

Grace Bible Verses

Some of the Bible's Greatest Truths

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ declares that all sins of all people for all time, except the rejection of Christ (unbelief), were forgiven on the Cross of Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago. Faith is not required for forgiveness but is required for "salvation," which Jesus called being "born again." Upon belief in Christ as Savior, God removes your old sinful spirit and replaces it with a new, clean heart. This is where faith is essential. You are born again and indwelt by the Holy Spirit who comes to live in your new, clean spirit to make you literally righteous by His indwelling presence. You are in union with Christ. You are complete in your spirit, redeemed fully and forever. Your life is Christ's life within you so that He can live His life through you, a member of His Body. You live a life of faith since you still live in a not-yet-redeemed mortal "house" (your body and soul) that cannot live righteously by your own best efforts. This is why you live in union with Christ in your spirit and follow Him in faith in your mortal body and soul.

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A. Forgiven

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John 1:29 The next day he {John the Baptist} saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them**, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 1:20 and through Him to **reconcile all things to Himself**, having made **peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Hebrews 10:12 but **He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time**, sat down at the right hand of God ...

1 Peter 3:18 For **Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust**, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.**

B. Cleansed

Upon belief in Christ as Savior, God removes your old sinful spirit and replaces it with a new, clean heart. This is where faith is essential.

Ezekiel 11:19 "And I shall give them one heart, and **shall put a new spirit within them**. And I shall **take the heart of stone out** of their flesh and **give them a heart of flesh**,

Acts 11:9 But a voice from heaven answered a second time, "**What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.**"

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin** (old sinful nature) **might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin**;

Romans 6:7 for **he who has died is freed from sin** {in our spirit}.

Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and **having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such {the unrighteous} were some of you; but **you were washed**, but **you were sanctified**, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

C. Righteous

You are born again and indwelled by the Holy Spirit who comes to live in your new, clean spirit to make you literally righteous by His indwelling presence.

Romans 8:10 and if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are a **temple of God**, and that the **Spirit of God dwells in you?** [17] If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for **the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made **Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Ephesians 4:24 and put on the new self, **which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness** of the truth.

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them **you might become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

1 Peter 1:23 for **you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

D. Union

You are in union with Christ. You are complete in your spirit, redeemed fully and forever. Your life is Christ's life within you so that He can live His life through you, a member of His Body.

John 14:20 In that day you shall know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

Romans 8:9b ... if indeed **the Spirit of God dwells in you.** But if anyone does not have **the Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But **the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit**

2 Corinthians 13:5 **Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you** - unless indeed you fail the test?

Galatians 2:20a I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; ...**

Colossians 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

E. Faith

You live a life of faith since you still live in a not-yet-redeemed mortal "house" (your body and soul) that cannot live righteously by your own best efforts. This is why you live in union with Christ in your spirit and follow Him in faith in your mortal body and soul.

Romans 12:3b ... **God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**

1 Corinthians 2:5 that **your faith** should not rest on the wisdom of men, **but on the power of God.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 for **we walk by faith**, not by sight

Galatians 2:20b ... and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

Philippians 3:3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh**,

II. Forgiveness

A. The Forgiveness of Sins

Matthew 12:31-32 Therefore I say to you, **any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men**, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. [32] And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, **it shall be forgiven him**; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come.

Matthew 26:28 for **this is My blood** of the covenant, **which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins**. {it was the blood of Jesus Christ, not our confession, that God considered as payment for sins}

Mark 3: 28 Truly I say to you, **all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men**

Luke 12:10 And **everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him**; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him. (NASB-U)

John 1:29 The next day he {John the Baptist} saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**" {world = *kosmos*}

Acts 13:38-39 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that **through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed** to you, [39] and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

Romans 5:6 For **while we were still helpless**, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly** {showing that we were forgiven before we believed; thus, our response is not a factor in forgiveness but faith is essential in being born again}.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**.

