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Section 1: The Holy Scriptures

We teach that the Bible is God's written revelation to man, and thus the sixty-six books of the Bible given to us by the Holy Spirit constitute the plenary (inspired equally in all parts) Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:7-14¹; 2 Peter 1:20-21²). We teach that the Word of God is an objective, propositional revelation (1 Thessalonians 2:13³; 1 Corinthians 2:13⁴), verbally inspired in every word (2 Timothy 3:16⁵), absolutely inerrant in the original documents, infallible, and God breathed. We teach the literal, grammatical, and historical interpretation of Scripture, which affirms the belief that the opening chapters of Genesis present creation in six literal days (Genesis 1:31⁶; Exodus 31:17⁷).

We teach that the Bible constitutes the only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matthew 5:18⁸; 24:35⁹; John 10:35¹⁰; 16:12-13¹¹; 17:17¹²; 1 Corinthians 2:13¹³; 2 Timothy 3:15-17¹⁴; Hebrews 4:12¹⁵; 2 Peter 1:20-21¹⁶). We teach that God spoke in His written Word by a process of dual authorship. The Holy Spirit so superintended the human authors that, through their individual personalities and different styles of writing, they composed and recorded God's Word to man (2 Peter 1:20-21¹⁷) without error in the whole or in the part (Matthew 5:18¹⁸; 2 Timothy 3:16¹⁹). We teach that, whereas there may be several applications of any given passage of Scripture, there is but one true interpretation.

The meaning of Scripture is to be found as one diligently applies the literal grammatical historical method of interpretation under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit (John 7:17²⁰; 16:12-15²¹; 1 Corinthians 2:7-15²²; 1 John 2:20²³). It is the responsibility of believers to ascertain carefully the true intent and meaning of Scripture, recognizing that proper application is binding on all generations. The truth of Scripture judges men; never do men judge scripture.

Section 2: The Godhead

We teach that there is but one living and true God (Deuteronomy 6:4²⁴; Isaiah 45:5-7²⁵; 1 Corinthians 8:4²⁶), an infinite, all knowing Spirit (John 4:24²⁷), perfect in all His attributes, one in essence, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-22²⁸, II Corinthians 13:14²⁹)—each equally deserving worship and obedience. He is the Creator of all things (Genesis 1:1-31³⁰; Ephesians 3:9³¹). (moved from God the Father [below] paragraph).

God the Father — We teach that God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace (Psalm 145:8-9³²; 1 Corinthians 8:6³³). As the only absolute and omnipotent Ruler in the universe, He is sovereign in creation, providence, and redemption (Psalm 103:19³⁴; Romans 11:36³⁵). His fatherhood involves both His designation within the Trinity and His relationship with mankind. As Creator, He is Father to all men (Ephesians 4:6³⁶), but He is spiritual Father only to believers (Romans 8:14³⁷; 2 Corinthians 6:18³⁸). He has decreed for His own glory all things that come to pass (Ephesians 1:11³⁹). He continually upholds, directs, and governs all creatures and events (1 Chronicles 29:11⁴⁰). In His sovereignty He is neither author nor approver of sin (Habakkuk 1:13⁴¹; John 8:38-47⁴²), nor does He abridge the accountability of moral, intelligent creatures (1 Peter 1:17⁴³). He has graciously chosen from eternity past those whom He would have as His own (Ephesians 1:4-6⁴⁴); He saves from sin all who come to Him through Jesus Christ; He adopts as his own all those who come to Him; and He becomes, upon adoption, Father to His own (John 1:12⁴⁵; Romans 8:15⁴⁶; Galatians 4:5⁴⁷; Hebrews 12:5-9⁴⁸).

God the Son — We teach that Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, possesses all the divine excellencies, and in these He is coequal, consubstantial, and coeternal with the Father (John 10:30⁴⁹; 14:9⁵⁰). We teach that God the Father created according to His own will, through His Son, Jesus Christ, by whom all things were created and continue in existence and in operation (John 1:3⁵¹; Colossians 1:15-17⁵²; Hebrews 1:2⁵³). We teach that in the incarnation (God becoming man) Christ surrendered only the prerogatives of deity but nothing of the divine essence, either in degree or kind. In His incarnation, the eternally existing second Person of the Trinity accepted all the essential characteristics of humanity and so became the God Man (Philippians 2:5-8⁵⁴; Colossians 2:9⁵⁵).

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We teach that Jesus Christ represents humanity and deity in indivisible oneness (Micah 5:2⁵⁶; John 5:23⁵⁷; 14:9-10⁵⁸; Colossians 2:9⁵⁹). We teach that our Lord Jesus Christ was virgin born (Isaiah 7:14⁶⁰; Matthew 1:23, 25⁶¹; Luke 1:26-35⁶²); that He was God incarnate (John 1:1, 14⁶³); and that the purpose of the incarnation was to reveal God, redeem men, and rule over God's kingdom (Psalm 2:7-9⁶⁴; Isaiah 9:6⁶⁵; John 1:29⁶⁶; Philippians 2:9-11⁶⁷; Hebrews 7:25-26⁶⁸; 1 Peter 1:18-19⁶⁹). We teach that, in the incarnation, the second person of the Trinity laid aside His right to the full prerogatives of coexistence with God, assumed the place of a son, and took on an existence appropriate to a servant while never divesting Himself of His divine attributes (Philippians 2:5-8⁷⁰). We teach that our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through the shedding of His blood and sacrificial death on the cross and that His death was voluntary, vicarious, substitutionary, propitiatory, and redemptive (John 10:15⁷¹; Romans 3:24-25⁷²; 5:8⁷³; 1 Peter 2:24⁷⁴).

We teach that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead and that He is now ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He now mediates as our Advocate and High Priest (Matthew 28:6⁷⁵; Luke 24:38-39⁷⁶; Acts 2:30-31⁷⁷; Romans 4:25⁷⁸; Romans 8:34⁷⁹; Hebrews 7:25⁸⁰; Hebrews 9:24⁸¹; 1 John 2:1⁸²). We teach that in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, God confirmed the deity of His Son and gave proof that God has accepted the atoning work of Christ on the cross. Jesus' bodily resurrection is also the guarantee of a future resurrection life for all believers (John 5:26-29⁸³; John 14:19⁸⁴; Romans 1:4⁸⁵; Romans 4:25⁸⁶; Romans 6:5-10⁸⁷; 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23⁸⁸). We teach that Jesus Christ will return to receive the Church, which is His Body, unto Himself at the rapture, and returning with His Church in glory, will establish His millennial kingdom on earth (Acts 1:9-11⁸⁹; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18⁹⁰; Revelation 20⁹¹).

We teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the One through whom God will judge all mankind (John 5:22-23⁹²); a. Believers (1 Corinthians 3:10-15⁹³; 2 Corinthians 5:10⁹⁴); b. Living inhabitants of the earth at His glorious return (Matthew 25:31-46⁹⁵); c. Unbelieving dead at the Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15⁹⁶). As the Mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5⁹⁷), the Head of His Body the Church (Ephesians 1:22⁹⁸; Ephesians 5:23⁹⁹; Colossians 1:18¹⁰⁰), and the coming universal King, who will reign on the throne of David (Isaiah 9:6¹⁰¹; Luke 1:31-33¹⁰²), He is the final Judge of all who fail to place their trust in Him as Lord and Savior (Matthew 25:14-46¹⁰³; Acts 17:30-31¹⁰⁴). We teach that on the basis of the efficacy of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, the believing sinner is freed from the punishment, the penalty, the power, and one day the very presence of sin; and that he is declared righteous, given eternal life, and adopted into the family of God (Romans 3:25¹⁰⁵; Romans 5:8-9¹⁰⁶; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15¹⁰⁷; 1 Peter 2:24¹⁰⁸; 1 Peter 3:18¹⁰⁹).

