

Well said. . .

This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.-

-Martin Luther, "Defense and Explanation of All the Articles," 1521

There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history.

Sir Isaac Newton.

"We say we long for intimacy with God and others, and yet we structure our lives so that this becomes impossible. One might think we are avoiding intimacy, that maybe we really like our finely managed lives just the way they are."

— Mark Galli, *Chaos and Grace: Discovering the Liberating Work of the Holy Spirit*

The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.

Patrick Henry



Hiding behind a mask of strength, goodness, and respectability is a lonely place to live. That mask portrays to the world around us that we have it all together, that we can handle the mess, that we don't need people, or worse, that we don't need God.

—Emily Freeman, *Grace for the Good Girl: Letting Go of the Try-Hard Life*

The good news is that Christ frees us from the need to obnoxiously focus on our goodness, our commitment, and our correctness. Religious has made us obsessive almost beyond endurance. Jesus invited us to a dance...and we've turned it into a march of soldiers, always checking to see if we're doing it right and are in step and in line with the other soldiers. We know a dance would be more fun, but we believe we must go through hell to get to heaven, so we keep marching.

--Steve Brown, *A Scandalous Freedom*