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Romans 4:7-8 (NLT) "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven,
Whose sins are put out of sight.

[8] Yes, what joy for those
Whose sin is no longer counted against them by the Lord."

Romans 4:7-8 (KJV) Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered.

[8] Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Psalms 32:1-7 (NLT) A psalm of David. Oh, what joy for those
Whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

[2] Yes, what joy for those

Whose record the Lord has cleared of sin,
Whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

[3] When I refused to confess my sin,

I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long.

[4] Day and night Your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Interlude

[5] Finally, I confessed all my sins to You

And stopped trying to hide them.

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."

And You forgave me!

All my guilt is gone. Interlude

[6] Therefore, let all the godly confess their rebellion to You

While there is time,

That they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

[7] For You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble.

You surround me with songs of victory.

Eccles. 7:16 (KJV) Be not righteous over much; Neither make yourself over wise:
Why should you destroy yourself?

1 John 1:9-10 (ESV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful

And just to forgive us our sins

And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:9 (KJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Ecclesiastes 7:16-17 (ESV) Be not overly righteous,

And do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself?

¹⁷ Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool.

Why should you die before your time?

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James 4:8-10 (NLT) **Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.**

Wash your hands, you sinners;

Purify your hearts, you hypocrites.

[9] **Let there be tears** for the **wrong** things you have **done**.

Let there be **sorrow** and **deep grief**.

Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and **gloom instead** of joy.

[10] When you **bow** down **before the Lord**

And **admit** your dependence **on Him, he will lift** you **up**

And give you **honor**.

Psalms 32:1-7 (KJV) A Psalm of David, Maschil. **Blessed is he**

Whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

[2] **Blessed is** the man unto whom

The Lord imputes not iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is **no** guile (deceit).

[3] **When** I kept **silence**,

My bones waxed **old** through my **roaring** all the day **long**.

[4] For day and night **Your hand was heavy upon me**:

My **moisture** is turned **into** the **drought** of summer.

Selah (Used in psalms to reflect blessings upon contemplative thought)

[5] **I acknowledged** my **sin** unto **You**,

And mine **iniquity** have I **not** hid.

I said, I will **confess** my transgressions **unto the Lord**;

And You forgave the **iniquity** of my **sin**.

[6] For **this** shall every one that **is** **godly**

Pray unto **You** in a **time** when **you may be found**:

Surely in the **floods** of great waters they **shall not** come **close unto Him**.

[7] **You are** my **hiding** place;

You shall preserve me **from** trouble;

You shall compass me **about** with **songs of deliverance**. Selah.

James 4:8-10 (KJV) **Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you.**

Cleanse your hands, you sinners;

And **purify** your hearts, you **double minded** (hypocrites).

[9] Be **afflicted**, and **mourn**, and **weep**: Let your **laughter** be **turned** to **mourning**,

And your **joy** to **heaviness**.

[10] **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord**,

And He shall lift you **up**.

Isaiah 30:18 (KJV) **And therefore will the Lord wait,**

That He may be gracious unto you, **and therefore will he be exalted**,

That He may have mercy upon you:

For **the Lord is a God of judgment**:

Blessed are all they **that wait for Him**.

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Matthew 19:25-26 (KJV) When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed,
Saying, **Who then can be saved?**

[26] **But Jesus beheld** them,
And said unto them, with men **this is impossible;**
But **with God all things are possible.**

Psalms 86:5-7 (KJV) **For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive;**
And plenteous in mercy unto all them **that call upon You.**

[6] Give ear, **O Lord,** unto my **prayer;**
And **attend** to the voice of my **supplications.**
[7] **In** the day of my **trouble** I will call **upon You: for you will answer** me.

Psalms 86:5-7 (NLT) **O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,**
So full of unfailing love for all who **ask Your aid.**

[6] **Listen** closely to my **prayer,**
O Lord; Hear my urgent cry.
[7] I will call **to You** whenever **trouble** strikes, **and you will answer** me.

John 3:18 (NLT) "There is **no judgment** awaiting those who **trust Him.**
But those who **do not** trust **Him**
Have already been judged for **not** believing in **the only Son of God.**

John 3:18 (KJV) **He that believes on Him is not condemned:**
But he that believes **not is condemned** already,
Because he **has not** believed
In the Name of the Only begotten Son of God.

Ephesians 1:6-8 (NLT) **So we praise God for the wonderful kindness**
He has poured out on us
Because we belong to His dearly loved Son.