God the Holy Spirit — We teach that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, eternal, underived, possessing all the attributes of personality and deity including intellect (1 Corinthians 2: 10-13¹¹⁰), emotions (Ephesians 4:30¹¹¹), will (1 Corinthians 12:11¹¹²), eternity (Hebrews 9:14¹¹³), omnipresence (Psalm 139:7-10¹¹⁴), omniscience (Isaiah 40:13-14¹¹⁵), omnipotence (Romans 15:13¹¹⁶), and truthfulness (John 16:13¹¹⁷). In all the divine attributes He is coequal and consubstantial with the Father and the Son (Matthew 28:19¹¹⁸; Acts 5:34¹¹⁹; Acts 28:25-26¹²⁰; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6¹²¹; 2 Corinthians 13:1¹²²; and Jeremiah 31:31-34¹²³ with Hebrews 10:15-17¹²⁴). We teach that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to execute the divine will with relation to all mankind. We recognize His sovereign activity in creation (Genesis 1:2¹²⁵), the incarnation (Matthew 1:18¹²⁶), the written revelation (2 Peter 1:20-21¹²⁷), and the work of salvation (John 3:5-7¹²⁸). We teach that the work of the Holy Spirit in this (the church age) began at Pentecost when He came from the Father as promised by Christ (John 14:16-17¹²⁹; John 15:26¹³⁰) to initiate and complete the building of the Body of Christ, which is His Church (1 Corinthians 12:13¹³¹). The broad scope of His divine activity includes convicting the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ and transforming believers into the image of Christ (John 16:7-9¹³²; Acts 1:5¹³³; Acts 2:4¹³⁴; Romans 8:29¹³⁵; 2 Corinthians 3:18¹³⁶; Ephesians 2:22¹³⁷). We teach that the Holy Spirit is the supernatural and sovereign Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13¹³⁸). 1 Peter 2:24¹³⁹ The Holy Spirit also indwells, sanctifies, instructs, empowers them for service, and seals them unto the day of redemption (Romans 8:9¹⁴⁰; 2 Corinthians 3:6¹⁴¹; Ephesians 1:13¹⁴²).

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We teach that the Holy Spirit is the divine Teacher, who guided the apostles and prophets into all truth as they committed to writing God's revelation, the Bible. Every believer possesses the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit from the moment of salvation, and it is the duty of all those born of the Spirit to be filled with (controlled by) the Spirit (John 16:13¹⁴³; Romans 8:9¹⁴⁴; Ephesians 5:18¹⁴⁵; 2 Peter 1:19-21¹⁴⁶; 1 John 2:20, 27¹⁴⁷). We teach that the Holy Spirit administers spiritual gifts to the Church. The Holy Spirit glorifies neither Himself nor His gifts by ostentatious displays, but He does glorify Christ by implementing His work of redeeming the lost and building up believers in the most holy faith (John 16:13-14¹⁴⁸; Acts 1:8¹⁴⁹; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11¹⁵⁰; 2 Corinthians 3:18¹⁵¹). We teach, in this respect, that God the Holy Spirit is sovereign in the bestowing of all His gifts for the perfecting of the saints today and that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles in the beginning days of the Church were for the purpose of pointing to and authenticating the apostles as revealers of divine truth, and were never intended to be characteristic of the lives of believers (1 Corinthians 12:4-11¹⁵²; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10¹⁵³; 2 Corinthians 12:12¹⁵⁴; Ephesians 4:7-12¹⁵⁵; Hebrews 2:1-4¹⁵⁶).

Section 3: Man

We teach that man was directly and immediately created by God in His image and likeness. Man was created free of sin with a rational nature, intelligence, volition, self determination, and moral responsibility to God (Genesis 2:7, 15-25¹⁵⁷; James 3:9¹⁵⁸). We teach that God's intention in the creation of man was that man should glorify God, enjoy God's fellowship, live his life in the will of God, and by this accomplish God's purpose for man in the world (Isaiah 43:7¹⁵⁹; Colossians 1:16¹⁶⁰; Revelation 4:11¹⁶¹). We teach that in Adam's sin of disobedience to the revealed will and Word of God, man lost his innocence; incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death; became subject to the wrath of God; and became inherently corrupt and utterly incapable of choosing or doing that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace. With no recuperative powers to enable him to recover himself, man is hopelessly lost. Man's salvation is thereby wholly of God's grace through the recuperative work of our Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 2:16-17¹⁶²; Genesis 3:1-19¹⁶³; John 3:36¹⁶⁴; Romans 3:23¹⁶⁵; Romans 6:23¹⁶⁶; 1 Corinthians 2:14¹⁶⁷; Ephesians 2:1-3¹⁶⁸; 1 Timothy 2:13-14¹⁶⁹; 1 John 1:8¹⁷⁰). We teach that because all men were in Adam, a nature corrupted by Adam's sin has been transmitted to all men of all ages, Jesus Christ being the only exception. All men are thus sinners by nature, by choice, and by divine declaration (Psalm 14:1-3¹⁷¹; Jeremiah 17:9¹⁷²; Romans 3:9-18, 23;¹⁷³ Romans 5:10-12¹⁷⁴).

Section 4: Salvation

We teach that salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works (John 1:12¹⁷⁵; Ephesians 1:7¹⁷⁶; Ephesians 2:8-10¹⁷⁷; 1 Peter 1:18-19¹⁷⁸).

Regeneration — We teach that regeneration is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit by which the divine nature and divine life are given (John 3:3-7¹⁷⁹; Titus 3:5¹⁸⁰). It is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God (John 5:24¹⁸¹), when the repentant sinner, as enabled by the Holy Spirit, responds in faith to the divine provision of salvation. Genuine regeneration is manifested by fruits worthy of repentance as demonstrated in righteous attitudes and conduct. Good works will be its proper evidence and fruit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20¹⁸²; Ephesians 2:10¹⁸³), and will be experienced to the extent that the believer submits to the control of the Holy Spirit in his life through faithful obedience to the Word of God (Ephesians 5:17-21¹⁸⁴; Philippians 2:12¹⁸⁵; Colossians 3:16¹⁸⁶; 2 Peter 1:4-10¹⁸⁷). This obedience causes the believer to be increasingly conformed to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18¹⁸⁸). Such conformity is climaxed in the believer's glorification at Christ's coming (Romans 8:17¹⁸⁹; 2 Peter 1:4¹⁹⁰; John 3:2-3¹⁹¹).

Election — We teach that election is the act of God by which, before the foundation of the world, He chose in Christ those whom He graciously regenerates, saves, and sanctifies (Romans 8:28-30¹⁹²; Ephesians 1:4-11¹⁹³; 2 Thessalonians 2:13¹⁹⁴; 2 Timothy 2:10¹⁹⁵; 1 Peter 1:1-2¹⁹⁶). We teach that sovereign election does not contradict or negate the responsibility of man to repent and trust Christ as Savior and Lord (Ezekiel 18:23, 32¹⁹⁷; Ezekiel 33:11¹⁹⁸; John 3:18-19, 36¹⁹⁹; John 5:40²⁰⁰; Romans 9:22-23²⁰¹; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-

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12²⁰²; Revelation 22:17²⁰³). Nevertheless, since sovereign grace includes the means of receiving the gift of salvation as well as the gift itself, sovereign election will result in what God determines. All whom the Father calls to Himself will come in faith and all who come in faith the Father will receive (John 6:37-40, 44²⁰⁴; Acts 13:48²⁰⁵; James 4:8²⁰⁶).

We teach that the unmerited favor that God grants to totally depraved sinners is not related to any initiative of their own part nor to God's anticipation of what they might do by their own will, but is solely of His sovereign grace and mercy (Ephesians 1:4-7²⁰⁷; Titus 3:4-7²⁰⁸; 1 Peter 1:2²⁰⁹). We teach that election should not be looked upon as based merely on abstract sovereignty. God is truly sovereign but He exercises this sovereignty in harmony with His other attributes, especially His omniscience, justice, holiness, wisdom, grace, and love (Romans 9:11-16²¹⁰). This sovereignty will always exalt the will of God in a manner totally consistent with His character as revealed in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:25-28²¹¹; 2 Timothy 1:9²¹²).