Romans 5:10a For if **while we were enemies, we were reconciled** {forgiven} **to God through the death of His Son**,

Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so **through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men**.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that **one died for all, therefore all died**; {meaning all sins of all people are forgiven} [15] and **He died for all, that they who live** {those who have faith in Christ} should no longer live for themselves, but for **Him who died and rose again on their behalf**.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Now all these things are from **God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ**, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, [19] namely, that **God was in**

Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Galatians 1:4 **who gave Himself for our sins**, that He might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

Ephesians 1:7 In Him **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace,

Colossians 1:13-14 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, [14] **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Colossians 1:20 and through Him to **reconcile all things to Himself**, having made **peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether **things on earth or things in heaven.**

Colossians 2:13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, **having forgiven us all our transgressions,**

Hebrews 2:9b ... **Jesus**, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God **He might taste death for everyone.**

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

Hebrews 7:27 who **does not need daily**, like those high priests, **to offer up sacrifices**, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, **because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**

Hebrews 9:12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, **but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

Hebrews 9:26b ... but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to **put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

Hebrews 9:28 so **Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin,** to those who eagerly await Him.

Hebrews 10:1-4 For the Law ... **can never** by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, **make perfect** those who draw near. [2] Otherwise, **would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?** [3] But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. [4] **For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.** {One of the best verses to understand that the Cross resolved the issue of sins because the shedding of Christ's blood leaves us with no "consciousness of sins"}

Hebrews 10:12 but **He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God ...**

Hebrews 10:18 **Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.**

1 Peter 2:24a and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross**, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; ...

1 Peter 3:18 For **Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust**, in order that He might bring us to God, **having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit**;

1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin**.

1 John 1:9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. {This verse has been misapplied to the confession of sins for Christians. The entire first chapter of 1 John was a proclamation of the Gospel to the Jews of John's day. "If we confess our sins" means "if we confess our unrighteousness," God is faithful and just to forgive all of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.}

1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world**. {world = *kosmos*}

1 John 2:12 I am writing to you, little children, because **your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake**.

1 John 3:5 And you know that **He appeared in order to take away sins**; and in Him there is no sin.

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood**,

B. The One Unforgivable Sin

John 16:8-9 "And **He** {Holy Spirit}, when He comes, **will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; [9] concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;**

Matthew 12:31-32 Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but **blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven**. [32] And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but **whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come**.

Mark 3: 28-29 Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; [29] but **whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin**.

Luke 12:10 "And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but **he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him**. (NASB-U)

Hebrews 10:26-29 For **if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, [27] but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. [28] Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. [29] How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and **has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?** {This verse means that if the Jews, back in the days of the Law, willfully denied Christ as their righteousness and turned back to the Law as their source of righteousness, there was no longer any sacrifice for sins and there remained only judgment.}

III. Cleansed

A. God Removes Your Old, Sinful Spirit and Replaces it with a New, Clean Heart

Psalm 92:15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and **there is no unrighteousness in Him.** {and we are in Him.}

Ezekiel 11:19 "And I shall give them one heart, and **shall put a new spirit within them.** And **I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,**

Ezekiel 36:25 Then **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness** and from all your idols.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

John 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' {by God removing your sinful spirit and replacing it with a new, clean heart}

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and **there is no unrighteousness in Him.** {and we are in Him.}

Acts 11:9 But a voice from heaven answered a second time, "**What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.**"

Romans 6:1-2 ... Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? [2] May it never be! **How shall we who died to sin still live in it?**

Romans 6:3-4 Or do you not know that **all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?** [4] Therefore we have **been buried with Him through baptism into death**, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin** {"old sin nature"} **might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;**

Romans 6:7 for **he who has died is freed from sin.** {in our spirit}

Romans 6:11 Even so **consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God** in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:14 For **sin shall not be master over you**, for you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and **having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

Romans 6:22 But now **having been freed from sin and enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you; but **you were washed, but you were sanctified**, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 5:24 Now **those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself {Jesus} for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and **purify for Himself a people for His own possession**, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 3:5 **He saved us**, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, **by the washing of regeneration** and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

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1 Peter 2:24a and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin** and live to righteousness; ...