[7] **He is so rich in kindness**
That **He purchased** our **freedom through the blood of his Son,**
And our sins **are forgiven.**
[8] **He has showered his kindness on** us, along with all **wisdom and understanding.**

Isaiah 30:18 (ESV) **Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,**
And therefore **He exalts himself to show mercy to** you.
For the Lord is a God of justice;
Blessed **are** all those **who wait for Him.**

Isaiah 30:18 (NLT) **But the Lord still waits for you to come to him**
So He can show you **his love and compassion.**
For **the Lord is a faithful God.**
Blessed are those who **wait for Him** to help them.

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Exodus 34:5-7 (NLT) **Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud**

And called out His own name,

"**The Lord,**" as Moses stood there in **his presence.**

[6] **He passed in front** of Moses **and said,**

"I am the Lord,

I am the Lord, the merciful and gracious God.

I am slow to anger

And rich in unfailing love and faithfulness.

[7] **I show this unfailing love to** many thousands

By forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion.

Even so **I do not leave sin** unpunished,

But I punish the children **for the sins** of their parents

To the **third and fourth** generations."

1 Kings 21:27-29 (NLT) **When Ahab heard this Message, he tore his clothing,**

Dressed in sackcloth, and fasted.

He even slept in **sackcloth** and went about in **deep mourning.**

[28] **Then another message from the Lord came to** Elijah,

Who was from Tishbe:

[29] "Do you see how Ahab **has humbled himself before Me?**

Because he has done **this,**

I will not do what I promised during his lifetime.

It will happen to his sons; **I will destroy** all his descendants."

Isaiah 27:10-13 (NLT) **Israel's fortified cities will be silent and empty,**

The houses **abandoned,** the streets covered with grass.

Cattle will graze there, chewing on twigs and branches.

[11] The people **are** like the **dead** branches of a tree, **broken off**

And used **for kindling** beneath the cooking pots.

Israel **is** a **foolish** and **stupid** nation,

For its people have **turned away** from **God.**

Therefore, **the One who made** them **will show** them **no pity or mercy.**

[12] **Yet the time will come when the Lord**

Will gather them together one by one **like handpicked** grain.

He will bring them to **his** great threshing floor—

[13] From the Euphrates River in the east to the brook of Egypt in the west.

In that day **the great trumpet will sound.**

Many who **were dying** in **exile** in Assyria and Egypt

Will **return** to Jerusalem to **worship the Lord on his Holy mountain.**

1 John 1:9-10 (NLT) **But if we confess our sins to Him, he is faithful**

And just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.

[10] If we **claim** we have **not sinned,** we **are calling God** a liar

And **showing** that **His word** has **no place** in our hearts.

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Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT) Because **God's** children are human beings

—Made of flesh and blood—**Jesus also became flesh and blood**

By being born in human form.

For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying

Could He break the power of the **Devil,**

Who **had** the power of **death.**

[15] **Only in this way could He deliver** those

Who **have** lived all their lives as **slaves** to the **fear** of **dying.**

Luke 24:46-47 (NLT) **And He said, "Yes, it was Written long ago**

That the Messiah must suffer and die

And rise again from the dead on the third day.

[47] **With My Authority,**

Take this Message of repentance to all the nations,

Beginning in Jerusalem:

'There is **forgiveness** of sins for all who turn **to Me.**'

Mark 11:25-26 (NLT) **But when you are praying,** first **forgive** anyone

You **are** holding a **grudge** against,

So that your **Father in Heaven will forgive** your sins, too."

Psalms 32:1-11 (ESV) **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,**

Whose sin is **covered.**

² **Blessed** is the man **against whom the Lord counts no** iniquity,

And **in** whose spirit **there is no** deceit.

³ For **when I kept silent,** my bones **wasted away** through my **groaning** all day long.

⁴ For day and night **Your hand was heavy upon** me;

My strength was **dried up** as **by** the **heat** of summer. Selah

⁵ **I acknowledged** my sin **to You,** and I **did not** cover my iniquity; I **said,**

"I **will confess** my transgressions **to the Lord,"**

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

⁶ Therefore let everyone who **is godly** offer **prayer**

To **You** at a time **when you may** be found;

Surely in the **rush** of great waters, they **shall not** reach **Him.**

⁷ **You are a hiding place for** me; **you preserve** me from trouble;

You surround me **with shouts of deliverance.** Selah

⁸ **I will instruct** you **and teach** you **in the way** you **should go;**

I will counsel you **with my eye upon** you.

⁹ **Be not like** a horse or a mule, **without** understanding,

Which **must** be **curbed with** bit and bridle, **or** it will **not stay** near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows** of the **wicked,**

But steadfast love surrounds the one **who trusts in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be **glad in the Lord,** and **rejoice,** O righteous, and **shout for joy,**

All you upright in heart!