Justification — We teach that justification before God is an act of God (Romans 8:33²¹³) by which He declares righteous those who, through faith in Christ, repent of their sins (Luke 13:3²¹⁴; Acts 2:38²¹⁵; Acts 3:19²¹⁶; Acts 11:18²¹⁷; Romans 2:4²¹⁸; 2 Corinthians 7:10²¹⁹; Isaiah 55:6-7²²⁰) and confess Him as sovereign Lord (Romans 10:9-10²²¹; 1 Corinthians 12:3²²²; 2 Corinthians 4:5²²³; Philippians 2:11²²⁴). This righteousness is apart from any virtue or work of man (Romans 3:20²²⁵; Romans 4:6²²⁶) and involves the imputation (assigned) of our sins to Christ (Colossians 2:14²²⁷; 1 Peter 2:24²²⁸) and the imputation (assigned) of Christ's righteousness to us (1 Corinthians 1:30²²⁹; 2 Corinthians 5:21²³⁰). By this means God is enabled to "be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:26²³¹).

Sanctification — We teach that every believer is sanctified (set apart) unto God by justification and is therefore declared to be holy and identified as a saint. This sanctification is positional and instantaneous and should not be confused with progressive sanctification. This sanctification has to do with the believer's standing, not his present walk or condition (Acts 20:32²³²; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30²³³; 1 Corinthians 6:11²³⁴; 2 Thessalonians 2:13²³⁵; Hebrews 2:11²³⁶; Hebrews 3:1²³⁷; Hebrews 10:10, 14²³⁸; Hebrews 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2²³⁹).

We teach that there is also by the work of the Holy Spirit a progressive sanctification by which the state of the believer is brought closer to the standing the believer positionally enjoys through justification. Through obedience to the Word of God and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, the believer is able to live a life of increasing holiness in conformity to the will of God, becoming more and more like our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:17, 19²⁴⁰; Romans 6:1-22²⁴¹; 2 Corinthians 3:18²⁴²; 1 Thessalonians 4:3 4²⁴³; 1 Thessalonians 5:23²⁴⁴).

In this respect, we teach that every saved person is involved in a daily conflict—the new creation in Christ doing battle against the flesh—but adequate provision is made for victory through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The struggle nevertheless stays with the believer all through this earthly life and is never completely ended. All claims to the eradication of sin in this life are unscriptural. Eradication of sin is not possible, but the Holy Spirit does provide for victory over sin (Galatians 5:16-25²⁴⁵; Ephesians 4:22-24²⁴⁶; Philippians 3:12²⁴⁷; Colossians 3:9-10²⁴⁸; 1 Peter 1:14- 16²⁴⁹; 1 John 3:5-9²⁵⁰).

Security — We teach that all the redeemed once saved are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 5:24²⁵¹; John 6:37-40²⁵²; John 10:27-30²⁵³; Romans 5:9-10²⁵⁴; Romans 8:1, 31-39²⁵⁵; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8²⁵⁶; Ephesians 4:30²⁵⁷; Hebrews 7:25²⁵⁸; Hebrews 13:5²⁵⁹; 1 Peter 1:5²⁶⁰; Jude 24²⁶¹). We teach that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion for sinful behavior and carnality (Romans 6:15-22²⁶²; Romans 13:13-14²⁶³; Galatians 5:13²⁶⁴, 25-26²⁶⁵; Titus 2:11-14²⁶⁶).

Separation — We teach that separation from sin is clearly called for throughout the Old and New Testaments, and that the Scriptures clearly indicate that in the last days apostasy and worldliness shall

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increase (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1²⁶⁷; 2 Timothy 3:1-5²⁶⁸). We teach that out of deep gratitude for the undeserved grace of God granted to us and because our glorious God is so worthy of our total consecration, all the saved should live in such a manner as to demonstrate our adoring love to God and so as not to bring reproach upon our Lord and Savior. We also teach that separation from all religious apostasy and worldly and sinful practices is commanded of us by God (Romans 12:1-2²⁶⁹; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13²⁷⁰; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1²⁷¹; 1 John 2:15-17²⁷²; 2 John 9-11²⁷³).

We teach that believers should be separated unto our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12²⁷⁴; Hebrews 12:1-2²⁷⁵) and affirm that the Christian life is a life of obedient righteousness that reflects the teaching of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12²⁷⁶) and a continual pursuit of holiness (Romans 12:1-2²⁷⁷; 2 Corinthians 7:1²⁷⁸; Hebrews 12:14²⁷⁹; Titus 2:11-14²⁸⁰; 1 John 3:1-10²⁸¹).

Section 5: The Church

We teach that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual Body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-13²⁸²), the bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2²⁸³; Ephesians 5:23-32²⁸⁴; Revelation 19:7-8²⁸⁵), of which Christ is the Head (Ephesians 1:22²⁸⁶; Ephesians 4:15²⁸⁷; Colossians 1:18²⁸⁸). We teach that the formation of the Church, the Body of Christ, began on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21²⁸⁹, Acts 2:38-47²⁹⁰) and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own at the rapture (1 Corinthians 15:51-52²⁹¹; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18²⁹²).

We teach that the Church is thus a unique spiritual organism designed by Christ, made up of all born again believers in this present age (Ephesians 2:11-3:6²⁹³). The Church is distinct from Israel (1 Corinthians 10:32²⁹⁴), a mystery not revealed until this age (Ephesians 3:1-6²⁹⁵; Ephesians 5:32²⁹⁶). We teach that the establishment and continuity of local Churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:23-27²⁹⁷; Acts 20:17,28²⁹⁸; Galatians 1:2²⁹⁹; Philippians 1:1³⁰⁰; 1 Thessalonians 1:1³⁰¹; 2 Thessalonians 1:1³⁰²) and that the members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies (1 Corinthians 11:18-20³⁰³; Hebrews 10:25³⁰⁴).

We teach that the one supreme authority for the Church is Christ (1 Corinthians 11:3³⁰⁵; Ephesians 1:22³⁰⁶; Colossians 1:18³⁰⁷) and that Church leadership, gifts, order, discipline, and worship are all appointed through His sovereignty as found in the Scriptures. The biblically designated officers serving under Christ and over the assembly are elders (also called bishops, pastors, and pastor teachers (Acts 20:28³⁰⁸; Ephesians 4:11³⁰⁹) and deacons, both of whom must meet biblical qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-13³¹⁰; Titus 1:5-9³¹¹; 1 Peter 5:1-5³¹²). We teach that these leaders lead or rule as servants of Christ (1 Timothy 5:17-22³¹³) and have His authority in directing the Church. The congregation is to submit to their leadership (Hebrews 13:7, 17³¹⁴).

We teach the importance of discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20³¹⁵; 2 Timothy 2:2³¹⁶), mutual accountability of all believers to each other (Matthew 18:5-14³¹⁷), as well as the need for discipline of sinning members of the congregation in accord with the standards of Scripture (Matthew 18:15-22³¹⁸; Acts 5:1-11³¹⁹; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13³²⁰; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15³²¹; 1 Timothy 1:19-20³²²; Titus 1:10-16³²³).

We teach the autonomy of the local Church, free from any external authority or control except under the authority of the Scriptures or Holy Spirit, with the right of self-government and freedom from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations (Titus 1:5³²⁴). We teach that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other for the presentation and propagation of the faith. Each local church, however, through its elders and their interpretation and application of Scripture, should be the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation.

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The elders shall determine and shall have the sole discretion to interpret and decide all matters of membership, policy, doctrine, benevolence and governance. (Acts 15:19-31³²⁵; Acts 20:28³²⁶; 1 Corinthians 5:4-7, 13³²⁷; 1 Peter 5:14³²⁸)

We teach that the purpose of the Church is to glorify God (Ephesians 3:21³²⁹) by building itself up in the faith and love (Ephesians 4:13-16³³⁰), by instruction of the Word (2 Timothy 2:2, 15³³¹; 2 Timothy 3:16-17³³²), by fellowship (Acts 2:47³³³; 1 John 1:3³³⁴), by keeping the ordinances (Luke 22:19³³⁵; Acts 2:38-42³³⁶) and by advancing and communicating the gospel to the entire world (Matthew 28:19³³⁷; Acts 1:8³³⁸; Acts 2:42³³⁹). We teach the calling of all saints to the work of service (1 Corinthians 15:58³⁴⁰; Ephesians 4:12³⁴¹; Revelation 22:12³⁴²).

