

“Power in Unity”  
Searching for Identity  
Part 2


*People have a deep seated desire to answer:*

- *Who am I? Identity*
- *Where did we come from? Origin*
- *What is life all about? Meaning*
- *How should we live? Morality*
- *What happens next? Destiny*

**27** ***So God created human beings in his own image.***

***In the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them. “***

***Genesis 1: 27***



***“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.”***

***Jeremiah 29:11***

*“This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for  
our souls”*

*Hebrews 6:19*

➤ *Life’s Hope; Life’s Anchor is JESUS CHRIST*

***Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:***

***<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ.***

***<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms  
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.***

***Ephesians 1:1-3***

*Anchoring Your identity **“IN CHRIST”***

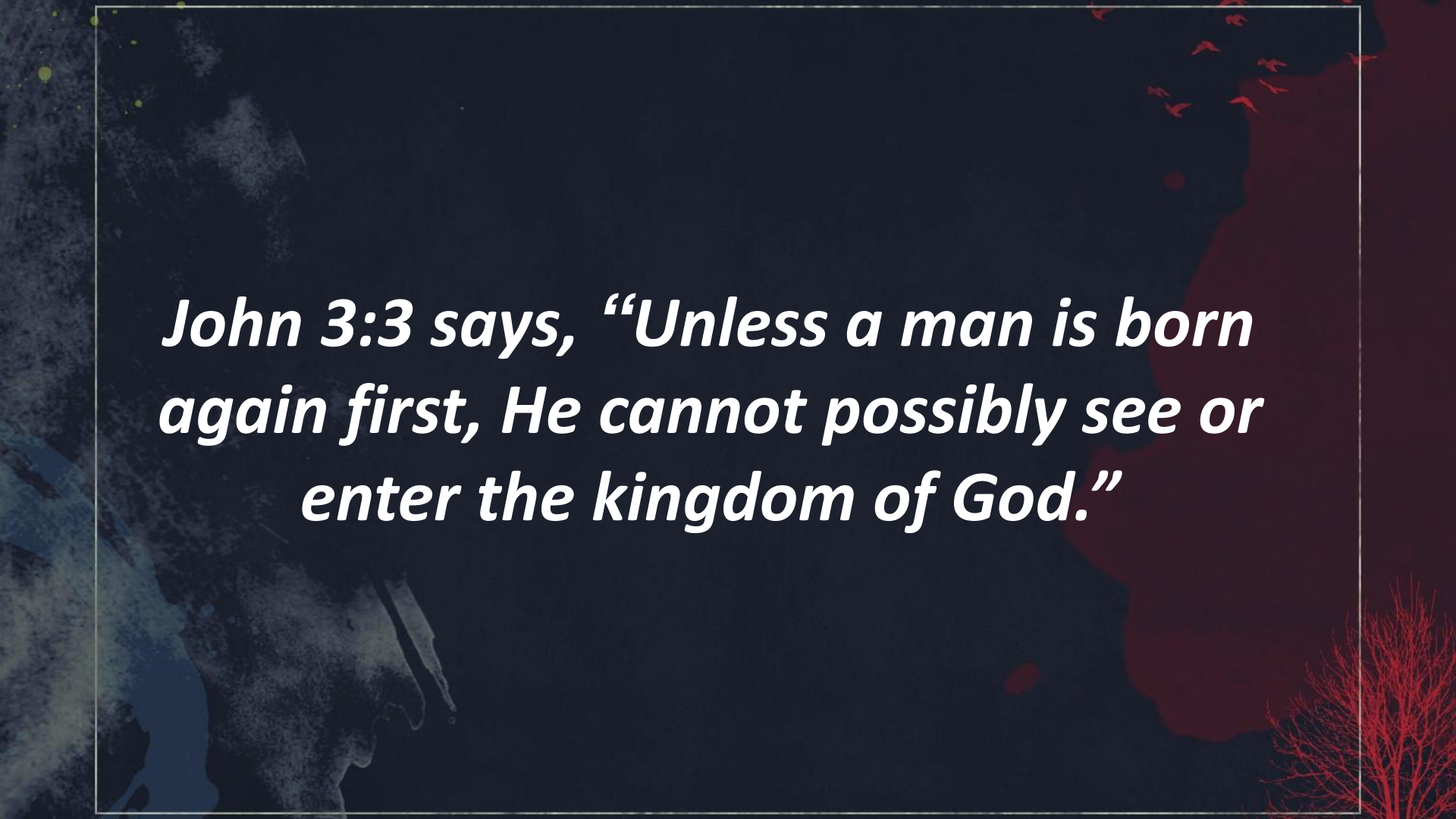
## Ephesians 2:1-7

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> *made us alive with Christ* even when we were dead in transgressions—it is *by grace* you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the *incomparable riches of his grace*, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