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Romans 7:14-25 (NLT) The law is good,

Then the trouble **is not** with the law but with me,

Because I am sold into slavery, with sin as my master.

[15] I don't understand myself at all,

For I **really want to do** what is right,

But I don't do it. Instead, I **do** the very thing I hate.

[16] I **know** perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong,

And my bad conscience shows

That I **agree** that the law is good.

[17] But I can't help myself,

Because it is sin inside me that **makes me do** these evil things.

[18] I know I am rotten through and through

So far as my old sinful nature **is concerned**.

No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right.

I want to, but I can't.

[19] When I want to do good,

I don't. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway.

[20] But if I am doing what I don't want to do,

I am **not** really the one doing it; The sin within me is doing it.

[21] It seems **to be** a **fact** of life that when I want to do what is right,

I inevitably do what is wrong.

[22] I **love** God's law with all my heart.

[23] But **there is** another law at work within me that is at war with my mind.

This law wins the fight

And **makes** me a slave to the sin that **is still within** me.

[24] (KJV) O wretched man that I am!

Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

[25] (KJV) I **thank** God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So then with the mind

I myself **serve** the law of God; But **with** the flesh the law of sin.

Joshua 24:19-20 (KJV) **And Joshua said unto the people,**

You **cannot** serve the Lord: for he is a Holy God;

He is a jealous God;

He will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

[20] If you forsake the Lord, and **serve** strange gods,

Then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you,

After that He has done you good.

Matthew 7:21 (NLT) "**Not all people** who sound religious are really godly.

They **may** refer to me as 'Lord'

But they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The **decisive** issue

Is whether they obey My Father in Heaven.

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Col. 1:13-22 (NLT) **For He has rescued us from the one**

Who rules in the kingdom of **darkness,**

And He has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.

[14] **God has purchased our freedom with His blood**

And has forgiven all our sins.

[15] **Christ is the Visible Image of the invisible God.**

He existed before God made anything at all

And is Supreme over all creation.

[16] **Christ is the One through whom God created everything** in Heaven and earth.

He made the things we **can see**

And the things we **can't see**—kings, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities.

Everything **has been created through Him and for him.**

[17] **He existed before** everything else began,

And He holds all creation together.

[18] **Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the First of all**

Who **will rise** from the **dead,**

So He is first in everything.

[19] **For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,**

[20] And **by Him God reconciled everything to himself.**

He made peace with everything in Heaven and on earth

By means of His blood on the cross.

[21] This **includes** you who were **once so far away from God.**

You were **His enemies,**

Separated from Him by your **evil** thoughts and actions,

[22] **Yet now He has brought you back as his friends.**

He has done this through his death on the cross

In His own human body. As a result, **he has brought you into**

The very presence of God, And you are **holy**

And **blameless** as you stand before **Him without** a single fault.

Romans 5:6-11 (NLT) **When we were utterly helpless,**

Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

[7] Now, **no one** is likely to **die** for a good person, though

Someone **might** be **willing** to **die** for a person who is **especially good.**

[8] **But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us**

While we were **still sinners.**

[9] And since we have been **made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ,**

He will certainly save us from God's judgment.

[10] For since **we were restored** to friendship **with God**

By **the death of His Son** While we were still **his enemies,**

We will certainly **be delivered** from eternal punishment **by His life.**

[11] So now we can **rejoice** in our wonderful **new** relationship **with God—**

All because of what our **Lord**

Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.

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Col. 2:9-15 (NLT) *For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body,*

[10] And you are complete **through your union with Christ.**

He is the Lord over every ruler and authority **in the universe.**

[11] When you came **to Christ,**

You were "circumcised," **but not** by a physical procedure.

It was a spiritual procedure—the cutting away of your sinful nature.

[12] **For you were buried with Christ**

When you were baptized.

And **with Him** you were **raised** to a **new life**

Because you **trusted the mighty power of God,**

Who raised Christ from the dead.

[13] You were **dead** because of your **sins**

And because your **sinful** nature was **not yet** cut away.

Then God made you alive with Christ.

He forgave all our sins.

[14] **He canceled** the **record** that contained **the charges against us.**

He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

[15] In this way, **God disarmed** the **evil** rulers and authorities.

He shamed them publicly

By His victory over them on the cross of Christ.

Col. 2:9-15 (KJV) *For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead*

Bodily (Jesus was given all the power of God in a human body).

[10] And you are complete **in Him, which is the Head of all** principality and power:

[11] **In Whom** also you **are** circumcised with the circumcision **made** without hands,

In **putting off** the body of the **sins** of the flesh

By the circumcision of Christ:

[12] Buried **with Him** in **baptism,** wherein also you are **risen** with **him**

Through the **faith** of **the operation of God,**

Who has raised Him from the dead.

