s obedience** many will be **made righteous**.”* — **Romans 5:19 (NKJV)**

Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

> *“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive **abundance of grace** and of the **gift of righteousness** will **reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.”* — **Romans 5:17 (NKJV)**

Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)

> *“For as many as are of the **works of the law are under the curse**; for it is written, “**Cursed is everyone** who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”* — **Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)**

Galatians 1:8,9 (NKJV)

> *“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say*

> *again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”* — **Galatians 1:8,9 (NKJV)**

Romans 4:13 (NKJV)

> *“For the promise that he would be the* ***heir of the world*** *was* ***not*** *to Abraham or to his seed* ***through the law****, but through the righteousness of faith.”* — **Romans 4:13 (NKJV)**

Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)

> *“knowing that a man is* ***not justified by the works of the law*** *but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”* — **Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)**

> *Peter was mixing the messages from Moses, Elijah, and Jesus; that’s why the Heavenly Father was against him.*

Matthew 9:17 (NKJV)

> *“Nor do they put* ***new wine into old wineskins****, or else the wineskins break; the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put* ***new wine into new wineskins****, and both are preserved.”* — **Matthew 9:17 (NKJV)**

Matthew 9:16 (NKJV)

> *“No one puts a piece of* ***unshrunk cloth on an old garment****; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the* ***tear is made worse****.”* — **Matthew 9:16 (NKJV)**

Romans 7:3-4 (NKJV)

> *“So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become* ***dead to the law*** *through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that”*

> *“we should bear fruit to God.”*

Luke 9:30–31 (NKJV)

> *“And behold, two men talked with Him, who were* ***Moses and Elijah****, who appeared in glory and spoke of His* ***decease*** *which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”* — **Luke 9:30–31 (NKJV)**

Romans 2:13 (NKJV)

> *“(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the* ***doers of the law will be justified****;”* — **Romans 2:13 (NKJV)**

Romans 2:6 (NKJV)

> *“who “will render to each one* ***according to his deeds****“:”* — **Romans 2:6 (NKJV)**

Romans 2:8 (NKJV)

> *“but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and* ***wrath****,”* — **Romans 2:8 (NKJV)**

Psalm 103:10 (NKJV)

> *“He has* ***not dealt with us according to our sins****,* ***Nor punished us according to our iniquities****.”* — **Psalm 103:10 (NKJV)**

Psalm 103:8–9 (NKJV)

> *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us,* ***Nor will He keep His anger forever****.”* — **Psalm 103:8–9 (NKJV)**

Matthew 17:25–26 (NKJV)

> *“He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or* ***From strangers****?” Peter said to Him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then the* ***sons are free****.”* — **Matthew 17:25–26**

> **(NKJV)**

Romans 2:15 (NKJV)

> *“who show the work of the **law written in their hearts**, their **conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)”* — **Romans 2:15 (NKJV)**

Romans 2:29 (NKJV)

> *“but he is a Jew who is **one inwardly**; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the Spirit, **not in the letter**; whose praise is not from men but from God.”* — **Romans 2:29 (NKJV)**

Acts 10:43,44 (NIV)

> *“All the **prophets testify** about him that everyone who believes in him receives **forgiveness of sins** through his name. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.”* — **Acts 10:43,44 (NIV)**

The Takeaway

1. **Righteousness apart from the law** — Romans 3:21.
2. **Separated from Christ** when justified by law — fallen from grace.
3. **Ministry of death** — the letter kills; the Spirit gives life.
4. **Hear Him** — do not mix law and gospel.
5. **Holy Spirit falls** while the gospel is preached.

Scripture-based study on freedom from every trouble through righteousness apart from the law. If it strengthened you, share it with someone who needs this truth today.