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## Messiah

### Isaiah 50

**1** This is what the Lord says:

"Where is your mother's certificate of divorce  
with which I sent her away?  
Or to which of my creditors  
did I sell you?

Because of your sins you were sold;  
because of your transgressions your mother was sent away.

**2** When I came, why was there no one?

When I called, why was there no one to answer?

Was my arm too short to deliver you?  
Do I lack the strength to rescue you?  
By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea,  
I turn rivers into a desert;  
their fish rot for lack of water  
and die of thirst.

**3** I clothe the heavens with darkness  
and make sackcloth its covering."

**4** The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

**5** The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;  
I have not been rebellious,  
I have not turned away.

**6** I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from mocking and spitting.

**7** Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
and I know I will not be put to shame.

**8** He who vindicates me is near.  
Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

**9** It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.  
Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;  
the moths will eat them up.

**10** Who among you fears the Lord  
and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark,  
who has no light,  
trust in the name of the Lord  
and rely on their God.

**11** But now, all you who light fires  
and provide yourselves with flaming torches,  
go, walk in the light of your fires  
and of the torches you have set ablaze.  
This is what you shall receive from my hand:  
You will lie down in torment.

### Isaiah 53

**1** Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**2** He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

**3** He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

**4** Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

**5** But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

**6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

**7** He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

### Isaiah 9:1-6

1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2 The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you

as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.  
**4** For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.  
**5** Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.  
**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.

#### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**31 "The days are coming," declares the Lord,**  
**"when I will make a new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.  
**32 It will not be like the covenant**  
**I made with their ancestors**  
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 people 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 they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, '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."

### **John 12:37-43**

**37** Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.**38** **This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:**  
"Lord, who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"  
**39** For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:  
**40** "He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their hearts,  
so they can neither see with their eyes,  
nor understand with their hearts,  
nor turn—and I would heal them."  
**41** Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.  
**42** Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;**43** for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

### **Galatians 3:6-14 (Children of Abraham)**

**6** So also Abraham "**believed God**, and it was credited to him as righteousness." **7** Understand, then, that **those who have faith are children of Abraham**. **8** Scripture foresaw that **God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, and announced the **gospel in advance to Abraham**: "**All nations will be blessed** through you." **9** So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. **10** For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." **11** Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "**the righteous will live by faith**." **12** The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." **13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the



law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." **14** He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

### **Galatians 3:17-19 (The Law came after the promise)**

**17** What I mean is this: **The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God** and thus do away with the promise. **18** For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God **in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise**. **19** Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.

### **Hebrews 8:7-12**

**7** For **if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.** **8** But God found fault with the people and said

"The days are coming, declares the Lord,  
**when I will make a new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

**9** It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,  
and I turned away from them,  
declares the Lord.

**10** This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel  
after that time, declares the Lord.  
I will put my laws in their minds  
and write them on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

**11** No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'  
because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.  
12 For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

**Genesis 3:14-15 (descendent)**

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,  
"Cursed are you above all livestock  
and all 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."**

**Hosea 6:6 (God desires a heart that searches for him, not sacrifice)**

For I desire mercy, **not sacrifice,**  
and **acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.**

**Psalms 118:26-27**

26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.  
27 The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
**With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.**

**Matthews 27:35 (Clothes)**

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**Mark 15:24 (Clothes)**

And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

**Luke 23:34 (Clothes)**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**John 19:23-24 (Clothes)**

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

24 "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

**This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,**

"They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

**Psalm 22:18 (Clothes)**

They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

### **John 19:31-37 (bones and side piercing)**

**31** Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, **they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.****32** The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.**33** **But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.****34** Instead, one of the soldiers **pierced Jesus' side with a spear**, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.**35** The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.**36** **These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:** "Not one of his bones will be broken," **37** and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

### **Numbers 9:12 (bones)**

They **must not** leave any of it till morning or **break any of its bones**. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations.