[13] And you, being **dead** in your **sins** and the uncircumcision **of** your **flesh,**

Has He quickened (to make alive) **together with Him,**

Having forgiven you all trespasses;

[14] **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances **that was** against us,

Which was **contrary** to us, **And took it out of the way,**

Nailing it to His cross;

[15] **And having spoiled** principalities and powers (note: evil powers),

He (Jesus) made a show of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.**

Psalms 50:22-23 (KJV) **Now consider this, you that forget God,**

Or else I'll tear you in pieces, and there will be **none** to deliver.

[23] **Whoever offers praise glorifies Me:**

And to him that **orders his conversation aright**

Will I show the salvation of God.

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Col. 1:13-22 (KJV) Who has delivered us from the power of darkness,

And has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son:

[14] In Whom we have redemption through his blood,

Even the forgiveness of sins:

[15] Who is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature:

[16] For by Him were all things created,

That are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible **and** invisible,

Whether they be thrones, **or** dominions, **or** principalities, **or** powers:

All things were created by Him, and for him:

[17] And He is before all things,

And by Him all things consist.

[18] And He is the Head of the body, the church: who is the beginning,

The Firstborn from the dead;

That in all things He might have the preeminence.

[19] For it pleased the Father that

In Him should all fullness dwell;

[20] And, having made peace through the blood of His cross,

By Him to reconcile all things unto Himself;

By Him, I say, whether they **be things** in earth, **or things** in Heaven.

[21] And you, that were sometime alienated

And enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has He reconciled:

[22] In the body of His flesh through death,

To present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in His sight:

Romans 5:6-11 (KJV) For when we were yet without strength,

In due time Christ died for the ungodly.

[7] For scarcely for a righteous man **will** one **die**:

Yet in **some** instances, **for** a **good** man **some would even dare to die**.

[8] But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us.

[9] Much more then, being now justified by His blood,

We shall **be saved** from wrath through Him.

[10] For if, when we **were enemies**,

We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son,

Much more, being **reconciled**, we shall be **saved by His life**.

[11] And not only so, but we also **joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ**,

By Whom we have now **received** the **atonement** (reconciliation).

Mark 11:25-26 (KJV) And when you stand praying, forgive,

If you **have** anything **against** someone:

That your Father also which is in Heaven

May forgive you your **trespasses**.

[26] But if you do not forgive,

Neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your **trespasses**.

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Romans 5:13-21 (NLT) Yes, people sinned even before the law was given.

And though there was no law to break, since it had not yet been given,

[14] They **all** died anyway—even though they did not disobey

An explicit commandment of God, as Adam did.

What a **contrast** between Adam and Christ, who was yet to come!

[15] And **what** a **difference** between our sin

And God's generous gift of forgiveness.

For this one man, Adam, brought death to many through his sin.

But this other man, Jesus Christ,

Brought forgiveness to many through God's bountiful gift.

[16] And the result of God's gracious gift is very different

From the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin

Led to condemnation,

But we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though

We are guilty of many sins.

[17] The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us,

But all who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness

Will live in triumph over sin and death

Through this One man, Jesus Christ.

[18] Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone,

But Christ's one act of righteousness

Makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life.

[19] Because one person disobeyed God,

Many people became sinners.

But because One other person obeyed God,

Many people will be made right in God's sight.

[20] God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were.

But as people sinned more and more,

God's wonderful kindness became more abundant.

[21] So just as sin ruled over all people

And brought them to death, Now God's wonderful kindness

Rules instead, giving us right standing with God

And resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:1-4 (KJV) There is therefore now no condemnation to them

Which are in Christ Jesus,

Who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

[2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Has made me free from the law of sin and death.

[3] For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,

God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,

And for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

[4] That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk

Not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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Romans 5:13-21 (KJV) (For until the law sin was in the world:

But sin is not imputed when there is no law.

[14] Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them

That had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression,

Who is the figure of Him that was to come.

[15] But not as the offence, so also is the free gift.

For if through the offence of one many be dead,

Much more the grace of God,

And the gift by grace,

Which is by One man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many.

[16] And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift:

For the judgment was by one to condemnation,

But the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

[17] For if by one man's offence death reigned by one;

Much more they which receive abundance of grace

And of the gift of righteousness

Shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.)

[18] Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation;

Even so by the Righteousness of One

The free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

[19] For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

So by the obedience of One

Shall many be made righteous.

[20] Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound.

But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

[21] That as sin has reigned unto death,

Even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life

By Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT) And just as it is destined that each person dies only once

And after that comes judgment,

[28] So also Christ died only once as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people.

