

# The Gospel According to John

## More Than Enough

*God's Sufficient Revelation*

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# Main Point

John truthfully testified to the person and works of Jesus; and though his words were inadequate, yet God's word is sufficient and sufficiently reveals the power of His cross to us.

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Along with the other disciples,  
John was an eyewitness of Jesus' works  
and words, and he saw and heard  
firsthand the manifestations  
of His wisdom, power, and glory.

## **1 John 1:1-2**

What was from the beginning, what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at  
and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life —  
and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and  
proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and  
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John was a truthful witness.

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Nearly 2,000 years after John wrote these words, and after relentless effort to discredit his work, the truthfulness of his testimony still stands irrefutable.

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John could not possibly put into words  
the depth, the riches, the beauty, and  
the glory of all that Jesus did and said.

Nor can you and I ever say all that  
could be said or say it in a way that  
would be adequate.

We must rest in the power  
and grace of God!



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The sufficiency of God's word.

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Though John had not written  
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what he did write, he wrote under  
the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,  
and it is sufficient for faith and life.

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John's Gospel was sufficient for faith and life.  
But God has given to us *all* His sufficient Word!

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Sufficiency does not mean that the Bible says everything about everything.

Sufficiency ***does*** mean that it says everything that needs to be said for life and godliness.

# More Than Enough

The truthfulness of John's testimony.

The inadequacy and sufficiency of words.

The practical power of the cross.



The cross is the theme of John's gospel--  
everything moves toward it and out from it,  
and this is true for all of Scripture.

The cross is where our redemption  
takes place and where the promises  
for life and godliness are  
guaranteed.

# **The Practical Power of the Cross**

It enables us to confidently  
stand before God.

## **Psalm 24:3-4**

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
And who may stand in His holy place?

**What is the answer?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood  
And has not sworn deceitfully.

**Who can say this?**

## **Romans 3:10-12**

There is none righteous, not even one;  
There is none who understands,  
There is none who seeks for God;  
All have turned aside, together they have become useless;  
There is none who does good,  
There is not even one.

**This includes you!**

**But...**

## **Romans 5:8-9**

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What does this mean for us now?

**Ephesians 3:12**

“In [Christ] we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.”

**Hebrews 4:16**

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

At the cross, Jesus made it possible  
for you to enter confidently and  
boldly before the very throne of God,  
knowing that He has made it to be  
a throne of grace to you.

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## **John 3:20**

For everyone who does evil hates the Light,  
and does not come to the Light for fear  
that his deeds will be exposed.

Why don't we want to come into the light?  
Why do we have such difficulty admitting our  
sins and our failures and our weaknesses?

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Because Christ dealt with ***all*** your sin  
at His cross, you now have a place  
to go with ***all*** your shame.

You no longer need to cover your  
weakness and brokenness and sinfulness;  
you can honestly own it all, knowing  
that you are beloved in Christ!

# The Practical Power of the Cross

It enables us to confidently stand before God.

It empowers us to honestly stand in the mirror.

It emboldens us to courageously  
stand before men.

**Psalm 118:6**

The LORD is for me; I will not fear;  
What can man do to me?

**Isaiah 51:7**

Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,  
A people in whose heart is My law;  
Do not fear the reproach of man,  
Nor be dismayed at their revilings.

## **Romans 8:31-34**

What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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Fear of man is a governing and paralyzing force, but the cross of Christ sets you free from this ruling power of fear by removing ***all*** your shame before the only One that knows all and judges all in perfect righteousness.

# Conclusion

Come to the cross of Christ and be cleansed -- be set free from all your shame.

Keep going to the cross of Christ  
to remember your cleansing  
and to be free of all your shame!