### **Psalm 34:20 (bones)**

he protects all his bones,  
**not one of them will be broken.**

### **Zechariah 12:10 (side piercing)**

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. **They will look on me, the one they have pierced**, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

## **Jesus is God himself**

### **I John 5:20**

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. **He is the true God and eternal life.**

### **Titus 2:13**

while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

### **Colossians 1:15**

The Son is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.

### **Colossians 2:9**

For in Christ all the fullness of the **Deity** lives in **bodily form**,

### **John 1:1**

In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God**

### **John 1:10**

**10 He was in the world**, and though **the world was made through him**, the world did not recognize him.

### **John 1:14**

**14** The Word **became flesh and made his dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the **one and only Son, who came from the Father**, full of grace and truth.

### **Philippians 2:5-6**

**5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as **Christ Jesus**:

**6** Who, **being in very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

### **Hebrews 1:3**

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

### **John 10:30**

I and the Father **are one**."

### **John 10:38**

But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that **the Father is in me, and I in the Father**."

### **John 20:27-28**

**27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

**28** Thomas said to him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

### **Revelation 1:8 (check with Rev 1:17-18)**

"I am **the Alpha and the Omega**," says the Lord **God**, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

### **Revelation 1:17-18 (check with Rev 1:8)**

**17** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last**. **18** I am the Living One; **I was dead, and now look, I am alive** for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

### **Revelation 2:8**

"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the **words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again**

### **Isaiah 9:6 (child is born – will be called Father, God)**

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.

### **John 8:58 (Jesus is the I AM)**

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "**before Abraham was born, I am!**"

### **Romans 9:5**

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them **is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all**, forever praised! Amen.

## **The Lord is the Spirit**

### **II Corínthians 3:17-18**

**17** Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, **which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**

### **Ephesians 2:22**

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

## Trinity

### **John 17:11 (Jesus and God are one)**

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one **as we are one**

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### **Colossians 2:9**

For **in Christ** all the fullness of the **Deity lives in bodily form**,

### **I John 5:20**

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son **Jesus Christ. He is the true God** and eternal life.

### **Titus 2:13**

while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

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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.



### **Genesis 18:1-3 (Triune God)**

**1 The Lord appeared to Abraham** near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.**2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing** nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

**3** He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by."

### **Genesis 1:26 (Triune God)**

**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."

### **Isaiah 6:8 (Triune God)**

Then **I heard the voice of the Lord** saying, "Whom shall I send? **And who will go for us?**"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

## **God is consuming fire**

### **Exodus 24:17**

To the Israelites **the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire** on top of the mountain.

### **Deuteronomy 4:24**

**For the Lord your God is a consuming fire,** a jealous God.

**Hebrews 12:29**

for our "God is a consuming fire."

**Deuteronomy 9:3**

But be assured today that the Lord your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the Lord has promised you.

**Isaiah 33:14-16**

**14** The sinners in Zion are terrified;  
trembling grips the godless:  
"Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?  
Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?"

**15** Those who walk righteously  
and speak what is right,  
who reject gain from extortion  
and keep their hands from accepting bribes,  
who stop their ears against plots of murder  
and shut their eyes against contemplating evil—  
**16** they are the ones who will dwell on the heights,  
whose refuge will be the mountain fortress.  
Their bread will be supplied,  
and water will not fail them.

**Holly Spirit****II Corinthians 1:22 (Guarantee)**

set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## Saved by grace

### Ephesians 2:1-10

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 flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is 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 handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## New Covenant

### Hebrews 7:21 (forever)

but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:  
"The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
'You are a priest forever.'"

### Psalm 110:4 (forever)

The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
"You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek."

### **Hebrews 8:8 (prophecy of the New Covenant)**

But God found fault with the people and said:  
"The days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when **I will make a new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34 (prophecy of the New Covenant)**

**31** "The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when **I will make a new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

**32** It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors

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 people 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 they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, '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.**"

### **Hebrews 9:20 (reference to the Old Covenant – Exodus 24:8 )**

He said, "This is **the blood of the covenant**, which God has commanded you  
to keep."