He will come again

But not to deal with our sins again. *This time* He will bring salvation

To all those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (KJV) And as it is appointed unto men once to die,

But after this the judgment:

[28] So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;

And unto them that look for Him

Shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Psalms 103:12 (NLT) He has removed our rebellious acts

As far away from us as the east is from the west.

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Isaiah 53:1-10 (KJV) **Who has believed our report?**

And to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed?

[2] For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of a dry ground:

He has no form or comeliness; And when we shall see him,

There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

[3] He is despised and rejected of men;

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

And we hid as it were our faces from Him; he was despised,

And we esteemed Him not.

[4] Surely He has borne our grief, and carried our sorrows:

Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

[5] But He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities:

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him;

And with His stripes we are healed.

[6] All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all.

[7] He was oppressed and treated harshly,

Yet He never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,

He did not open his mouth.

[8] From prison and trial they led Him away to his death.

But who among the people realized that He was dying for their sins—

That He was suffering their punishment?

[9] He had done no wrong, and He never deceived anyone.

But He was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

[10] But it was the Lord's good plan to crush Him

And fill Him with grief.

Yet when His life is made an offering for sin,

He will have a multitude of children, many heirs.

He will enjoy a long life,

And the Lord's plan will prosper in His hands.

Romans 10:9-10 (KJV) **That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus,**

And shall believe in your heart

That God has raised Him from the dead,

You shall be saved.

[10] For with the heart man believes unto righteousness;

And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Luke 24:47 (KJV) **And that repentance and remission** (forgiveness) of sins

Should be preached in His Name

Among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

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Romans 7:14-25 (KJV) For we **know** that the law is spiritual:

But I am **carnal, sold** under **sin**.

[15] **For that** which I **do** I allow **not**: For what I would, that **do** I **not**;

But **what** I hate, that **do** I.

[16] **If then** I **do** that which I would **not**,

I **consent** unto the law that it is good.

[17] **Now then** it is **no more** I that **do it**, But **sin** that dwells **in** me.

[18] For I **know** that **in** me (that is, in my flesh,)

Dwells **no** good thing:

For to will is present **with me**;

But **how to perform** that which **is good** I find **not**.

[19] For the **good** that I would I **do not**:

But the **evil** which I would **not**, **that I do**.

[20] Now if I **do** that I would **not**,

It is **no more** I that **do it**, but **sin** that dwells **in** me.

[21] **I find** then a **law, that**, when I would **do** good, **evil** is present **with** me.

[22] For I delight **in the law of God** after the **inward** man:

[23] But I see **another** law **in** my members,

Warring against the **law of** my mind,

And bringing me **into captivity** to the **law of sin**

Which is **in** my members.

[24] O **wretched** man that I am!

Who shall deliver me from the body **of** this **death?**

[25] I **thank God** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So then **with** the mind I myself **serve** the law of God;

But **with** the **flesh** the **law of sin**.

Psalms 103:12 (KJV) As **far** as the east is from the west,

So far has He removed our **transgressions from** us.

Psalms 50:22-23 (KJV) **Now consider this**, you that **forget God**,

Lest I tear you in pieces, and there **be none** to deliver.

[23] **Whoever offers** praise **glorifies Me**:

And to him that **orders** his conversation **correctly**

Will I show the salvation of God.

Psalms 50:22-23 (NLT) **Repent**, **all of you who ignore Me**,

Or I will tear you **apart**, and **no one** will help you.

[23] **But giving** thanks **is** a sacrifice that truly **honors Me**.

If you keep to My path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

1 Peter 2:8 (KJV) And a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offence,

Even to them which **stumble** at the Word, being **disobedient**:

Whereunto also **they were appointed**.

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Luke 24:47 (NLT) **With My Authority, take this Message of repentance**

To all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem:

'There is **forgiveness** of sins **for all who turn to Me.**'

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT) **So now there is no condemnation for those**

Who belong **to Christ Jesus.**

[2] **For the power of the life-giving Spirit Has freed you through Christ Jesus**

From the power of sin that leads to death.

[3] **The law of Moses could not save us,**

Because of our sinful nature.

But **God put into effect a different plan to save us.**

He sent his own Son in a human body like ours,

Except that ours **are sinful.**

God destroyed sin's control over us

By giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

[4] **He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully accomplished**

For us who **no longer** follow our sinful nature

But **instead follow the Spirit.**

Mark 11:25-26 (NLT) **But when you are praying,**

First forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against,

So that your Father in Heaven will forgive your sins, too."

[26] **But if you do not forgive,**

Neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses.

Psalms 50:22-23 (ESV) "Mark this, then, you who **forget God,**

Lest I tear you apart,

And there **be none** to deliver!