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because **he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,**

IV. Righteous

A. You are Made Righteous in Your Spirit by the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit

Ezekiel 36:26 Moreover, **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

Romans 3:24 **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**

Romans 4:3,5 For what does the Scripture say? "And **Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.**" [5] But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,

Romans 4:24-25 but for our sake also, **to whom it will be reckoned {righteousness}, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25] He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.**

Romans 5:1 Therefore having been **justified** by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:9-10 Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. [10] For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God {forgiven} through the death of His Son, **much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His {indwelling righteous} life.**

Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more **those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so **through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.**

Romans 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly **we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,**

Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and **having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

Romans 8:10 and if Christ is in you, **though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, **these are sons of God.** {We can only be called "sons of God" if we are righteous.}

Romans 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for **the revealing of the sons of God.**

Romans 11:16 And if **the first piece of dough be holy, the lump is also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too.**

1 Corinthians 1:2 to the church of God which is at Corinth, **to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling**, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:7-8 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] **who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are a **temple of God**, and that the **Spirit of God dwells in you**? [17] If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for **the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are**.

1 Corinthians 6:9a Or do you not know that the **unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God** {therefore believers must be righteous to inherit the kingdom of God}?

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but **you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him**.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for **what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?**

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that **we would be holy and blameless before Him**.

Ephesians 4:24 and put on the new self, **which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness** of the truth.

Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, **but now you are light in the Lord**; walk as children of light

Ephesians 5:27 that **He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing**; but that **she should be holy and blameless**.

Philippians 1:11 **having been filled with the fruit of righteousness** which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 3:9b ... but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**,

Colossians 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son** {His is a kingdom of righteousness},

Colossians 1:22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to **present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach**

Colossians 2:10 and **in Him you have been made complete**, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Colossians 3:12a And so, as those who have been chosen of God, **holy** and beloved ...

Titus 3:5 **He saved us**, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration **and renewing by the Holy Spirit**,

Titus 3:7 that **being justified by His grace** we might be made **heirs according to the hope of eternal life**.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, **holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling**, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering **He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified**.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the **God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, [19] but **with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ**.

1 Peter 1:23 for **you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

1 Peter 2:5 **you** also, as living stones, **are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:24a and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; ...

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because **he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin**,

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them **you might become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

1 John 1:5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all** {and we are in Him}.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, **He is faithful and righteous** to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that **we should be called children of God**; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 3:6-9 **No one who abides in Him sins**; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

[7] Little children, let no one deceive you; **the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous**; [8] the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil. [9] **No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him**; and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God**.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and **holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection**; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

B. Relationship Between Righteousness and Faith

Romans 1:17 For in it **the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith**; as it is written, "But **the righteous man shall live by faith**."

Romans 3:22 even **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction;

Romans 3:25-26 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; [26] for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that **He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

Romans 3:28 For we maintain that **a man is justified by faith** apart from works of the Law.

Romans 4:5 But **to the one who** does not work, but **believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness**,

Romans 4:9 Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, "**Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness**."

Romans 4:11 and he received the sign of **circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith** which he had while uncircumcised, that **he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them**,

Romans 4:13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that **he would be heir of the world** was not through the Law, but **through the righteousness of faith**.

Romans 4:16 For this reason **it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace**, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, **but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all**,

Romans 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the **righteousness which is by faith**;

Romans 10:6a But **the righteousness based on faith ...**

Galatians 2:16 nevertheless knowing that **a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that **we may be justified by faith in Christ**, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 3:11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "**The righteous man shall live by faith.**"

Galatians 3:24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, **so that we may be justified by faith**.

Galatians 5:5 For **we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness**.

Philippians 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**,

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of **the righteousness which is according to faith**.

V. Union

A. Jesus Lives in You

John 6:56 **He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him**

John 10:38b ... the **Father is in Me, and I in the Father**. {Our union with Christ is the same as the union between the Father and Jesus during His incarnation ... see John 17:11.}

John 14:20 In that day you shall know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you**.

John 14:23b ... and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him, and make Our abode with him**.

John 17:11b **that they may be one even as We {are}**.

Romans 5:5b ... the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through **the Holy Spirit who was given to us**.

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you**. But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that **you are a temple of God**, and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you**?

1 Corinthians 6:17 But **the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him**. {with Him is not in the Greek}

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and that **you are not your own**?

2 Corinthians 6:16b ... for **we are the temple of the living God**; just as God said, "**I will dwell in them** and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

2 Corinthians 13:5 **Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith**; examine yourselves! **Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you** - unless indeed you fail the test?