## Hebrews 9:22

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

## Sacrifice forever

### Hebrews 7:11-17

**11** If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? **12** For **when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also.** **13** He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. **14** For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. **15** And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, **16 one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life.** **17** For it is declared:

**“You are a priest forever,**  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

### Hebrews 7:22-27

**22** Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

**23** Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; **24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.** **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 truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. **27** Unlike the other

high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. **He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.**

### **Hebrews 9:26**

Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But **he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages** to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself

## **High Price**

### **Psalm 49:7-8**

7 No one can redeem the life of another  
or give to God a ransom for them—

8 **the ransom for a life is costly,**  
no payment is ever enough—

### **I Timothy 2:5-6**

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people.** This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

### **Matthew 20:28**

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give his life as a ransom for many."**

**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"

**Hebrews 9:15**

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that **he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.**

**I Corinthians 6:20**

**you were bought at a price.** Therefore honor God with your bodies.

**I Corinthians 7:23**

**You were bought at a price;** do not become slaves of human beings

**Sin and forgiveness of sins**

**I John 5:17**

**All wrongdoing is sin,** and there is sin that does not lead to death.

**Romans 5:20 (where sin increased, grace increased all the more)**

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. **But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,**

**Romans 4:25 (Delivered over to death for our sins)**

**He was delivered over to death for our sins** and was raised to life for our justification.

### **Acts 20:28 (God bought the church with his own blood)**

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.**

## **Justification**

### **Romans 4:25**

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## **Children de God**

### **Romans 8:14-17**

**14** For **those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.** **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, **the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.** And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."**16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** **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.

### **Galatians 4:4-7**

**4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those under the law, **that we might receive adoption to sonship.** **6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his



Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba , Father."<sup>7</sup> So **you are no longer a slave, but God's child**; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**Ephesians 2:19**

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also **members of his household**,

**John 1:11-13**

**11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, **to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**—**13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**The curtain was torn**

**Isaiah 25:7**

On this mountain **he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;**

**Matthew 27:50-51**

**50** And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. **51** At that moment **the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**. The earth shook, the rocks split

## Salvation is the gift of God

### Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and **this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**

## Not everyone will die

### I Corinthians 15:50-58

**50** I declare to you, brothers and sisters, 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."

**55** "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" **56** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**57** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, 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.

### I Corinthians 15:51

Listen, I tell you **a mystery: We will not all sleep**, but we will all be changed

### **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**13** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.**14** For 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 word, we tell you that **we who are still alive, who are left until 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 one another with these words.

## **Resurrection of the dead**

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### **I Corinthians 15:52 (the dead will be raised; the ones alive will be changed )**

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**Daniel 12:10 (raising to eternal life or to everlasting death)**

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

## **Die once, and after face judgment**

**Hebrews 9:27**

Just as **people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,**

**Ecclesiastes 3:20**

All go to the same place; all come from dust, and **to dust all return.**

**Ecclesiastes 9:5-6**

**5** For the living know that they will die, but **the dead know nothing**; they have no further reward, and even their name is forgotten. **6** Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; **never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun.**

**Ecclesiastes 9:10**

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for **in the realm of the dead**, where you are going, **there is neither working** nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

**Ecclesiastes 12:7**

and **the dust returns to the ground** it came from,  
and **the spirit returns to God** who gave it.

**John 5:28-29**

"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 what is good will rise** to live, and those who have done what is evil **will rise** to be condemned.

## Do not believe every spirit

### I John 4:1

Dear friends, **do not believe every spirit**, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because **many false prophets have gone out into the world**

### I John 4:2-3

**2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,****3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

### II Corinthians 11:14

And no wonder, for **Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.**

### Colossians 2:4

I tell you this so that **no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.**

### Colossians 2:8

See to it that **no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

### Galatians 1:8-9

**8** But **even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached** to you, **let them be under God's curse!****9** As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

## **Beware of deceivers**

### **Deuteronomy 13:1-3**

**1** If **a prophet, or one** who foretells by dreams, appears among you and **announces to you a sign or wonder**,**2** and if the sign or wonder spoken of **takes place**, and the prophet says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them,"**3** **you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer**. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

## **About Spiritism**

### **Deuteronomy 18:11**

**10** **Let no one be found among you** who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,**11** or casts spells, or **who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead**.**12** Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.**13** You must be blameless before the Lord your God.

