I Corinthians 15:9-11 "Grace and Obedience"

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The Gospel is first of all about what God has done in Christ.



The Gospel is also about what God wants to do in and through us.





Ephesians 2

"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

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The pattern of Paul's letters

What Christ has doing in and through us

Our Calling in Christ by grace through faith

What Christ is doing in and through us

Our Walk in Christ by grace through discipline

First section Second section

The order is significant.

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Vs. 1-8

The Grace of God

For us

Vs. 9-11

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Being

- Be true to your new self.
- How do you tell your story?
- Caring for your inner life.

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Doing

- · Gratitude leads to graciousness.
- Love creates energy to serve.
- Act as though . . .

Matthew 18:23-35

The parable of the forgetful steward.

Luke 7:36-50

The anointing of Jesus' feet "he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Philippians 2:12-13

"Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

2 Corinthians 5

"14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this that one died for all therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."