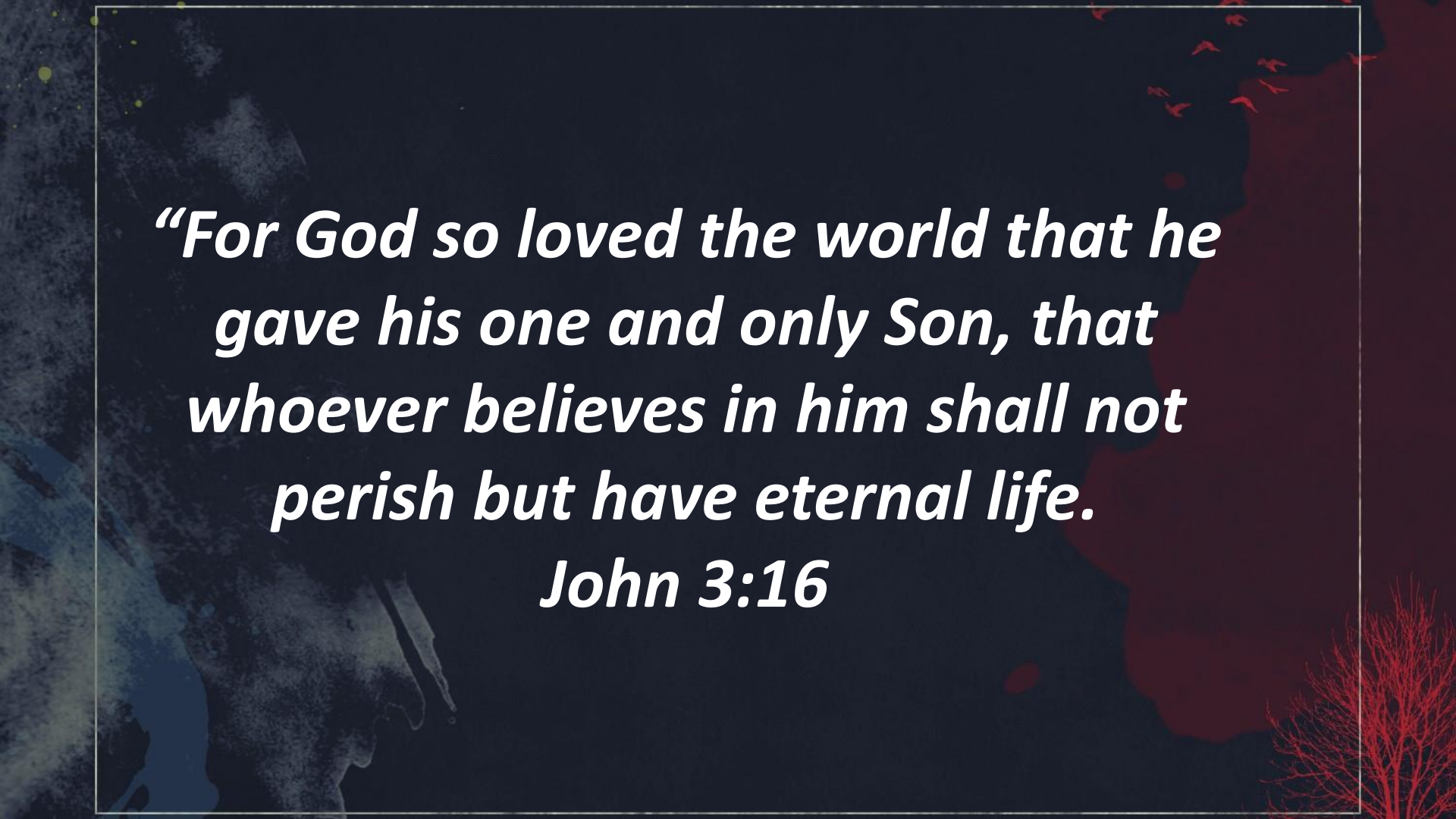




God's grace is an overflow of His love  
for you



***John 3:3 says, “Unless a man is born again first, He cannot possibly see or enter the kingdom of God.”***



***“For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.***

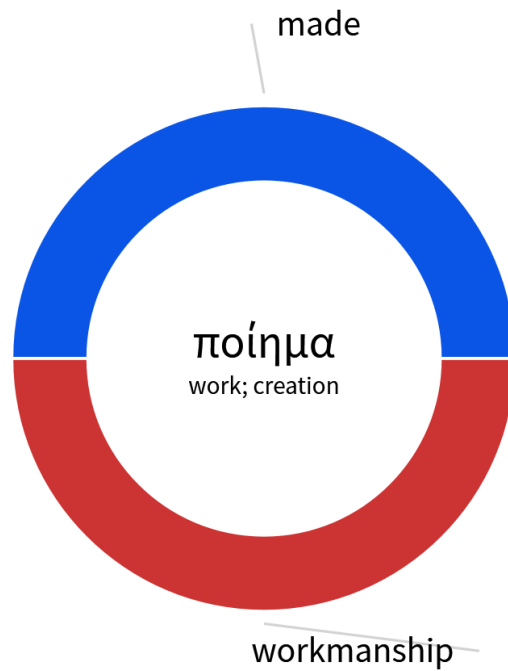
***John 3:16***

Good works are a response to God's  
grace

***“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”***

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***Ephesians 2: 8-10***



made | 1 of 2

