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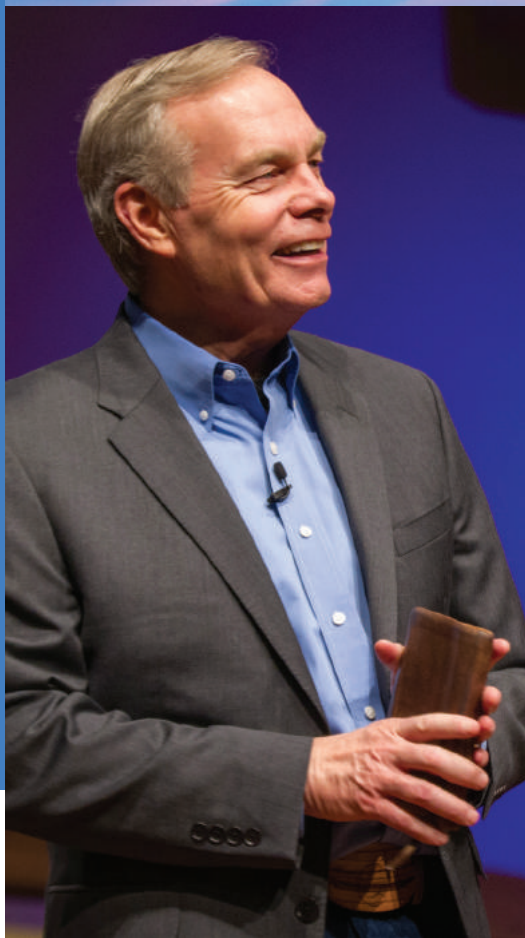
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Dear Friend,

At one time or another, you've probably thought, *I believe the Word and I'm doing everything I know to do, yet things still haven't worked out.* I have experienced that, too - personally and with many people I've ministered to. So, what's the problem? Actually, there are many problems, but I think most of them can be summed up by what Jesus said in Mark 7:13:

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition.

What a startling statement! Wrong teaching - specifically, wrong religious doctrine - makes God's Word of no effect. The most significant revelations I've received from the Lord all have to do with renewing my mind from old ways of thinking that I learned in church. As I was freed from the traditions, the simplicity of God's Word set me free.

At a *Gospel Truth Seminar*, the Lord led me to counter a number of traditions that void God's Word. It was heavy stuff that was hard on even many Full Gospel fanatics. I tried to be as gentle as possible, but there isn't a gentle way to kill a sacred cow. You just need to kill it and deal with the fallout. So, that's what I did. It was powerful. I covered a lot of issues during those sessions, but I only have space to mention one in this letter.

I think one of the worst doctrines in the body of Christ today is the belief that God controls everything. This is usually presented in one of two ways: that God originates everything or that Satan originates the evil things but has to get God's approval before he can do His "dirty work."

This doctrine seems to be dominant in the body of Christ. It's so entrenched that many people will just discount what I have to say before hearing me out. To them, this has become a sacred cow. But this old cow needs to die. They need to kill that sacred cow, or it will kill the power of God's Word in their lives.

On the surface, it makes perfect sense that God controls everything. After all, He is God. He is all-powerful. He can do whatever He wants to do.

I agree that God is sovereign if the word *sovereign* is used as it's defined in the dictionary. The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines *sovereign* as "1. Self-governing; independent. 2. Having supreme rank or power. 3. Paramount; supreme." *Sovereign* comes from a Latin word that means "above" (AHD). I agree with all of those definitions. God is all of that and more. But religious tradition has redefined *sovereign* to mean that God has and exercises "absolute control." I totally disagree with that!

God is not the one who makes our lives a mess. We have a choice.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says,

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

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To say we don't have a choice is another way of saying we aren't willing to take personal responsibility for our situations. When we believe we're not responsible, it invalidates the Word of God.

The Word tells us to make a choice between life and death, so we do have a choice. God even helped us out by telling us which one to choose: He said to choose life.

The slickest deception Satan has ever put across, primarily through the church, is to get people to embrace his work as the work of God. In my estimation, this is the worst doctrine in the body of Christ. If you really believe God controls everything, then why do anything? Why pray? Why study the Word? Why resist? Just eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you die, and whatever God wills to happen will happen.