²³ The one who **offers thanksgiving** as his sacrifice **glorifies Me;**

To one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Isaiah 1:16-20 (NLT) **Wash yourselves and be clean!**

Let Me no longer see your evil deeds. **Give up your wicked ways.**

[17] **Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed.**

Defend the orphan.

Fight for the rights of widows.

[18] "Come **now, let us argue this out,**" **says the Lord.**

"No matter how deep the **stain** of your **sins, I can remove it.**

I can make you as **clean as freshly fallen snow.**

Even if you are stained as red as **crimson,**

I can make you **as white as wool.**

[19] **If you will only obey Me and let me help you, **then** you will **have** plenty to eat.**

[20] **But if you keep turning **away** and **refusing** to listen,**

You **will** be **destroyed by** your enemies. **I, the Lord, have spoken!"**

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Proverbs 16:2 (KJV) All the ways of a man are clean **in his own eyes**;
But the Lord weighs the spirits.

Isaiah 1:16-20 (ESV) **Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;**
Remove the evil of your deeds from **before My eyes**; cease to do evil,
¹⁷ **Learn** to do good; **seek** justice, **correct** oppression;
Bring justice to the fatherless, **plead** the widow's cause.
¹⁸ "Come now, **let us reason** together, **says the Lord**:
Though your **sins** are **like** scarlet, they **shall be** as white as snow;
Though they **are red like** crimson, they **shall become** like wool.
¹⁹ **If you are willing and obedient**,
You **shall** eat the good of the land;
²⁰ But if you **refuse** and **rebel**, you shall be **eaten by the sword**;
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 1:16-20 (KJV) **Wash you, make you clean; Put away** the evil of your doings
From before Mine eyes; cease to do evil;
[17] **Learn** to do well; **seek** judgment, **relieve** the oppressed,
Judge the fatherless, **plead** for the widow.
[18] Come **now**, **and let us reason** together, **says the Lord**:
Though your **sins** be **as** scarlet, they **shall be** as white **as** snow;
Though they be **red** like crimson, they **shall be as** wool.
[19] **If you be willing and obedient**, you **shall eat** the good of the land:
[20] But **if you refuse** and **rebel**, you shall be **devoured** with the **sword**:
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Zechariah 3:1-7 (ESV) **Then he showed me Joshua the high priest**
Standing **before** the angel **of the Lord**,
And **Satan** standing at his right hand to **accuse him**.
² **And the Lord said to Satan**, "**The Lord rebuke** you, O **Satan!**
The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem **rebuke you!**
Is not this a **brand plucked from** the fire?"
³ Now Joshua **was** standing **before** the angel, **clothed** with **filthy** garments.
⁴ And the angel **said** to those who were standing before him,
"Remove the **filthy** garments from him." And to him He **said**,
"Behold, I have **taken your iniquity away** from you,
And I will **clothe** you with **pure** vestments."
⁵ And I **said**, "Let them **put a clean turban on** his head."
So they **put a clean** turban **on** his head and **clothed** him with garments.
And the angel **of the Lord** was **standing** by.
⁶ And the angel **of the Lord** solemnly **assured** Joshua,
⁷ "**Thus says the Lord of hosts**: **If you will walk in my ways** and **keep my charge**,
Then you shall **rule My house** and **have** charge of **my courts**, and
I will give you the **right of access** among those who are **standing here**."

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Proverbs 16:2 (NLT) People may be pure **in their own eyes**,
But the Lord examines their motives.

Zech. 3:1-7 (NLT) Then the angel showed me Joshua the high priest

Standing before the angel **of the Lord**. **Satan** was there

At the angel's right hand, **accusing** Joshua of many things.

[2] **And the Lord said to Satan, "I, the Lord, reject** your accusations, **Satan.**

Yes, **the Lord, who has chosen** Jerusalem, **rebukes you.**

This man is like a burning stick that has **been snatched from a fire."**

[3] Joshua's clothing **was filthy** as he stood there before the angel.

[4] So the angel **said** to the others standing there,

"Take off his filthy clothes." And turning to Joshua he **said**,

"See, **I have taken away** your sins,

And now I am **giving** you these **fine new** clothes."

[5] Then I **said**, "Please, could he **also have a clean** turban on his head?"

So they **put a clean priestly turban** on his head

And **dressed** him in **new** clothes while the angel **of the Lord** stood by.

[6] Then the angel **of the Lord** spoke very solemnly to Joshua and **said**,

[7] **"This is what the Lord Almighty says:**

If you follow My ways and **obey my requirements**,

Then you will be given authority **over My Temple and its courtyards.**

I will let you **walk** in and out **of my presence**

Along **with** these others standing **here.**

Zech. 3:1-7 (KJV) And he showed me Joshua the high priest

Standing before the angel **of the Lord**,

And **Satan** standing at his right hand to **resist** him.