We teach the need of the Church to submit to God as He accomplishes His purpose in the world. To that end, He gives the Church spiritual gifts. First, He gives men chosen for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:7-12³⁴³), and He also gives unique and special spiritual abilities to each member of the Body of Christ (Romans 12:5-8³⁴⁴; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31³⁴⁵; 1 Peter 4:10-11³⁴⁶).

We teach that there were two kinds of gifts given the early Church: miraculous gifts of divine revelation and healing, given temporarily in the apostolic era for the purpose of confirming the authenticity of the apostles' message (Hebrews 2:3, 4³⁴⁷; 2 Corinthians 12:12³⁴⁸); and ministering gifts, given to equip believers for edifying one another. With the New Testament revelation now complete, Scripture becomes the sole test of the authenticity of a man's message, and confirming gifts of a miraculous nature are no longer necessary to validate a man or his message (1 Corinthians 13:8-12³⁴⁹). Miraculous gifts can even be counterfeited by Satan so as to deceive even believers (1 Corinthians 13:13-14:12³⁵⁰; Revelation 13:13-14³⁵¹). We teach that the only gifts that are active today are those nonrevelatory equipping gifts given for edification (Romans 12:6-8³⁵²). We teach that no one possesses the gift of healing today but that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith and will answer in accordance with His own perfect will for the sick, suffering, and afflicted (Luke 18:1-6³⁵³; John 5:7-9³⁵⁴; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10³⁵⁵; James 5:13-16³⁵⁶; 1 John 5:14-15³⁵⁷).

We teach that two ordinances have been committed to the local Church: baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:38-42³⁵⁸). Christian baptism by immersion (Acts 8:36-39³⁵⁹) is the solemn and beautiful testimony of a believer showing forth his faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, and his union with Him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life (Romans 6:1-11³⁶⁰). It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible Body of Christ (Acts 2:41, 42³⁶¹). We teach that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration and proclamation of His death until He comes, and should be always preceded by solemn self examination (1 Corinthians 11:28-32³⁶²). We also teach that whereas the elements of Communion are only representative of the flesh and blood of Christ, the Lord's Supper is nevertheless an actual communion with the risen Christ who is present in a unique way, fellowshiping with His people (1 Corinthians 10:16³⁶³).

Section 6: Angels

Holy Angels — We teach that angels are created beings and are therefore not to be worshiped. Although they are a higher order of creation than man, they are created to serve God and to worship Him (Luke 2:9-14³⁶⁴; Hebrews 1:6-7³⁶⁵, 14; Hebrews 2:6-7³⁶⁶; Revelation 5:11-14³⁶⁷; Revelation 19:10³⁶⁸; Revelation 22:9³⁶⁹).

Fallen Angels — We teach that Satan is a created angel and the author of sin. He incurred the judgment of God by rebelling against his Creator (Isaiah 14:12-17³⁷⁰; Ezekiel 28:11-19³⁷¹), by taking numerous angels with him in his fall (Matthew 25:41³⁷²; Revelation 12:1-14³⁷³), and by introducing sin into the human race by his temptation of Eve (Genesis 3:1-15³⁷⁴). We teach that Satan is the open and declared enemy of God and man (Isaiah 14:13-14³⁷⁵; Matthew 4:1-11³⁷⁶; Revelation 12:9-10³⁷⁷); the prince of this world, who has been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 16:20³⁷⁸); and that he shall be

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eternally punished in the lake of fire (Isaiah 14:12-17³⁷⁹; Ezekiel 28:11-19³⁸⁰; Matthew 25:41³⁸¹; Revelation 20:10³⁸²).

Section 7: Last Things (Eschatology)

Death — We teach that physical death involves no loss of our immaterial or soul consciousness (Revelation 6:9-11³⁸³), that the soul of the redeemed passes immediately into the presence of Christ (Luke 23:43³⁸⁴; Philippians 1:23³⁸⁵; 2 Corinthians 5:8³⁸⁶), that there is a separation of soul and body (Philippians 1:21-24³⁸⁷), and that, for the redeemed, such separation will continue until the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17³⁸⁸), which initiates the first resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6³⁸⁹), when our soul and body will be reunited to be glorified forever with our Lord (Philippians 3:21³⁹⁰; 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-54³⁹¹). Until that time, the souls of the redeemed in Christ remain in joyful fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:8³⁹²). We teach the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life (John 6:39³⁹³; Romans 8:10-11³⁹⁴; Romans 6:23³⁹⁵; 2 Corinthians 4:14³⁹⁶) and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Daniel 12:2³⁹⁷; John 5:29³⁹⁸; Revelation 20:13-15³⁹⁹). We teach that the souls of the unsaved at death are kept under punishment until the second resurrection (Luke 16:19-26⁴⁰⁰; Revelation 20:13-15⁴⁰¹), when the soul and the resurrection body will be united (John 5:28-29⁴⁰²). They shall then appear at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15⁴⁰³) and shall be cast into hell, the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41-46⁴⁰⁴), and separated from God forever (Daniel 12:2⁴⁰⁵; Matthew 25:41-46⁴⁰⁶; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9⁴⁰⁷).

The Rapture of the Church — We teach the personal, bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ before the seven-year tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:16⁴⁰⁸; Titus 2:13⁴⁰⁹) to translate His Church from this earth (John 14:1-4⁴¹⁰; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10⁴¹¹; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53⁴¹²; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:11⁴¹³) and, between this event and His glorious return with His saints, to reward believers according to their works (1 Corinthians 3:11-15⁴¹⁴; 2 Corinthians 5:10⁴¹⁵).

The Tribulation Period — We teach that immediately following the removal of the Church from the earth (John 14:1-3⁴¹⁶; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18⁴¹⁷) the righteous judgments of God will be poured out upon an unbelieving world (Jeremiah 30:7⁴¹⁸; Daniel 9:27⁴¹⁹; Daniel 12:1⁴²⁰; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12⁴²¹; Revelation 16⁴²²), and that these judgments will be climaxed by the return of Christ in glory to the earth (Matthew 24:27-31⁴²³; Matthew 25:31-46⁴²⁴; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12⁴²⁵). At that time, the Old Testament and tribulation saints will be raised and the living will be judged (Daniel 12:2-3⁴²⁶; Revelation 20:4-6⁴²⁷). This period includes the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27⁴²⁸; Matthew 24:15-31⁴²⁹; Matthew 25:31-46⁴³⁰).

The Second Coming and the Millennial Reign — We teach that, after the tribulation period, Christ will come to earth to occupy the throne of David (Matthew 25:31⁴³¹; Luke 1:31-33⁴³²; Acts 1:10-11⁴³³; Acts 2:29-30⁴³⁴) and establish His kingdom for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-7⁴³⁵). During this time, the resurrected saints will reign with Him over Israel and all the nations of the earth (Ezekiel 37:21-28⁴³⁶; Daniel 7:17-22⁴³⁷; Revelation 19:11-16⁴³⁸). This reign will be preceded by the overthrow of the Antichrist and the False Prophet, and by the removal of Satan from the world (Daniel 7:17-27⁴³⁹; Revelation 20:1-7⁴⁴⁰). We teach that the kingdom itself will be the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel (Isaiah 65:17-25⁴⁴¹; Ezekiel 37:21-28⁴⁴²; Zechariah 8:1-17⁴⁴³) to restore them to the land, which they forfeited through their disobedience (Deuteronomy 28:15-68⁴⁴⁴). The result of their disobedience was that Israel was temporarily set aside (Matthew 21:43⁴⁴⁵; Romans 11: 1-26⁴⁴⁶) but will again be awakened through repentance to enter into the land of blessing (Jeremiah 31:31-34⁴⁴⁷; Ezekiel 36:22-32⁴⁴⁸; Romans 11:25-29⁴⁴⁹). We teach that this time of our Lord's reign will be characterized by harmony, justice, peace, righteousness, and long life (Isaiah 11⁴⁵⁰; Isaiah 65:17-25⁴⁵¹; Ezekiel 36:33-38⁴⁵²), and will be brought to an end with the release of Satan (Revelation 20:7⁴⁵³).