## **Antichrist**

### **I John 2:18-27**

**18** Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have come**. This is how we know it is the last hour.**19** **They went out from us**, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

**20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.**21** I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because **no lie comes from the truth**.**22** Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the

antichrist—denying the Father and the Son.**23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

**24** As for you, **see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you**. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.**25** And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

**26** I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.**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.

## II John 7

I say this because **many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world**. Any such person is the deceiver and the **antichrist**.

## Matthew 24:24

For **false messiahs** and **false prophets** will appear and perform **great signs and wonders** to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

## II Thessalonians 2:3-6

**3** Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for **that day will not come until the rebellion occurs** and the man of lawlessness is revealed, **the man doomed to destruction**.**4** He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he **sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God**.

**5** Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? **6** And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

## Scriptures inspired by God

### II Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

### II Peter 1:20-21 (Prophecies)

20 Above all, you must understand that **no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.** 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Living and Enduring Word of God

### I Peter 1:23

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

### I Peter 1:25

but **the word of the Lord endures forever.**"  
And this is the word that was preached to you.

### Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but **the word of our God endures forever.**"

### II Corinthians 3:11 (Everlasting Covenant)

And if what was transitory came with glory, **how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!**



## II John 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.

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## Correct with love

### II Timothy 2:25-26

**25** Opponents **must be gently instructed**, in the hope that God will grant them **repentance** leading them to a knowledge of the truth, **26** and that they will **come to their senses** and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

### II Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; **correct, rebuke** and encourage—with **great patience and careful instruction**.

## **Jude 22**

Be **merciful** to those who doubt;

## **Romans 2:4 (God's kindness leads to repentance)**

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**

## **Preaching the Gospel**

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### **I Peter 3:15-16**

**15** But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this **with gentleness** and respect,**16** keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

### **John 4:44 (A prophet has no honor in his own country)**

(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that **a prophet has no honor in his own country.**)

## Testimony for all the people

### **Romans 2:24 (bad testimony)**

As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

### **Ezekiel 36:22-23 (bad testimony)**

22 "Therefore say to the Israelites, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people 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 am proved holy through you before their eyes.

### **I Thessalonians 4:11-12**

11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you,12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

## Food, Sabbath, Festivals, Sacrifices

### **Romans 14:1-6 (Food/Sabbath)**

1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another

considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully **convinced** in their own mind.<sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, **for they give thanks to God**; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

**Romans 14:17-23 (Heart that does not condemn itself – ONLY for some issues)**

**17**For **the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking**, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **18** because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. **19** Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. **20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food**. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. **21** It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall. **22** So whatever you believe about **these things** keep **between yourself and God**. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.**23** But **whoever has doubts is condemned** if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

**Colossians 2:16 (Festival)**

Therefore **do not let anyone judge you** by what you **eat or drink**, or with regard to a **religious festival**, a **New Moon** celebration or a **Sabbath day**.

**Isaiah 1:11 (Sacrifices)**

"The multitude of your sacrifices—  
what are they to me?" says the Lord.  
"**I have more than enough** of burnt offerings,  
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;  
**I have no pleasure**  
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

**Isaiah 1:13-14 (Sacrifices)**

**13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!**  
Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—  
I cannot bear your **worthless assemblies**.  
**14** Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
**They have become a burden to me;**  
I am weary of bearing them.

**Psalm 50:14 (Sacrifices)**

**"Sacrifice thank offerings** to God,  
fulfill your vows to the Most High,

**Psalm 50:23 (Sacrifices)**

**Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,**  
and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

**Psalm 51:16-17 (Sacrifices)**

**16** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
**17** My sacrifice, O God, is a **broken spirit;**  
**a broken and contrite heart**  
you, God, will not despise.