**Ro 1:20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been **made**, so that men are without excuse.

workmanship | 1 of 2

**Eph 2:10** For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**You were created FOR Good works**

***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!***

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

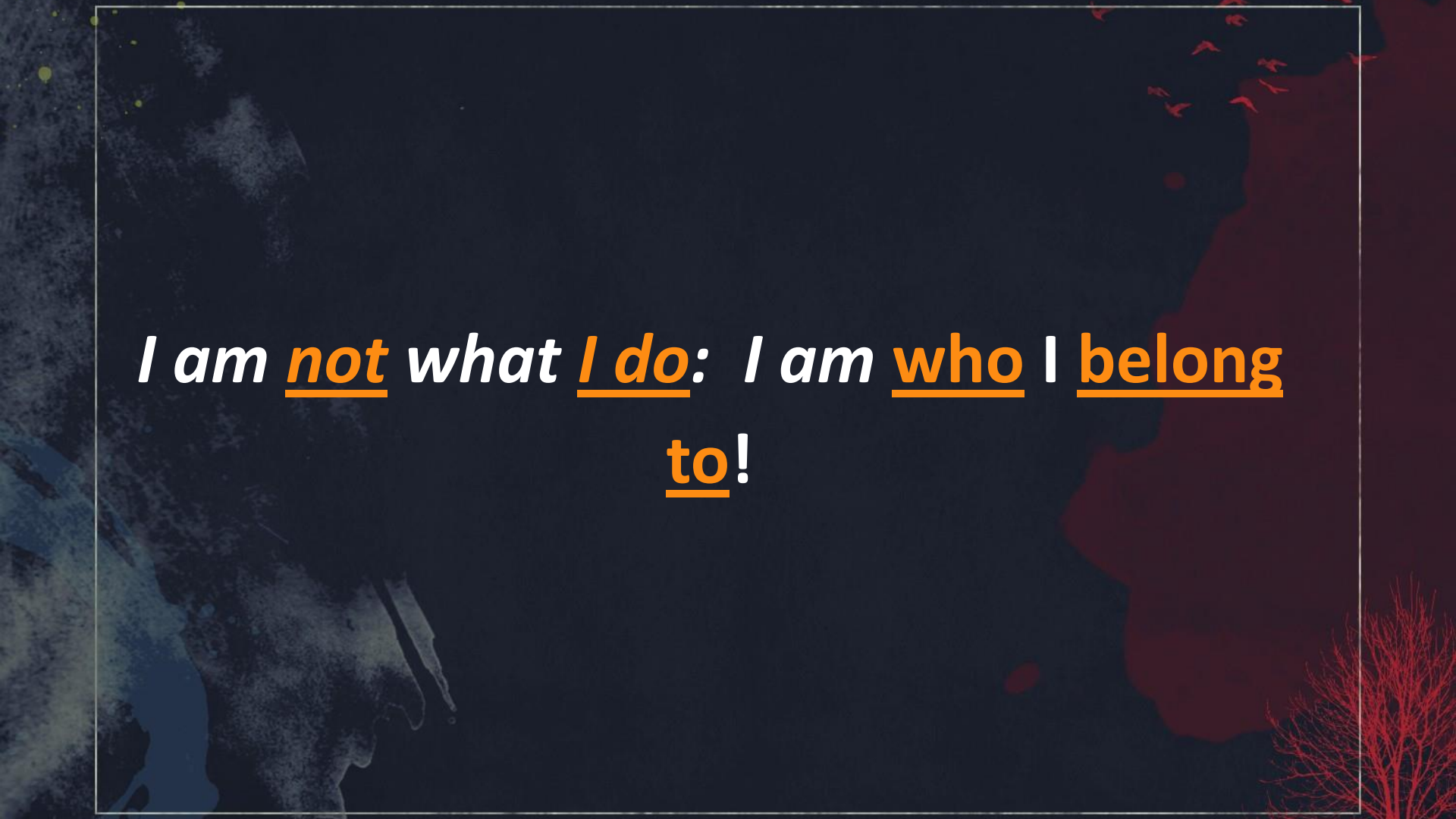
*“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**





*My weakness draws me to God*



*I am not what I do: I am who I belong  
to!*