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

Ephesians 1:23 which is **His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all**.

Ephesians 3:17a so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**;

Ephesians 3:19b ... **that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God**.

Ephesians 5:30 because **we are members of His body**.

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and **the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**,

Colossians 2:10a and **in Him you have been made complete** ...

Colossians 3:3 For you have died and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**.

Colossians 3:4a When **Christ, who is our life** ...

Colossians 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

2 Timothy 1:14a ... through **the Holy Spirit who dwells in us**, ...

1 John 4:13 By this we know that **we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit**.

1 John 4:15-16 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God abides in him, and he in God.** [16] And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and **the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

1 John 5:20b ... and **we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.** This is the true God and eternal life.

B. Your Life of Union with Christ

Matthew 5:16 **Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father** who is in heaven.

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, **'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'**

John 10:10b ... **I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.**

John 11:25a **Jesus said** to her, **"I am** the resurrection and **the life;** ...

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another,** even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 14:6 **Jesus said** to him, **"I am** the way, and the truth, and **the life;** ...

John 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and **greater works than these shall he do;** because I go to the Father.

John 15:5 **I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit;** for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:17 This I command you, that you **love one another.**

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom Thou hast sent.

Acts 16:7 and after they came to Mysia, ... and **the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;**

Acts 17:28a **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;** ... (KJV)

Romans 6:11-13 Even so **consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.** [12] Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body** that you should obey its lusts, [13] and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but **present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**

Romans 8:10-11 And if **Christ is in you,** though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] But if **the Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who indwells you.**

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**

1 Corinthians 2:7a but **we speak God's wisdom** in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, ...

1 Corinthians 5:9-10,12-13a I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; [10] **I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world ... for then you would have to go out of the world ...** [12] **For what have I to do with judging outsiders?** Do you not judge those who are within the church? [13] **But those who are outside, God judges.** ...

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; **but I labored** even more than all of them, **yet not I, but the grace of God with me.**

2 Corinthians 3:18b ... **are being transformed** into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is **the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ**.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, **that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves**;

2 Corinthians 4:11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh**.

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the **things which are seen are temporal**, but the **things which are not seen are eternal**.

2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore **from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh**; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in **afflictions**, in **hardships**, in **distresses**, [5] in **beatings**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labors**, in **sleeplessness**, in **hunger**, [6] in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, [7] in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, [8] by glory and **dishonor**, by **evil report** and good report; **regarded as deceivers** and yet true; [9] as **unknown** yet well-known, as **dying** yet behold, we live; as **punished** yet not put to death, [10] as **sorrowful** yet always rejoicing, as **poor** yet making many rich, as **having nothing** yet possessing all things.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God is able to make all grace abound to you**, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance **for every good deed**.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He has said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness**." Most gladly, therefore, **I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me**.

2 Corinthians 13:3a since you are seeking for proof of the **Christ who speaks in me**, ...

Galatians 1:16a to **reveal His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,

Galatians 5:22-23 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us **do good to all men**, and **especially** to those who are of the household of the faith.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ,

Ephesians 2:10 For **we** are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, **that we should walk in them**.

Ephesians 3:17b-19 ... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] **may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth**, [19] **and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God**.

Ephesians 3:20 Now **to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think**, according to **the power that works within us**,

Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ**.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and **in the strength of His might**.

Philippians 1: 20b-21 Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been **granted for Christ's sake**, not only **to believe in Him**, but **also to suffer for His sake**,

Philippians 2:13 for **it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.**

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, **whatever is true**, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **of good repute**, if there is **any excellence** and if **anything worthy of praise**, **let your mind dwell on these things.**

Colossians 1:9b-10a ... that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**

Colossians 1:29 I work very hard at this, **as I depend on Christ's mighty power that works within me.** (NLT)

Colossians 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from **the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,**

Colossians 3:2 **Set your mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:3-4a For you have died and **your life is hidden with Christ** in God. [4] **When Christ, who is our life,** ...

Colossians 3:5-10 Therefore **consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed**, which amounts to idolatry. [6] For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come, [7] **and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.** [8] But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, **since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,** [10] **and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.**

Colossians 3:10 and have **put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him** ...