**Matthew 12:1-12 (Sabbath)**

**1** At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.**2** When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "**Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.**" **3** He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?**4** He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.**5** Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent?**6** I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.**7** **If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.****8** For **the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.**" **9** Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue,**10** and a man with a shriveled hand

was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" **11** He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?**12** How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! **Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.**"

## **Law of Moses x Grace**

### **Romans 10:4 (The culmination of the law is Christ)**

**Christ is the culmination of the law** so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

### **Galatians 2:19-21 (Righteousness is gained by grace and not through the law)**

**19** "For through the law **I died to the law so that I might live for God.****20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**21** **I do not set aside the grace of God**, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

### **Romans 8:-14 (There is no condemnation...)**

**1** Therefore, **there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,****2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.**3** For **what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,**4** **in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us**, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## Baptism

**I Peter 3:21 (Clear conscience. So, the person needs to be conscious of that)** and this water **symbolizes** baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but **the pledge of a clear conscience toward God**. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

## Wisdom, creation

### **I Corinthians 1:18-25**

**18** For the message of the cross **is foolishness to those who are perishing**, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**19** For it is written:

**"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;**

**the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."**

**20** Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?**

**21** For since in the wisdom of God **the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.**

**22** Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,**23** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,**24** but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### **I Corinthians 2:6-16**

**6** We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.**7** No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery 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:

"What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived"—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

**10** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.**11** For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**12** **What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so 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, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.**14** **The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness,** and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.**15** The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,

**16** for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?"

**But we have the mind of Christ.**

### **I Corinthians 3:18-23**

**18** Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise.**19** For **the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.** As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness";**20** and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."**21** **So then, no more boasting about human leaders!** All things are yours,**22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,**23** and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

### **Romans 1:18-22**

**18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,**19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.**20** For **since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made,** so that people are without excuse.

**21** For **although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God** nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.**22** Although they claimed to be wise, **they became fools**



## **About the creation of the world and humanity**

### **Genesis 1:3 (First day)**

And **God said**, "Let there be light," **and there was** light.

### **Genesis 1:6 (Second day)**

And **God said**, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

### **Genesis 1:11 (Third day)**

Then **God said**, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." **And it was so.**

### **Genesis 1:14-15 (Fourth day)**

**14** And **God said**, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." **And it was so.**

### **Genesis 1:20-21 (Fifth day)**

**20** **And God said**, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." **21** **So God created** the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

### **Genesis 1:24-26 (Sixth day; and evidences of the trinity)**

**24** **And God said**, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." **And it was so.** **25** God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.**

**26** **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.

### Hebrews 11:3

**By faith** we understand that **the universe was formed at God's command**,  
so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

### Hebrews 11:1

Now **faith is** confidence in what we hope for and **assurance about what we do not see**.

### Hebrews 4:3

Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,  
"So I declared on oath in my anger,  
'They shall never enter my rest.'"  
And yet **his works have been finished since the creation of the world.**

### Romans 4:17

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and **calls into being things that were not.**

### Acts 17:26-31 (From one man he made all; appointed the boundaries of lands)

**26 From one man he made all the nations**, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and **the boundaries of their lands**.**27** God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.**28** 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

**29** "Therefore since we are God's offspring, **we should not think that the divine being is like** gold or silver or stone—an **image** made by human design and skill.**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 everyone by raising him from the dead."