However, James 4:7 says,

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Notice that there are things from God that you must submit to and things from the devil that you must resist. God does not control everything.

Religion has played into the victim mentality because it's the easiest way to explain away failure. The church has not been effective in helping people overcome things like sickness and financial problems, so they fall into the "sacred cow" belief that God is allowing this for a reason.

God isn't allowing the bad things in your life. The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives on the inside of every believer (Eph. 1:19-20), and God is waiting on you to resist the devil and appropriate what He has already provided through Jesus.

In my *Killing Sacred Cows* series, I teach more about this subject and other wrong beliefs that are crippling the body of Christ. You can get this teaching as part of a larger package called **Encounter Grace**, which includes additional teaching in DVD and paperback format. Find out more about this package at www.awme.net/shop, by calling our Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300, or by completing the enclosed form and mailing it in the envelope provided.

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For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:14

Hebrews 10:10 says that Jesus' offering sanctified us once for all; this verse says that those of us who have been sanctified by Jesus' offering were also perfected forever. Hallelujah! This is radically different than what religion preaches today.

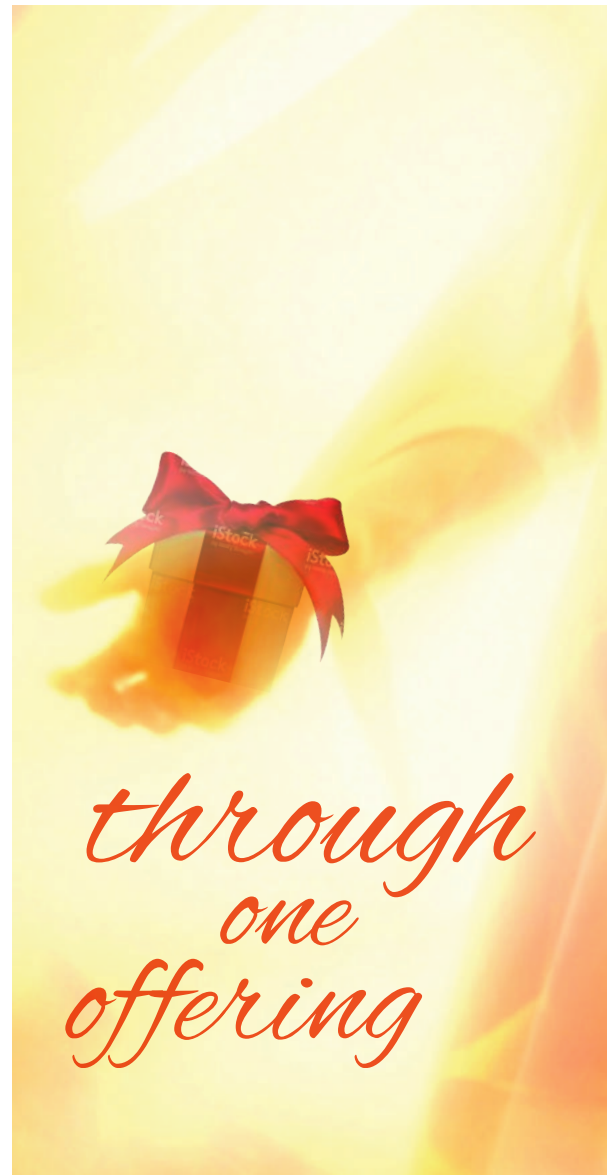
Most people believe they are only forgiven of things they've done in the past. Every time they sin, they think it is a new transgression that has to be "put under the blood" by confession and repentance. That's not so; Jesus sanctified and perfected us forever through one offering. He is not reapplying His blood to us every time we sin.

The way to understand this wonderful truth is to recognize that when we are born again, we each receive a new spirit that is created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24). The new, born-again spirit is as holy and pure as Jesus is (1 Cor. 6:17 and 1 John 4:17) because it is His Spirit (Gal. 4:6). The moment we believe, we are sealed (vacuum packed), and sin cannot penetrate that seal:

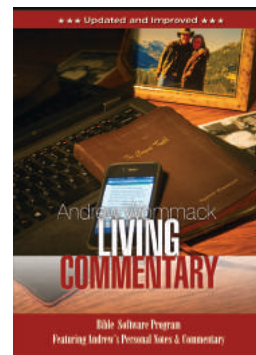
In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

Ephesians 1:13

When Christians sin, their bodies and souls participate and are affected by that sin, but their spirits are sealed and retain their holiness. That's the reason this verse says they are perfected forever. That perfection is in their born-again spirits (Heb. 12:23).