Colossians 4:5-6 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. [6] Let your **speech always be with grace, seasoned**, as it were, **with salt**, so that you **may know how you should respond to each person.**

1 Thessalonians. 4:11-12 and to **make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business** and work with your hands, just as we commanded you; [12] **so that you may behave properly toward outsiders** and not be in any need. {This verse, in context, equates a quiet life with loving one another.}

1 Thessalonians 5:13b-14b ... **Live in peace with one another** [14] ... **be patient with everyone.**

1 Timothy 2:1-2 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of **all men**, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, **in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.**

2 Timothy 2:4 **No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life**, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

Titus 1:1b I was sent to lead **God's chosen people to faith and to the knowledge of the truth that leads to a godly life.** (God's Word Translation)

Titus 3:1b-3 ... to be ready for every good deed, 2 to **malign no one**, to **be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men**. For **we also once were foolish ourselves**, disobedient, deceived, **enslaved to various lusts** and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

Hebrews 13:21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, **working in us that which is pleasing in His sight**, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 1:3-4 seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence. [4] For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them **you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust**.

1 Peter 3:4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a **gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God**.

1 Peter 3:8-9, 11, 15-16 To sum up, **let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; [9] not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead**; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. ... [11] "And let him turn away from evil and do good; **Let him seek peace and pursue it**. ... [15] but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence**; [16] and **keep a good conscience** so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

2 Peter 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**,

2 Peter 3:18a but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**.

1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so **that we might live through Him**.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the **Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true**, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

VI. Faith

A. Following Christ in Faith

Luke 6:22 **Blessed are you when men hate you**, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, **for the sake of the Son of Man.**

John 10:27 **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and **they follow Me**;

John 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you**; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

John 20:21 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the **Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"

Romans 1:17 For in it the **righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith**; as it is written, "**But the righteous man shall live by faith.**"

Romans 5:1 Therefore, **having been justified by faith, we have peace** with God through our Lord **Jesus Christ, [2] through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand**; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 10:17 So **faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**

Romans 12:3b **God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**

Romans 12:6 Since **we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us**, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, **according to the proportion of his faith**;

Romans 14:23b **whatever is not from faith is sin.**

1 Corinthians 2:5 so that **your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 15:14, and **if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.** ... [17] and **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless**; you are still in your sins.

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the **things which are seen are temporal**, but the **things which are not seen are eternal.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 for **we walk by faith, not by sight**

Galatians 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 3:2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: **did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?**

Galatians 3:11-12 Now that **no one is justified by the Law before God** is evident; for, "**The righteous man shall live by faith.**" [12] However, **the Law is not of faith**; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them."

Galatians 3:26 For you are all **sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; [9] not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 3:12 in whom **we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.**

Ephesians 3:16-17a that **He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man**; [17] so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; ...

Ephesians 4:13 **until we all attain to the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 6:16 in addition to all, **taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

Philippians 3:3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh**,

Philippians 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**,

Philippians 3:10 **that I may know Him**, and **the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death;

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak from want; for **I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.**

Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, **striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.**

Colossians 2:6 **As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him**,

Colossians 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which **you were also raised up with Him through faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Colossians 3:2 **Set your mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 And **may the Lord direct your hearts** into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

1 Timothy 1:5 But **the goal of our instruction is** love from a pure heart and a good conscience and **a sincere faith.**

1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that **in later times some will fall away from the faith**, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

1 Timothy 6:8 And **if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.**

2 Timothy 3:12 And indeed, **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, **I have kept the faith**;

Hebrews 4:2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; **but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith** in those who heard.

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on **Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith**, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also **faith without works is dead.**

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled

and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are **protected by the power of God through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, [7] so that the **proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.**

B. Why You Walk by Faith ... Your Mortal Flesh is Not Yet Redeemed

Romans 8:10 And if Christ is in you, though **the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

Romans 8:23b ... even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting eagerly for {our} adoption as sons, **the redemption of our body.**

1 Corinthians 1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that **there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;**

1 Corinthians 1:27 but God has chosen the **foolish things** of the world **to shame the wise**, and God has chosen the **weak things** of the world **to shame the things which are strong,**

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. [4] And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] that **your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.**

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, **beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;** [9] indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that **we should not trust in ourselves**, but in God who raises the dead;

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

2 Corinthians 5:1-2 For we know that **if the earthly tent which is our house** is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. [2] For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven ...