The Judgment of the Lost — We teach that following the release of Satan after the thousand year reign of Christ (Revelation 20:7⁴⁵⁴), Satan will deceive the nations of the earth and gather them to battle against the saints and the beloved city, at which time Satan and his army will be devoured by fire from heaven (Revelation 20:9⁴⁵⁵). Following this, Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (Matthew

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25:41⁴⁵⁶; Revelation 20:10⁴⁵⁷) where upon Christ, who is the Judge of all men (John 5:22⁴⁵⁸), will resurrect and judge the great and small at the Great White Throne judgment. We teach that this resurrection of the unsaved dead to judgment will be a physical resurrection, where upon receiving their judgment (Romans 14:10-13⁴⁵⁹), they will be committed to an eternal conscious punishment in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41⁴⁶⁰; Revelation 20:11-15⁴⁶¹).

Eternity — We teach that after the closing of the millennium, the temporary release of Satan, and the judgment of unbelievers (2 Thessalonians 1:9⁴⁶²; Revelation 20:7-15⁴⁶³), the saved will enter the eternal state of glory with God, after which the elements of this earth are to be dissolved (2 Peter 3:10⁴⁶⁴) and replaced with a new earth wherein only righteousness dwells (Ephesians 5:5⁴⁶⁵; Revelation 20:15⁴⁶⁶, Revelation 21-22). Following this, the heavenly city will come down out of heaven (Revelation 21:2⁴⁶⁷) and will be the dwelling place of the saints, where they will enjoy forever fellowship with God and one another (John 17:3⁴⁶⁸; Revelation 21-22⁴⁶⁹). Our Lord Jesus Christ, having fulfilled His redemptive mission, will then deliver up the kingdom to God the Father (I Corinthians 15:24-28⁴⁷⁰) that in all spheres the triune God may reign forever and ever (I Corinthians 15:28⁴⁷¹).

Section 8: Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27⁴⁷².) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" between two persons means: the uniting of one man as created by God and one woman as created by God in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25⁴⁷³.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18⁴⁷⁴; 1 Cor 7:2-5⁴⁷⁵; Heb 13:4⁴⁷⁶.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20⁴⁷⁷; 1 Cor 6:9-10⁴⁷⁸.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the local church as part of the bride of Christ, as well as to provide a biblical role model to all members, those who attend this local church, and to the community, all persons serving in any capacity in this local church, whether as a paid employee or a volunteer, must abide by this Doctrinal Statement. (Matt 5:16⁴⁷⁹; Phil 2:14-16⁴⁸⁰; 1 Thess 5:22⁴⁸¹.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21⁴⁸²; Rom 10:9-10⁴⁸³; 1 Cor 6:9-11⁴⁸⁴.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31⁴⁸⁵; Luke 6:31⁴⁸⁶.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Grace Church of Rootstown.

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¹ 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- **10** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual

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words. **14** The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:7-14

² **20** Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **21** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21

³ **13** And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

⁴ **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 1 Corinthians 2:13

⁵ **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16

⁶ **31** God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

⁷ **17** It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested. Exodus 31:17

⁸ **18** I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:18

⁹ **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Matthew 24:35

¹⁰ **35** If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came--and the Scripture cannot be broken-- John 10:35

¹¹ **12** "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:12-13

¹² **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

¹³ **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 1 Corinthians 2:13

¹⁴ **15** and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:15-17

¹⁵ **12** For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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²⁰ **17** If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. John 7:17

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²² **7** No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- **10** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual

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words. **14** The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 1 Corinthians 2:7-15

²³ **20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 1 John 2:20

²⁴ **4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4

²⁵ **5** I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, **6** so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. **7** I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. Isaiah 45:5-7

²⁶ **4** So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. 1 Corinthians 8:4

²⁷ **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

²⁸ **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-22

²⁹ **14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. II Corinthians 13:14

³⁰ Account of the creation Genesis 1:1-31

³¹ **9** and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. Ephesians 3:9

³² **8** The LORD is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love. **9** The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. Psalm 145:8-9

³³ **6** yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6

³⁴ **19** The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

³⁵ **36** For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen Romans 11:36

³⁶ **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:6

³⁷ **14** because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:14

³⁸ **18** "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

³⁹ **11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, Ephesians 1:11

⁴⁰ **11** Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

⁴¹ **13** Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Habakkuk 1:13

⁴² **38** I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father. " **39** "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. **40** As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. **41** You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." **38** I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father. " **39** "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. **40** As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. **41** You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." John 8:38-47

⁴³ **17** Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 1 Peter 1:17

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⁴⁴ **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1: 4-6

⁴⁵ **12** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- John 1:12

⁴⁶ **15** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "'Abba," Father." Romans 8:15

⁴⁷ **5** to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:5

⁴⁸ **5** And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, **6** because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." **7** Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? **8** If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. **9** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Hebrews 12:5-9

⁴⁹ **30** I and the Father are one. John 10:30

⁵⁰ **9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? John 14:9

⁵¹ **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:3

⁵² **15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

⁵³ **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. Hebrews 1:2

⁵⁴ **5** Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

⁵⁵ **9** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, Colossians 2:9

⁵⁶ **2** "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. " Micah 5:2

⁵⁷ **23** that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:23

⁵⁸ **9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. John 14:9-10

⁵⁹ **9** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, Colossians 2:9

⁶⁰ **14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

⁶¹ **23** "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." **25** But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:23, 25

⁶² **26** In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." **29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. **31** You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." **34** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:26-35

⁶³ **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

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⁶⁴ **7** I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Psalm 2:7-9

⁶⁵ **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

⁶⁶ **29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

⁶⁷ **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

⁶⁸ **25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. **26** Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7:25-26

⁶⁹ **18** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed¹ from the empty way of life² handed down to you from your forefathers, **19** but with the precious blood³ of Christ, a lamb⁴ without blemish or defect.⁵ 1 Peter 1:18-19

⁷⁰ **5** Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

⁷¹ **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:15

⁷² **24** and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25** God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- Romans 3:24-25

⁷³ **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

⁷⁴ **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

⁷⁵ **6** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

⁷⁶ **38** He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." Luke 24:38-39

⁷⁷ **30** But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. Acts 2:30-31

⁷⁸ **25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:25

⁷⁹ **34** Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34

⁸⁰ **25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25

⁸¹ **24** For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Hebrews 9:24

⁸² **1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 1 John 2:1

⁸³ **26** For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. **27** And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. **28** "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice **29** and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:26-29

⁸⁴ **19** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19

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⁸⁵ **4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 1:4

⁸⁶ **25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:25

⁸⁷ **5** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. **6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- **7** because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. **8** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. Romans 6:5-10

⁸⁸ **20** But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **23** But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23

⁸⁹ **9** After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11

⁹⁰ **13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

⁹¹ Revelation 20: The thousand years, Satan's doom, and the dead are judged

⁹² **22** Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, **23** that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. John 5:22-23

⁹³ **10** By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. **11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. **14** If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. **15** If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

⁹⁴ **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10

⁹⁵ **31** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. **34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' **37** "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' **40** "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' **44** "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' **45** "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' **46** "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:31-46

⁹⁶ **11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

⁹⁷ **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5

⁹⁸ **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, Ephesians 1:22

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⁹⁹ **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Ephesians 5:23

¹⁰⁰ **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

¹⁰¹ **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

¹⁰² **31** You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:31-33

¹⁰³ **14** "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. **15** To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. **17** So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. **18** But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' **21** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' **22** "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' **23** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' **24** "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' **26** "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. **28** " 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. **29** For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. **30** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **31** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. **34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' **37** "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' **40** "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' **44** "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' **45** "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' **46** "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:14-46

¹⁰⁴ **30** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **31** For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

¹⁰⁵ **25** God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- Romans 3:25

¹⁰⁶ **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! Romans 5:8-9

¹⁰⁷ **14** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁰⁸ **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

¹⁰⁹ **18** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18

¹¹⁰ **10** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely

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given us. **13** This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 1 Corinthians 2: 10-13

¹¹¹ **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

¹¹² **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:11

¹¹³ **14** How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:14

¹¹⁴ **7** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? **8** If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. **9** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, **10** even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10