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CHARIS Graduates Respond to the Call



It's time once again. Caps, gowns, and swinging tassels. Snapping pictures and flashing smiles. Rolled diplomas in hand - empowerment to take on the world. For so long, this has been the expectation for this season. After lofty speeches and high-fives, graduates are sent off, hopefully heading in the right direction.

At Charis Bible College, however, graduation time is more than tassels and speeches; it's more than mere ceremony. By the time our students complete their second year and face the graduation walk, we've done our best to steer them toward God's call on their lives. Sometimes that call leads them to an additional year at Charis. It is through this third, more specialized year of training that some of the most exciting visions are revealed.

We spoke with a number of students to find out what God has been revealing to them. In this sampling, you'll see how the leading of the Lord is taking Charis graduates all over the globe.

Rossana Rita desires to start a Charis school in her home country of Angola, Africa. Although she intends to bring the message of the Gospel to her family and friends, she feels strongly that this message must be shared with the church in her country. She says that so many people claim to be part of the church but are in bondage to religion and don't even know it. (Catholicism has a strong influence in Angola.) There are also a lot of traditional African religions that, mixed with the occult, have caused much confusion and heartache for people who are searching for the truth. Rossana sees an intense need for freedom among these people. She also wants to share the revelation that God has a purpose and plan for each of them.

Sara Ibarra has an exciting vision for empowering youth. She says God has called her to teach young people about who they are in Christ. It is important to her that they realize they have an identity and a purpose that they can fulfill *before* they're adults. Sara wants to inspire youth with an outlook for missions. She plans to do this through conferences, weeklong trainings, and short-term missions trips, both inside and outside the United States. Sara wants to get young people to a place where they can say, "I can do what God has called me to do *now*. I'm called *now*."

Michael Atherly and his wife started praying for clarity of God's vision for their lives back in 2013. At first, Michael prayed on his own, every morning, but he felt like he was getting no closer to the plan than when he started. Finally, he realized that since he and his wife are one, maybe he should include her in on his prayer time. Within two weeks of doing so, Michael suddenly knew what they were to do. He approached his wife with his vision, but before he could open his mouth, she told him what she had heard from God. Their visions were identical: They were to go back to Guyana and have a farm where they would take in orphans and troubled kids and disciple them. They embraced this vision, and immediately, God began to open doors to make it happen. The biggest open door was when his dad called him and told him he had bought 100 acres of farmland in Guyana, and it was Michael's whenever he was ready for it. Acreage and graduation from Charis Colorado - the Atherlys are looking forward to seeing what doors the Lord will open next.

Similar to John's words in his Gospel, there is not room enough to contain all that God is doing through our Charis graduates. We know these men and women of God are fulfilling what Jesus said: "*Greater works than these shall [you] do; because I go unto my Father*" (John 14:12, brackets added). The Father is leading. Our graduates are going. And the world will never be the same.



Taking the Gospel Farther: Pakistan TV

This is an exciting season for Andrew Wommack Ministries television. Our efforts to carry out the God-given vision to go farther and deeper have been given a big boost.

In 2014 the government of Pakistan granted thirty-three licenses for religious television stations - all to Muslims, with one exception. Gawahi TV became the first Christian station to air programming in Karachi, one of the world's largest Muslim cities. Another breakthrough occurred when the Pakistani censorship board granted a block of time to foreign programming, opening the way for Andrew's *Gospel Truth* program. Tragically, in 2015 terrorists attacked and destroyed the station. However, God has enabled Gawahi to rebuild, and they are now ready to air Andrew's programs.

In addition to airing throughout Pakistan, where nearly half of the population speaks English, Gawahi's connection with PakSat, the official Pakistan satellite network, crosses borders, reaching forty-nine countries throughout the Middle East and beyond. Current coverage is just over 18.5 million people but with a potential of 2 billion!

This open door to reaching the Muslim world is a huge opportunity. Andrew's practical presentation of the Word of God, accompanied by real-life stories and illustrations, is a simple yet powerful way to introduce the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people trapped in Islam.

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