[2] **And the Lord said unto Satan,**

The Lord rebuke you, O **Satan**;

Even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem **rebuke you:**

Is not **this** a brand **plucked out** of the **fire**?

[3] Now Joshua **was clothed with filthy** garments, and stood before the angel.

[4] And he **answered** and **spoke** unto those that stood before him, **saying**,

Take away the **filthy** garments from him. And unto him he **said**,

Behold, I have **caused** your iniquity **to pass from you**,

And I **will clothe** you **with change** of raiment.

[5] And I **said**, Let them **set a fair** mitre upon his head.

So they **set a fair** mitre **upon** his head, and **clothed** him with **garments**.

And the angel **of the Lord** stood by.

[6] And the angel **of the Lord** **protested** unto Joshua, saying,

[7] **Thus says the Lord of hosts; If** you will walk **in my ways**,

And **if** you will **keep My charge**, **then** you shall also **judge my house**,

And shall also **keep My courts**,

And I will give you **places to walk** among these that stand by.

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Isaiah 27:10-11 (ESV) For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted

And forsaken, like the wilderness;

There the calf grazes; **There** it lies down and strips its branches.

¹¹ When its boughs (branches) are dry, they are broken; women come

And make a fire of them. For **this is a people without discernment**;

Therefore He who made them will not have compassion on them;

He who formed them will show them no favor.

¹² In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt

The Lord will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned (picked up
After the reaper) one by one, O people of Israel.

¹³ And in that day **a great trumpet will be blown**,

And those who **were lost** in the land of Assyria

And those who **were driven out** to the land of Egypt

Will **come** and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

1 Kings 1:52-53 (NLT) Solomon replied, "**If he proves himself to be loyal**,

He **will not** be harmed.

But **if he does not**, he **will die**."

[53] So King Solomon **summoned** Adonijah, and they **brought** him down from the altar.

He came and bowed low before the king,

And Solomon **dismissed** him, saying, "**Go on home**."

Deuteronomy 30:1-8 (ESV) "**And when all these things come upon you**,

The **blessing** and the **curse**, which I have set before you,

And you call them to mind

Among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you,

² **And return to the Lord** your God, you and your children,

And obey His voice in all that I command you today,

With all your heart and with all your soul,

³ **Then the Lord** your God will restore your fortunes **and have compassion on** you,

And He will gather you again from all the peoples

Where the Lord your God has scattered you.

⁴ If your **outcasts** are **in the uttermost** parts of Heaven, **from there the Lord**

Your God will gather you, **and from there he will take** you.

⁵ **And the Lord** your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed,

That you may **possess** it. **And**

He will make you **more prosperous** and numerous **than** your fathers.

⁶ **And the Lord** your God will circumcise your heart

And the heart of your offspring, **so that** you will **love the Lord** your God

With all your heart and with all your soul, **that you may live**.

⁷ **And the Lord** your God will put all these curses on your foes

And enemies who persecuted you.

⁸ And **you shall again obey the voice of the Lord**

And **keep all His commandments** that I **command** you today.

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Matthew 26:26-29 (ESV) Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread,

And after blessing it broke it

And gave it to the disciples,

And said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ And He took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them,

Saying, "Drink of it, all of you,

²⁸ For this is My blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many

For the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day

When I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

Luke 23:32-43 (ESV) Two others, who were criminals, were led away

To be put to death with Him.

³³ And when they came to the place that is called the Skull, there they crucified Him,

And the criminals, one on His right and one on his left.

³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them,

For they know not what they do."

And they cast lots to divide His garments.

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him,

Saying, "He saved others; let him save himself,

If He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering him sour wine

³⁷ And saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription over Him,

"This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying,

"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying,

"Do you not fear God, since you are

Under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds;

But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom."

⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Jeremiah 36:1-3 (ESV) In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,

King of Judah, this Word came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

² "Take a scroll and write on it all the Words

That I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations,

From the day I spoke to you,

From the days of Josiah until today.