## Time since the creation

### **Luke 3:23-38 (Genealogy of Jesus)**

#### **Luke 11:50-51**

**50** Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed **since the beginning of the world**,**51** from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

## One day, one thousand years

*Note.: In Genesis it is described what was created by God each day; and says there was "evening and morning" between each of these days. So, were days of 24 hours (cannot be interpreted as a thousand years. All things were actually created in 6 days)*

*And God rested on the seventh day (Saturday) and blessed this day. If these days were a thousand years each, then God would have rested a thousand years; and every Sabbath should take a thousand years.*

### **II Peter 3:8**

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: **With the Lord** a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

### **Psalm 90:4**

**A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day** that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

## Family of Jesus

### **Matthew 13:55 (Name of his brothers)**

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't **his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?**

### **Mateus 13:56 (He also had sisters)**

Aren't **all his sisters** with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

## Mother of Jesus

### **Mark 3:31-35 (It is more important to do God's will)**

**31** Then **Jesus' mother and brothers arrived**. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.**32** A crowd was sitting around him, and **they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."**

**33** "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

**34** Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.**"

### **Matthew 12:46-50 (Again, written in Matthew)**

**46** While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.**47** Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

**48** He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"**49** Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.**50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**"

### **Luke 8:19-21 (Again, written in Luke)**

**19** Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.**20** Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

**21** He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

## **Gifts**

**I Corinthians 12, 13, 14.**

**I Corinthians 13:1**

**If I speak in the tongues** of men or of angels, **but do not have love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

**Romans 12:3-8**

**3** For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.**4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,**5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;**7** if it is servicing, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;**8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### Acts 19:6

When Paul placed his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them**, and **they spoke in tongues and prophesied**.

### I Peter 4:11

**If anyone speaks**, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. **If anyone serves**, they should do so 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.

## Serving with your gifts and talents

### I Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received **to serve others**, as faithful stewards of **God's grace in its various forms**.

## Praise and Worship

### Psalm 47:1 (Clap your hands)

**Clap your hands**, all you nations;  
shout to God with **cries of joy**.

### Psalm 33:1-3 (instruments, new song, skillfully)

1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.  
2 Praise the Lord with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.  
3 Sing to him a new song;  
**play skillfully**, and shout for joy.

**Psalm 149:1 (New song)**

Praise the Lord.

Sing to the Lord **a new song**,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

**Psalm 63:4 (Lift up my hands)**

I will praise you as long as I live,  
and **in your name I will lift up my hands.**

**Psalm 149:3 (Dance, instruments)**

**Let them praise** his name **with dancing**  
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

**Psalm 150:3-5 (Dance, instruments)**

**3** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,  
**4** praise him with timbrel and **dancing**,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,  
**5** praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**Psalm 150:6 (everything that has breath)**

**6** Let **everything that has breath** praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord.

## Love of God

### Romans 5:8

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

## Loving God

### John 14:15

"If you love me, **keep** my commands.

### John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and keeps them **is the one who loves me**. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

### John 14:23-24

**23** Jesus replied, "**Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching**. My Father will love them, **and we will come to them and make our home with them**.**24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

### Deuteronomy 6:5

**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.



## Standing firm

### **II Corinthians 1:21-22 (God make us stand firm)**

**21** Now **it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ**. He anointed us, **22** set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

### **II Corinthians 1:24 (stand firm by faith)**

Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because **it is by faith you stand firm**.

### **Luke 12:45-46 (Be prepared for the Day of the Lord)**

**45** But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. **46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of**. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

## Have God in the heart

### **Ephesians 3:17**

so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

### **Ephesians 2:21-22**

**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**.

## God keeps us safe; the evil one cannot harm us

### **I John 5:18 (Jesus keeps us safe; the evil one cannot harm us)**

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

### **II Thessalonians 3:3**

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

## Self-control

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law

### **II Peter 1:5-7**

**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, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

### **I Peter 4:7**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray

### **Matthew 12:36**

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

## God looks at the heart

### I Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"

## Do not be yoked together with unbelievers

### II Corinthians 6:14-18

**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? Or **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** And,  
"I will be a Father to you,  
and you will be my sons and daughters,  
says the Lord Almighty."