¹¹⁵ **13** Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? **14** Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding? Isaiah 40:13-14

¹¹⁶ **13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

¹¹⁷ **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

¹¹⁸ **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19

¹¹⁹ **34** But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Acts 5:34

¹²⁰ **25** They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet: **26** "Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." Acts 28:25-26

¹²¹ **4** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

¹²² **1** This will be my third visit to you. "Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." 2 Corinthians 13:1

¹²³ **31** "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. **33** "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34** No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:31-34

¹²⁴ **15** The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: **16** "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." **17** Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." Hebrews 10:15-17

¹²⁵ **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2

¹²⁶ **18** This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18

¹²⁷ **20** Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **21** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21

¹²⁸ **5** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' John 3:5-7

¹²⁹ **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. John 14:16-17

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¹³⁰ **26** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. John 15:26

¹³¹ **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³² **7** But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; John 16:7-9

¹³³ **5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:5

¹³⁴ **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

¹³⁵ **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29

¹³⁶ **18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹³⁷ **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:22

¹³⁸ **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³⁹ **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

¹⁴⁰ **9** You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

¹⁴¹ **6** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6

¹⁴² **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13

¹⁴³ **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

¹⁴⁴ **9** You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

¹⁴⁵ **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

¹⁴⁶ **19** And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **21** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21

¹⁴⁷ **20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. **27** As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him. 1 John 2:20, 27

¹⁴⁸ **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16:13-14

¹⁴⁹ **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

¹⁵⁰ **4** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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¹⁵¹ **18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁵² 1 Corinthians 12:4-11: see previous listing of verses

¹⁵³ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

¹⁵⁴ **12** The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles--were done among you with great perseverance. 2 Corinthians 12:12

¹⁵⁵ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **8** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." **9** (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? **10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:7-12

¹⁵⁶ Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? Hebrews 2:1-4

¹⁵⁷ **7** the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. **15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." **18** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." **19** Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20** So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. **21** So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. **22** Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. **23** The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." **24** For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. **25** The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2:7, 15-25

¹⁵⁸ **9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. James 3:9

¹⁵⁹ **7** everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:7

¹⁶⁰ **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. Colossians 1:16

¹⁶¹ **11** "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,¹ for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."² Revelation 4:11

¹⁶² **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶³ **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" **4** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." **11** And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" **12** The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" **16** To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." **17** To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. **18** It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **19**

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By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Genesis 3:1-19

¹⁶⁴ **36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3:36

¹⁶⁵ **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

¹⁶⁶ **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

¹⁶⁷ **14** The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁶⁸ **1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. Ephesians 2:1-3

¹⁶⁹ **13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 1 Timothy 2:13-14

¹⁷⁰ **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

¹⁷¹ **1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. **2** The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. **3** All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:1-3

¹⁷² **9** The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

¹⁷³ **9** What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. **10** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; **11** there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. **12** All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." **13** "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." **14** "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." **15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** ruin and misery mark their ways, **17** and the way of peace they do not know." **18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes." **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:9-18, 23

¹⁷⁴ **10** For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **11** Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5:10-12

¹⁷⁵ **12** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- John 1:12

¹⁷⁶ **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace Ephesians 1:7

¹⁷⁷ **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10

¹⁷⁸ **18** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁷⁹ **3** In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." **4** "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" **5** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'" John 3:3-7

¹⁸⁰ **5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

¹⁸¹ **24** "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

¹⁸² **19** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; **20** you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁸³ **10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

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¹⁸⁴ **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. **19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:17-21

¹⁸⁵ **12** Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, Philippians 2:12

¹⁸⁶ **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

¹⁸⁷ **4** Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **5** For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **6** and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; **7** and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. **8** For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. **10** Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 2 Peter 1:4-10

¹⁸⁸ **18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸⁹ **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:17

¹⁹⁰ **4** Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:4

¹⁹¹ **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." **3** In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:2-3

¹⁹² **28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30

¹⁹³ **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **8** that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. **9** And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. **11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, Ephesians 1:4-11

¹⁹⁴ **13** But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

¹⁹⁵ **10** Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 2 Timothy 2:10

¹⁹⁶ **1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:1-2

¹⁹⁷ **23** Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? **32** For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live! Ezekiel 18:23, 32

¹⁹⁸ **11** Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?' Ezekiel 33:11

¹⁹⁹ **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3:18-19, 36

²⁰⁰ **40** yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:40

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²⁰¹ **22** What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction? **23** What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory-- Romans 9:22-23

²⁰² **10** and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie **12** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

²⁰³ **17** The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. Revelation 22:17

²⁰⁴ **37** All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. **38** For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. **40** For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." **44** "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:37-40, 44

²⁰⁵ **48** When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. Acts 13:48

²⁰⁶ **8** Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8

²⁰⁷ **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace Ephesians 1:4-7

²⁰⁸ **4** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

²⁰⁹ **2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:2

²¹⁰ **11** Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad--in order that God's purpose in election might stand: **12** not by works but by him who calls--she was told, "The older will serve the younger." **13** Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." **14** What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! **15** For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." **16** It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. Romans 9:11-16

²¹¹ **25** At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. **26** Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. **27** "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:25-28

²¹² **9** who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 2 Timothy 1:9

²¹³ **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Romans 8:33

²¹⁴ **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Luke 13:3

²¹⁵ **38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

²¹⁶ **19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, Acts 3:19

²¹⁷ **18** When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life." Acts 11:18

²¹⁸ **4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4

²¹⁹ **10** Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

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- ²²⁰ **6** Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. **7** Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7
- ²²¹ **9** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9-10
- ²²² **3** Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:3
- ²²³ **5** For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5
- ²²⁴ **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:11
- ²²⁵ **20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3:20
- ²²⁶ **6** David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: Romans 4:6
- ²²⁷ **14** having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:14
- ²²⁸ **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24
- ²²⁹ **30** 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. 1 Corinthians 1:30
- ²³⁰ **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- ²³¹ **26** he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26
- ²³² **32** "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32
- ²³³ **2** To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours: **30** 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. 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30
- ²³⁴ **11** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:11
- ²³⁵ **13** But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- ²³⁶ **11** Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. Hebrews 2:11
- ²³⁷ **1** Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. Hebrews 3:1
- ²³⁸ **10** And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10, 14
- ²³⁹ **2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:2
- ²⁴⁰ **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **19** For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. John 17:17,19
- ²⁴¹ **1** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **5** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. **6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- **7** because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. **8** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has

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mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. **14** For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. **15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! **16** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. **18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. **19** I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. **20** When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. **21** What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. Romans 6:1-22

²⁴² **18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

²⁴³ **3** It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4

²⁴⁴ **23** May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

²⁴⁵ **16** So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. **17** For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. **19** The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-25

²⁴⁶ **22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

²⁴⁷ **12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12

²⁴⁸ **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Colossians 3:9-10

²⁴⁹ **14** As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. **15** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16** for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14- 16

²⁵⁰ **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **9** No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:5-9

²⁵¹ **24** "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

²⁵² **37** All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. **38** For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. **40** For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:37-40

²⁵³ **27** My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30

²⁵⁴ **9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10** For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:9-10

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²⁵⁵ **1** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **31** What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:1, 31-39

²⁵⁶ **4** I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. **5** For in him you have been enriched in every way--in all your speaking and in all your knowledge-- **6** because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. **7** Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. **8** He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:4-8

²⁵⁷ **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

²⁵⁸ **25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25

²⁵⁹ **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

²⁶⁰ **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5

²⁶¹ **24** To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- Jude 24

²⁶² **15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! **16** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. **18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. **19** I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. **20** When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. **21** What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. Romans 6:15-22

²⁶³ **13** Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. **14** Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Romans 13:13-14

²⁶⁴ **13** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13

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²⁶⁶ **11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **12** It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11-14

²⁶⁷ **14** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." **17** "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." **18** "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." **1** Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

²⁶⁸ **1** But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. **2** People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, **4** treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

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²⁶⁹ **1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. **2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

²⁷⁰ **9** I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-- **10** not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. **11** But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. **12** What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? **13** God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you." 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

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²⁷² **9** Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. **10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. **11** Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work. 1 John 2:15-17