2 Corinthians 5:4 For indeed **while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened**, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that **while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord** [7] for we walk by faith, not by sight - [8] we are of good courage, I say, and **prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.**

2 Corinthians 11:30 If I have to boast, **I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.**

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore **I am well content with weaknesses**, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; **for when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Galatians 2:17 But if, **while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners**, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!

Philippians 3:21a who will **transform the body of our humble state** into conformity with the body of His glory ...

VII. Jesus Christ

A. Jesus is God/Preexistence of Jesus

Genesis 16:9-10 Then the **angel of the Lord** {here, Jesus is fully God appearing in the form of a man} **said** to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." [10] Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, "**I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they shall be too many to count.**"

Isaiah 9:6 For a **child** will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; and **His name** will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** [2] He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 **All things came into being by Him** {Jesus}, and **apart from Him** {Jesus} **nothing came into being that has come into being.**

John 1:4 **In Him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and **the world was made through Him** {Jesus}, and the world did not know Him. **and** John 1:14a And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father ...

John 1:15 John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, '**He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.**' "

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was born, I am.**"

John 10:33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because **You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.**"

John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now **the Lord is the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. {In context, "Lord" refers to Jesus.}

Colossians 1:16 For **by Him** {Jesus} **all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, **the only God**, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15b-16 ... He who is **the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**; [16] **who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light**; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen. **and** Revelation 19:16 And on His robe and **on His thigh He has a name written, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."**

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**;

Hebrews 1:3 And **He** {Jesus} **is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.** When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:8 But **of the Son** He says, "**Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever**, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.

Hebrews 7:1a, 3 For this **Melchizedek** {Jesus living on earth as Melchizedek}, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, ... **Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God**, he abides a priest perpetually.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that **the worlds were prepared by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

1 Peter 4:10 Each one should **use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.** (NIV)

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His **Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last**, [18] and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. **and** Revelation 1:8 "**I am the Alpha and the Omega**," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelations 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, "**Fear God**, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; **and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.**"

Revelation 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done. I {Jesus speaking} **am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.** I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. **and** Revelation 22:13 "I {Jesus speaking} **am the Alpha and the Omega**, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

B. Jesus Emptied Himself to Live on Earth Fully as a Man

Philippians 2: 5-8 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, [6] who, **although He existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] **but emptied Himself**, taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being made in the **likeness of men**. [8] Being found in **appearance as a man**, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross.

Matthew 4:1 Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.** **and** James 1:13b ... **for God cannot be tempted by evil**, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Matthew 12:18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well-pleased; **I will put my Spirit upon him**, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:28 But if **I cast out demons by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Mark 1:9-11 And it came about in those days that **Jesus** came from Nazareth in Galilee, and **was baptized by John in the Jordan**. [10] And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the **heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him**; [11] and a voice came out of the heavens: "**Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased.**"

Mark 13:32 But **of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.**

Luke 4:1 **Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness

Luke 4:14 And **Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit**, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing**; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 5:30 "**I can do nothing on My own initiative.** As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 8:28 Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and **I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.**

John 8:29 "And **He who sent Me is with Me**; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

John 10:30-38 **I and the Father are one.** [31] The Jews took up stones again to stone Him. [32] Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" [33] The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because **You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.**" [34] Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? [35] "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), [36] do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, '**I am the Son of God**'? [37] "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; [38] but if I do them, 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 14:10b-11 ... The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but **the Father abiding in Me does His works.** [11] Believe Me that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me ...**

John 14: 28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for **the Father is greater than I.**

John 17:4-5 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. [5] "Now, Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

Acts 2:22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: **Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him** in your midst, just as you yourselves know -

Acts 10:38 You know of **Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power**, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness **through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.**

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by a man came death, **by a man also came the resurrection of the dead.**

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor**, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Colossians 1:15 And **He is the image of the invisible God**, the first-born of all creation.