## Bad company

### I Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

## Oath

### Matthew 5:33-37

**33** "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'**34** But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;**35** or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.**36** And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.**37** All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one

### James 5:12

Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

## Having mercy

### James 2:13

because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

## **Love your neighbor**

**Galatians 5:14 (For the entire law is fulfilled in...)**

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Leviticus 19:18 (Love your neighbor – Old Testament)**

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

## **Humbleness**

**I Peter 5:5**

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

**Proverbs 3:34**

He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.

**James 4:6**

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

## Submit to the authorities

### Romans 13:1-7

1 Let everyone **be subject to the governing authorities**, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.2 Consequently, **whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted**, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. **Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.**4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. **They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.**5 **Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.**

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.7 **Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes;** if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

### I Peter 2:13-14

13 **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority:** whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

### II Peter 2:10-11

10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and **despise authority.** **Bold and arrogant,** they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord.

### Jude 8

In the very same way, **on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people** pollute their own bodies, **reject authority** and heap abuse on celestial beings

### **Ecclesiastes 8:4-5**

4 Since **a king's word is supreme**, who can say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.

## **Helping the poor**

### **Deuteronomy 15:11**

**There will always be poor people in the land.** Therefore I command you to **be openhanded** toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

## **Money**

### **II Peter 2:3**

**In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories.** Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

### **II Corinthians 2:17**

Unlike so many, **we do not peddle the word of God for profit.** On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

### **Luke 12:15**

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard **against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.**"

## Flee

### **I Corinthians 6:18 (Sexual immorality)**

**Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

### **I Corinthians 10:14 (Idolatry)**

Therefore, my dear friends, **flee from idolatry.**

### **I Timothy 6:11**

But you, man of God, **flee from all this**, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

## Resist

### **James 4:7**

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

## Peace of Christ

### **Colossians 3:15 (rule in your heart)**

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

### **Philippians 4:7**

And the **peace of God**, which **transcends all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



## Sorrow

### II Corinthians 7:10

**Godly sorrow** brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

## Do not be afraid

### Psalm 56:3

**When I am afraid**, I put my trust in you.

### Psalm 56:11

**in God I trust** and am not afraid.  
**What can man do to me?**

## Having care and refuge in God

### Psalm 121:8 (God watch over your coming and going)

the Lord will **watch over your coming and going**  
both now and forevermore.

### Psalm 91:2 (God is my refuge)

I will say of the Lord, "**He is my refuge** and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

### Psalm 61:2-3 (rock higher than I)

**2** From the ends of the earth I call to you,  
I call as my heart grows faint;  
**lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**  
**3** For you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the foe.

### Psalm 61:4 (refuge in the shelter of your wings)

I long to dwell in your tent forever  
and **take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

**Psalm 62:6-7 (rock, salvation and refuge)**

6 Truly he is my **rock** and **my salvation**;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

7 My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is **my mighty rock, my refuge**.

**Anxiety**

**I Peter 5:7**

**Cast** all your anxiety **on him** because **he cares** for you.

**Philippians 4:6**

Do not be anxious **about anything**, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God**.

**Ask**

**John 14:13-14**

**13** And I will do whatever you ask **in my name**, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**John 15:7-8**

**7** If you **remain** in me and my words **remain** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** **This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**John 15:16**

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and **bear fruit**—fruit that will last—and **so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you**.

**Matthew 21:22**

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

**I John 3:22**

and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

**I John 5:14-15**

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.

**Psalms 20:4**

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

**Romans 4:21**

being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

**John 16:23-24**

23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**Philippians 4:6**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## **God is who works in your life**

### **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**

17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, **for it is he who gives you the ability** to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

## **Everything God does will endure forever**

### **Ecclesiastes 3:14**

I know that **everything God does will endure forever**; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

## **God is faithful**

### **II Timothy 2:13**

if we are faithless,  
**he remains faithful**,  
for he cannot disown himself.

## **Hope in God**

### **Romans 4:18 (Against all hope)**

**Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed** and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

### **Romans 4:21 (God is powerful to do what he has promised)**

being fully persuaded that God had power **to do what he had promised**.

## **God's perfect time**

### **Exodus 23:29-30**

29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

1 There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.