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²⁷⁴ **11** With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. **12** We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

²⁷⁵ **1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. **2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

²⁷⁶ **2** and he began to teach them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:2-12

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²⁷⁹ **14** Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

²⁸⁰ **11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **12** It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11-14

²⁸¹ **1** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **9** No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. **10** This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:1-10

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²⁸² **12** The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

²⁸³ **2** I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 2 Corinthians 11:2

²⁸⁴ **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- **30** for we are members of his body. **31** "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." **32** This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:23-32

²⁸⁵ **7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. **8** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." Revelation 19:7-8

²⁸⁶ **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, Ephesians 1:22

²⁸⁷ **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15

²⁸⁸ **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

²⁸⁹ **1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. **5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." **14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' Acts 2:1-21

²⁹⁰ **38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:38-47

²⁹¹ **51** Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- **52** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

²⁹² **13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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²⁹³ **11** Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)-- **12** remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. **14** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **15** by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, **16** and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. **17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18** For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. **19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. **1** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- **2** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. **6** This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:11-3:6

²⁹⁴ **32** Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- 1 Corinthians 10:32

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²⁹⁷ **23** Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. **24** After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, **25** and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. **26** From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. **27** On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:23-27

²⁹⁸ **17** From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. **28** Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:17,28

²⁹⁹ **2** and all the brothers with me, To the churches in Galatia: Galatians 1:2

³⁰⁰ **1** Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Philippians 1:1

³⁰¹ **1** Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. Thessalonians 1:1

³⁰² **1** You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. 2 Thessalonians 1:1

³⁰³ **18** In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. **19** No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. **20** When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, 1 Corinthians 11:18-20

³⁰⁴ **25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

³⁰⁵ **3** Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. I Corinthians 11:3

³⁰⁶ **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, Ephesians 1:22

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³⁰⁹ **11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, Ephesians 4:11

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³¹⁰ **1** Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. **2** Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3** not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4** He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. **5** (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) **6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. **7** He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. **8** Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. **9** They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. **11** In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. **12** A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. **13** Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:1-13

³¹¹ **5** The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. **6** An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. **7** Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. **8** Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. **9** He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:5-9

³¹² **1** To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: **2** Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; **3** not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. **5** Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:1-5

³¹³ **17** The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. **18** For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." **19** Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. **20** Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning. **21** I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. **22** Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. 1 Timothy 5:17-22

³¹⁴ **7** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **17** Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:7, 17

³¹⁵ **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

³¹⁶ **2** And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2

³¹⁷ **5** "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. **6** But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. **7** "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! **8** If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. **9** And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. **10** "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. **12** "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? **13** And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. **14** In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. Matthew 18:5-14

³¹⁸ **15** "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. **16** But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. **18** "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **19** "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." **21** Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" **22** Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:15-22

³¹⁹ **1** Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. **2** With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. **3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that

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Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? **4** Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." **5** When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. **6** Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. **7** About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." **9** Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." **10** At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11** Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. Acts 5:1-11

³²⁰ **1** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. **2** And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? **3** Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. **4** When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, **5** hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord. **6** Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? **7** Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. **8** Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. **9** I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-- **10** not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. **11** But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. **12** What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? **13** God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you." 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

³²¹ **6** In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. **7** For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, **8** nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. **9** We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. **10** For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." **11** We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. **12** Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. **13** And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. **14** If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. **15** Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

³²² **19** holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. **20** Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme. 1 Timothy 1:19-20

³²³ **10** For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. **11** They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain. **12** Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." **13** This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith **14** and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. **15** To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. **16** They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. Titus 1:10-16

³²⁴ **5** The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. Titus 1:5

³²⁵ "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. ²⁰ Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. ²¹ For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath." ²² Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers. ²³ With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. ²⁴ We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵ So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸ It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: ²⁹ You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. ³⁰ So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. ³¹ The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. Acts 15:19-31

³²⁶ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28

³²⁷ So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord. ⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that

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a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.” **1 Corinthians 5:4-7, 13**

³²⁸ ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. **1 Peter 5:14**

³²⁹ **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:21

³³⁰ **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. **14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:13-16

³³¹ **2** And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. **15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:2, 15

³³² **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

³³³ **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47

³³⁴ **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3

³³⁵ **19** And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

³³⁶ **38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:38-42

³³⁷ **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19

³³⁸ **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

³³⁹ **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

³⁴⁰ **58** Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

³⁴¹ **12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up Ephesians 4:12

³⁴² **12** "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. Revelation 22:12

³⁴³ **7** But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **8** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." **9** (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? **10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up Ephesians 4:7-12

³⁴⁴ **5** so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. **7** If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; **8** if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:5-8

³⁴⁵ **4** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still

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another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. **12** The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. **15** If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **28** And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **31** But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:4-31

³⁴⁶ **10** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

³⁴⁷ **3** how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. **4** God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Hebrews 2:3, 4

³⁴⁸ **12** The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles--were done among you with great perseverance. 2 Corinthians 12:12

³⁴⁹ **8** Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. **11** When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. **12** Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:8-12

³⁵⁰ **13** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. **1** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. **2** For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. **3** But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. **4** He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. **5** I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified. **6** Now, brothers, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction? **7** Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the flute or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? **8** Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle? **9** So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air. **10** Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. **11** If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me. **12** So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. 1 Corinthians 13:13-14:12

³⁵¹ **13** And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. **14** Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. Revelation 13:13-14

³⁵² **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. **7** If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; **8** if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8

³⁵³ **1** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' **4** "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" **6** And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Luke 18:1-6

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³⁵⁴ **7** "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." **8** Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, John 5:7-9

³⁵⁵ **6** Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. **7** To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. **8** Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. **9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. **10** That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

³⁵⁶ **13** Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. **14** Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:13-16

³⁵⁷ **14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. I John 5:14-15

³⁵⁸ **38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:38-42

³⁵⁹ **36** As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" **38** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:36-39

³⁶⁰ **1** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **5** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. **6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- **7** because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. **8** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:1-11

³⁶¹ **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:41, 42

³⁶² **28** A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. **30** That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. **31** But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. **32** When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. 1 Corinthians 11:28-32

³⁶³ **16** Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break¹ a participation in the body of Christ?² 1 Corinthians 10:16

³⁶⁴ **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:9-14

³⁶⁵ **6** And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." **7** In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." Hebrews 1:6-7

³⁶⁶ **6** But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? **7** You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor Hebrews 2:6-7

³⁶⁷ **11** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12** In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" **13** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and

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honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" **14** The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. Revelation 5:11-14

³⁶⁸ **10** At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus." Revelation 19:10

³⁶⁹ **9** But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" Revelation 22:9

³⁷⁰ **12** How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! **13** You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. **14** I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." **15** But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. **16** Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, **17** the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" Isaiah 14:12-17

³⁷¹ **11** The word of the LORD came to me: **12** "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. **14** You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. **15** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. **16** Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. **17** Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. **18** By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. **19** All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.'" Ezekiel 28:11-19

³⁷² **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

³⁷³ **1** A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. **2** She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. **3** Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. **4** His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. **5** She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. **6** The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. **7** And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. **8** But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. **9** The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. **11** They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. **12** Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." **13** When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. **14** The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Revelation 12:1-14

³⁷⁴ **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" **4** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." **11** And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" **12** The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" Genesis 3:1-15

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³⁷⁵ **13** You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. **14** I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13-14

³⁷⁶ **1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." **4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' " **7** Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." **10** Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" **11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. Matthew 4:1-11

³⁷⁷ **9** The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. Revelation 12:9-10

³⁷⁸ **20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20

³⁷⁹ **12** How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! **13** You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. **14** I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." **15** But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. **16** Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, **17** the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" Isaiah 14:12-17

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³⁸¹ **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

³⁸² **10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10

³⁸³ **9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. **10** They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" **11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. Revelation 6:9-11

³⁸⁴ **43** Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

³⁸⁵ **23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; Philippians 1:23

³⁸⁶ **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

³⁸⁷ **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **22** If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! **23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **24** but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Philippians 1:21-24

³⁸⁸ **13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left

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will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1
Thessalonians 4:13-17

³⁸⁹ **4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **5** (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6