Colossians 1:19 For **it was the {Father's} good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him**

Colossians 2:9 For **in Him {Jesus} all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form**,

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

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things**, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.**

1 Peter 2:22 **who committed no sin**, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God;

Common Mistranslation:

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

Correct Translation: 1 Timothy 3:16 By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: **He who was revealed in the flesh**, was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (Translated Greek Text from SearchGodsWord.org)

VIII. God's Truth

A. The Bible is True

John 3:33b-34 ... **God is true.** [34] For **He whom God has sent speaks the words of God;** for He gives the Spirit without measure.

2 Timothy 3:16 **All Scripture is inspired by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ...

2 Peter 1:20-21 But know this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,** [21] for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, **for these words are faithful and true.**"

Revelation 22:6a And he said to me, "**These words are faithful and true**"; ...

B. You Can Know Spiritual Truth Only as God Reveals It to You

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

John 1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.**

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, "**I am** the way, and **the truth,** and the life;

John 14:26 But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit,** whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things,** and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 5:39 **You search the Scriptures,** because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;

John 16:13a But when **He, the Spirit of truth,** comes, **He will guide you into all the truth;**

1 Corinthians 1:30a But by His doing you are in **Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,** ...

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,**

1 Corinthians 2:11-16 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so **the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.** [12] Now **we have received,** not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,** [13] which things we also speak, **not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.** [14] But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. [15] But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man. [16] For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But **we have the mind of Christ.**

Ephesians 4:21b ... just as **truth is in Jesus,** ...

Colossians 2:2b-3 ... that is, **Christ** Himself, [3] **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 **Do not quench the Spirit;** [20] **do not despise prophetic utterances.** [21] But **examine everything carefully;** hold fast to that which is good;

2 Timothy 2:7b ... for **the Lord will give you understanding in everything.**

James 1:5 But if any of you **lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,** who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and **it will be given to him.**

C. Parallels Between Being Filled with God's Truth and Being Filled with God

1 Corinthians 1:4b-5 ...the **grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus**, that in everything **you were enriched in Him**, in all speech and **all knowledge**, ...

Ephesians 3:17b-19 ... that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, [18] **may be able to comprehend** with all the saints what is **the breadth and length and height and depth**, [19] **and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.**

Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your **love may abound** still more and more in **real knowledge and all discernment**, [10] so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; [11] **having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ**, to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9b-10a ... that you may be **filled with the knowledge** of His will in all spiritual **wisdom and understanding**, [10] **so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord** ...

2 Peter 1:2-3 **Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**; [3] **seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:5-8 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, **and in your moral excellence, knowledge**; [6] **and in your knowledge, self-control**, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; [7] and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. [8] **For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

D. It is God Who Sanctifies You with His Truth ... It is His Work

John 8:32 and **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

John 17:17 **Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.**

John 17:19 And for their sakes **I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.**

Romans 8:11 But if **the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 1:17-18a ... that the **God** of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation** in the knowledge of Him. [18] I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His {Christ's} inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 2:10 For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Ephesians 3:16 that **He would grant you**, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man**;

Ephesians 4:23 and that **you be renewed in the spirit of your mind**,

Colossians 2:19b ... from whom the **entire body**, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, **grows with a growth which is from God.**

2 Timothy 2:7b ... for **the Lord will give you understanding** in everything.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23a Now may the **God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;**

Hebrews 4:12 For the **word of God is living and active** and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 5:14 But **solid food is for the mature**, who because of **practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.**

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the **God of all grace**, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, **will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.**

IX. The Hebrew Law

A. The Hebrew Law is Not Part of the New Covenant

John 1:17 For **the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.**

John 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation is from the Jews.**

Romans 3:20a because **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified** in His sight

Romans 9:6-8 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For **they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel**; [7] neither are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." [8] That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but **the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.**

Romans 10:5 For Moses writes that **the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.**

1 Corinthians 9:20b ... to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, **though not being myself under the Law**, that I might win those who are under the Law;

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and **the power of sin is the law**;

2 Corinthians 3:6-9 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for **the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.** [7] But if the **ministry of death** {the Law}, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, [8] **how shall the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?** [9] For if the **ministry of condemnation** has glory, **much more does the ministry of righteousness** {faith in Christ} **abound in glory.**

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "**Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the Law, to perform them.**"

Galatians 3:12 However, the **Law is not of faith**; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them."

