



## *How Deep The Father's Love For Us* *Day 5: Verse 3 (partial)*

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

### *Scripture Reference*

God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

- *1 Corinthians 1: 28-31*



We've come full circle and what a week it has been! We focused on God's love for us, and we've focused on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. We've reflected on our own part in the crucifixion. But glory, hallelujah, He rose out of the grave! He conquered the grave. Let us boast of His death and resurrection. Let that celebration not be confined to Easter weekend only – let us proclaim it year-round. Let us eagerly await His coming again.

*We started this week asking what Easter means to us. Has that meaning evolved any over the week? If so, write some of the new insight or truths the Holy Spirit has guided you through. What does the resurrection mean to you? How do you celebrate it in your life?*

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None of this is of our own efforts, of our own actions. We could not earn our salvation. We could not earn our righteousness, holiness, or redemption. No matter how hard we might try, we all fall short of the glory of God. It's all Jesus. He gave it all to and for us. Let us not boast in anything but Jesus. Boast in the Lord.

*In what ways do you still try to earn your salvation? In what ways are you trying to prove your worthiness? Surrender those to Christ now. How can you instead focus your heart, words, and actions on the cross and on Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how can you boast in Him.*

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God chose you – whether you were lowly, despised, rejected, downcast – no matter what you were before He was in you. He chose you. Because He chose you, you gain from His reward. He paid your ransom. You have gained His inheritance. Any gifts, power, or wisdom you have – it is of Christ. We have gained His wisdom. We have the Holy Spirit living in us – a constant relationship with the Heavenly Father and Son.

*Do you live as a chosen one? Do you claim your inheritance? What gifts, power, or wisdom has Jesus given you? How do you use those to boast of the Lord? Thank Jesus right this moment for the cross and its power in your life.*

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The cross didn't stop at the crucifixion. As believers and heirs in Christ, we are to live changed lives. As Galatians 2:20 says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Christ lives in you – through the Holy Spirit. Let your life be a reflection of His sacrifice, His love, and His dwelling in you. May we live and treat others in a way that reflects He who is within us.

*Meditate on all that you have thought over this week. Speak to your Heavenly Father about areas or ideas that you do not fully understand or areas that seem hard to accept. Soak in His love, grace, and wisdom. Acknowledge to Him areas you don't have figured out. He wants to walk with you through this life, as you come to know Him more and more. Let His Holy Spirit fill you.*

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