³⁹⁰ **21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:21

³⁹¹ **35** But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" **36** How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. **37** When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. **38** But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. **39** All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. **40** There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. **41** The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. **42** So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; **43** it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; **44** it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. **50** I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **51** Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- **52** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. **54** When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." I Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-54

³⁹² **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

³⁹³ **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. John 6:39

³⁹⁴ **10** But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.. Romans 8:10-11

³⁹⁵ **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

³⁹⁶ **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. 2 Corinthians 4:14

³⁹⁷ **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2

³⁹⁸ **29** and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:29

³⁹⁹ **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:13-15

⁴⁰⁰ **19** "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20** At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21** and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24** So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' **25** "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' Luke 16:19-26

⁴⁰¹ **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:13-15

⁴⁰² **28** "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice **29** and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:28-29

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⁴⁰³ **11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

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⁴⁰⁶ **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' **44** "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' **45** "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' **46** "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:41-46

⁴⁰⁷ **7** and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. **8** He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. **2** Thessalonians 1:7-9

⁴⁰⁸ **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

⁴⁰⁹ **13** while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13

⁴¹⁰ **1** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4

⁴¹¹ **1** Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, **3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. **6** Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** We live by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

⁴¹² **51** Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- **52** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **53** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

⁴¹³ **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage each other with these words. **1** Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, **2** for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **9** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **10** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:11

⁴¹⁴ **11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. **14** If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. **15** If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

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⁴¹⁵ **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10

⁴¹⁶ **1** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3

⁴¹⁷ **13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

⁴¹⁸ **7** How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it. Jeremiah 30:7

⁴¹⁹ **27** He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. " Daniel 9:27

⁴²⁰ **1** "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Daniel 12:1

⁴²¹ **7** For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, **10** and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie **12** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

⁴²² Revelation 16: seven bowls of wrath

⁴²³ **27** For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **28** Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. **29** "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' **30** "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. **31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Matthew 24:27-31

⁴²⁴ Matthew 25:31-46: See other listings of these verses

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⁴²⁶ **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. **3** Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:2-3

⁴²⁷ **4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **5** (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6

⁴²⁸ **24** "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. **25** "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. **26** After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. **27** He will confirm a

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covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. " Daniel 9:24-27

⁴²⁹ **15** "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand-- **16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17** Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. **18** Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. **19** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! **20** Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. **21** For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. **22** If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. **23** At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. **24** For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect--if that were possible. **25** See, I have told you ahead of time. **26** "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. **27** For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **28** Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. **29** "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' **30** "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. **31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Matthew 24:15-31

⁴³⁰ **31** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. **34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' **37** "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' **40** "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' **44** "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' **45** "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' **46** "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:31-46

⁴³¹ **31** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. Matthew 25:31

⁴³² **31** You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end. Luke 1:31-33

⁴³³ **10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10-11

⁴³⁴ **29** "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. **30** But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Acts 2:29-30

⁴³⁵ **1** And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. **2** He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. **3** He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. **4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **5** (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. **7** When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison. Revelation 20:1-7

⁴³⁶ **21** and say to them, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. **22** I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. **23** They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. **24** " 'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. **25** They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. **26** I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will

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establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. **27** My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. **28** Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.' " Ezekiel 37:21-28

⁴³⁷ **17** 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. **18** But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever--yes, for ever and ever.' **19** 'Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws--the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. **20** I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell--the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. **21** As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, **22** until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. Daniel 7:17-22

⁴³⁸ **11** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. **13** He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. **14** The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. **15** Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11-16

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⁴⁴⁰ **1** And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. **2** He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. **3** He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. **4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **5** (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:1-7

⁴⁴¹ **17** "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. **18** But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. **19** I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. **20** "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. **21** They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **22** No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. **23** They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. **24** Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. **25** The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD. Isaiah 65:17-25

⁴⁴² **21** and say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. **22** I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. **23** They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. **24** " 'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. **25** They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. **26** I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. **27** My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. **28** Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.' " Ezekiel 37:21-28

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⁴⁴³ **1** Again the word of the LORD Almighty came to me. **2** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her." **3** This is what the LORD says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain." **4** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with cane in hand because of his age. **5** The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there." **6** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "It may seem marvelous to the remnant of this people at that time, but will it seem marvelous to me?" declares the LORD Almighty. **7** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. **8** I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God." **9** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "You who now hear these words spoken by the prophets who were there when the foundation was laid for the house of the LORD Almighty, let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built. **10** Before that time there were no wages for man or beast. No one could go about his business safely because of his enemy, for I had turned every man against his neighbor. **11** But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past," declares the LORD Almighty. **12** "The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people. **13** As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong." **14** This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Just as I had determined to bring disaster upon you and showed no pity when your fathers angered me," says the LORD Almighty, **15** "so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid. **16** These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; **17** do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the LORD. Zechariah 8:1-17

⁴⁴⁴ Deuteronomy 28:15-68: Curses for disobedience

⁴⁴⁵ **43** "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Matthew 21:43

⁴⁴⁶ **1** I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah-- how he appealed to God against Israel: **3** "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? **4** And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." **5** So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. **6** And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. **7** What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, **8** as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day." **9** And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. **10** May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever." **11** Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. **12** But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring! **13** I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry **14** in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. **15** For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? **16** If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. **17** If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, **18** do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. **19** You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." **20** Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. **22** Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. **23** And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. **24** After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! **25** I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. Romans 11: 1-26

⁴⁴⁷ **31** "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. **33** "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34** No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:31-34

⁴⁴⁸ **22** "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. **23** I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I show myself holy through you before their eyes. **24** "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. **28** You will live in the land I gave you"

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forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. **29** I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. **30** I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. **31** Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. **32** I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign LORD. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, O house of Israel! Ezekiel 36:22-32

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⁴⁵⁰ **1** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. **2** The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- **3** and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; **4** but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. **5** Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. **6** The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. **7** The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. **8** The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. **9** They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. **10** In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. **11** In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. **12** He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth. **13** Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim. **14** They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will lay hands on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them. **15** The LORD will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that men can cross over in sandals. **16** There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt. Isaiah 11

⁴⁵¹ **17** "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. **18** But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. **19** I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. **20** "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. **21** They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **22** No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. **23** They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. **24** Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. **25** The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD. Isaiah 65:17-25

⁴⁵² **33** "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. **34** The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. **35** They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." **36** Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.' **37** "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, **38** as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 36:33-38

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⁴⁵⁵ **9** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. Revelation 20:9

⁴⁵⁶ **4** The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. Matthew 25:41

⁴⁵⁷ **10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10

⁴⁵⁸ **22** Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, John 5:22

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⁴⁵⁹ **10** You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. **11** It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' " **12** So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. **13** Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. Romans 14:10-13

⁴⁶⁰ **41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

⁴⁶¹ **11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

⁴⁶² **9** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 2 Thessalonians 1:9

⁴⁶³ **7** When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison **8** and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. **9** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. **10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:7-15

⁴⁶⁴ **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 2 Peter 3:10

⁴⁶⁵ **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Ephesians 5:5

⁴⁶⁶ **15** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

⁴⁶⁷ **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Revelation 21:2

⁴⁶⁸ **3** Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3

⁴⁶⁹ Revelation 21-22: Final 2 chapters of Revelation

⁴⁷⁰ **24** Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. **28** When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. I Corinthians 15:24-28

⁴⁷¹ **28** When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. I Corinthians 15:28

⁴⁷² Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

⁴⁷³ Gen 2:18-25 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

⁴⁷⁴ 1 Cor 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

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⁴⁷⁵ 1 Cor 7:2-5 But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. ³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. ⁵ Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁴⁷⁶ Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

⁴⁷⁷ Matt 15:18-20 But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

⁴⁷⁸ 1 Cor 6:9-10 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men. ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

⁴⁷⁹ Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ⁴⁸⁰ **Phil 2:14-16**

⁴⁸¹ reject every kind of evil. **1 Thess 5:22**

⁴⁸² Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **Acts 3:19-21**

⁴⁸³ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **Rom 10:9-10**

⁴⁸⁴ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **1 Cor 6:9-11**

⁴⁸⁵ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” ²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” **Mark 12:28-31**

⁴⁸⁶ Do to others as you would have them do to you. **Luke 6:31**