Galatians 3:21b ... **For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.**

Galatians 5:2-4 Behold I, Paul, say to you that **if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.** [3] And I testify again **to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.** [4] **You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.**

Colossians 2: 14,16-17,21-22 ... **having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us** {this is referring to the Hebrew Law which was given to the Jews, not the Gentiles}; ... [16] Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day {these are Jewish rituals} [17] **things which are a mere shadow of what is to come** {the Jewish Law was the shadow of things to come}; but **the substance belongs to Christ.** ... [21] "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" [22] (which all refer to things destined to perish with the using) - in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

1 Thessalonians 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is **Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.** and Romans 4:15a for **the Law brings about wrath,** ...

1 Timothy 1:8-9 But we know that **the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,** [9] realizing the fact that **law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and**

rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers ...

James 2:10 For **whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.**

B. The Hebrew Law was Never Given to the Gentiles

Matthew 21:43 "Therefore I say to you, **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.**

Romans 2:14a For when **Gentiles who do not have the Law** ...

Romans 9:4 who are **Israelites, to whom belongs** the adoption as sons and the glory and **the covenants and the giving of the Law** and the temple service and the promises,

Romans 10:4 For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes.

Romans 11:25b ... that a **partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;**

Romans 11:11-12 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But **by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.** [12] Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, **how much more will their fulfillment be!**

Romans 11:18 **do not be arrogant toward the branches** {Jews}; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root {Jesus, a Jew} supports you.

Hebrews 8:13 **When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete.** But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

Hebrews 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, **since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant,** those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 10:9b ... **He takes away the first** {Law} **in order to establish the second** {New Covenant grace}.

C. The Hebrew Law was the Barrier Between Jews and Gentiles

Ephesians 2:14-15 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups {Jews and Gentiles} into one, and broke down the **barrier of the dividing wall**, [15] by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, **which is the Law of commandments** contained in ordinances, that in Himself **He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,**

Ephesians 2:12 remember that **you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2: 19-20 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints, and are **of God's household**, [20] having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone**, ...

D. Purpose of the Law: Lead the Jews to Christ

The primary purpose of the Law was to lead the Jews to Christ. This is often misunderstood because Galatians is not properly read as a Jewish letter, not a Gentile letter.

Romans 3:20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the **Law {comes} the knowledge of sin.**

Romans 5:20 The Law came in so that the **transgression would increase** ...

Galatians 3:19 **Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions ... until the seed {Christ} should come to whom the promise had been made.**

Galatians 3:24 **Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us {the Jews} to Christ,** so that we may be justified by faith.

E. Where There is No Law, There is No Transgression

Romans 3:25b ... because in the forbearance of God **He passed over the sins previously committed** {because there was no Law};

Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for **where no law is, there is no transgression.** (KJV)

Romans 5:13 for until the Law sin was in the world; but **sin is not imputed when there is no law.**

Romans 4:8 "Blessed is the man **whose sin the lord will not take into account.**"

F. The Jews Died Through the Law; Gentiles Died Through the Sin of Adam

Romans 2:12 For **all who have sinned without the Law** {Gentiles} **will also perish without the Law;** and **all who have sinned under the Law** {Jews} **will be judged by the Law;**

Romans 7: 9-11 {referring to the Jews} **I was once alive apart from the Law;** but **when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;** [10]and **this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;** [11] for **sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.**

Romans 5:12 {referring to the Gentiles} Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered into the world,** and **death through sin,** and so **death spread to all men,** because all sinned.

Romans 5:14a {before the Law was given} Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam until Moses,** even over **those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam** {i.e. breaking a law given by God}

Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression {Adam's sin} there **resulted condemnation to all men,** even so through one act of righteousness {the Cross of Christ} there resulted justification of life to all men.

Romans 11:32 For God has shut up all in disobedience that **He might show mercy to all.**

Note: These verses show that the Law was given only to Israel ... for the purpose of bringing them to Christ. When not under Law, God does not charge people with their personal sins, things which would be considered transgressions if under Law. The Cross forgave all sins of all people for all time except the single sin of unbelief in Christ as Savior. Thus, the issues of salvation are ^[1] the rejection of Christ and ^[2] indwelling sin, not personal sins.

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them,** and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.