³ It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them,

So that every one may turn from his evil way,

And that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

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John 20:19-23 (ESV) **On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,**
The doors being **locked** where the disciples were for **fear** of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood among them
And said to them, "**Peace be with you.**"
²⁰ When He had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples were **glad** when they **saw the Lord.**
²¹ Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you.**
As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."
²² And when He had said this,
He breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**
²³ **If you forgive** the sins of any, they are **forgiven** them;
If you **withhold** forgiveness from any, it is **withheld.**"

Psalms 86:1-10 (ESV) **Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me,**
For I am **poor and needy.**
² **Preserve** my life, **for I am godly**; save **Your** servant, who trusts **in you---**
You are my **God.**
³ Be **gracious** to me, **O Lord**, for to **you** **do I cry** all the day.
⁴ **Gladden** the soul of **Your** servant, for **to you, O Lord**, do I **lift up** my soul.
⁵ **For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,**
Abounding in steadfast love to all **who call upon You.**
⁶ Give ear, **O Lord**, to my **prayer**; **listen** to my **plea** for **grace.**
⁷ In the **day** of my **trouble** **I call upon You, for you answer** me.
⁸ There is none **like You** among the gods, **O Lord**,
Nor are there any works **like Yours.**
⁹ All the nations **You have made** shall **come** and **worship before You, O Lord,**
And shall **glorify Your Name.**
¹⁰ **For You are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

Psalms 86:1-10 (NLT) **A prayer of David. Bend down, O Lord,**
And **hear my prayer**; answer me, for I need **Your help.**
[2] **Protect** me, **for I am devoted to You. Save** me,
For I **serve You** and **trust you. You are** my **God.**
[3] Be **merciful, O Lord**, for I am **calling on you** constantly.
[4] **Give** me happiness, **O Lord**, for my life **depends on you.**
[5] **O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,**
So full of unfailing love for all who **ask Your aid.**
[6] **Listen** closely to my **prayer, O Lord**; **hear** my urgent **cry.**
[7] I will **call to You** whenever **trouble strikes, And you will answer** me.
[8] **Nowhere** among the pagan gods is there a god **like You, O Lord.**
There are **no other miracles like Yours.**
[9] All the nations—**and You made** each one— will **come** and **bow** before **You, Lord**;
They will **praise Your Great and Holy Name.**
[10] **For You are great and perform great miracles. You alone are God.**

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Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV) Then Peter came up and said to Him,

"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?"

As many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**

²³ "Therefore the Kingdom Heaven may be compared to a king

Who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold,

With his wife and children

And all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me,

And I will pay you everything.'

²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him

And forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants

Who owed him a hundred Denair, and seizing him,

He began to choke him,

Saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me,

And I will pay you.'

³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place,

They were greatly distressed,

And they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!

I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant,

As I had mercy on you?'

³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

³⁵ So also My Heavenly Father will do to every one of you,

If you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Revelation 16:7-11 (ESV) And I heard the altar saying,

"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun,

And it was allowed to scorch people with fire.

⁹ They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God

Who had power over these plagues.

They did not repent and give Him glory.

¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast,

And its kingdom was plunged into darkness.

People gnawed their tongues in anguish

¹¹ And cursed the God of Heaven for their pain and sores.

They did not repent of their deeds.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV) "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,

When I will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel

And the house of Judah,

³² **Not like the** Covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them

By the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt,

My covenant that they broke,

Though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

³³ But this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

Declares the Lord: I will put my law within them,

And I will write it on their hearts.

And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ And **no longer** shall each one **teach** his neighbor and each his brother, **saying,**

'Know the Lord,' for they **shall all know me,**

From the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.

For I will forgive their iniquity,

And I will remember their sin **no more."**

Colossians 3:1-13 (ESV) **If then you have been raised with Christ,**

Seek the things that are above,

Where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² **Set your minds on things that are above, not** on things that are on earth.

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

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears,

Then you also will appear with Him in Glory.

⁵ **Put to death** therefore **what is** earthly **in** you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion,

Evil desire, and covetousness (a craving for a possession), which is idolatry.

⁶ On **account of** these **the wrath of God is coming.**

⁷ **In these** you too **once walked, when you were living in them.**

⁸ But **now** you **must put** them all **away:** anger, wrath, malice, slander,

And obscene talk from your mouth.

⁹ **Do not** lie to one another, seeing that **you have put off** the **old self** with its practices

¹⁰ And have **put on** the **new** self, which is being **renewed**

In knowledge after the image of its Creator.

¹¹ Here there is **not** Greek and Jew,

Circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,

Scythian, slave, free; **but Christ is all, and in** all.

¹² **Put on** then, **as God's chosen** ones, **holy** and **beloved,**

Compassionate hearts, **Kindness, humility, meekness,** and **patience,**

¹³ **Bearing with** one another and, **if one** has a **complaint** against another,

Forgiving each other; **as the Lord has forgiven you,**

So you also **must forgive.**

James 2:13 (ESV) **For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.**

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV) For Christ has entered,

Not into Holy places **made with hands,**
Which **are copies of the true things,** but **into Heaven itself,**
Now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly,

As the high priest **enters the holy places** every year
With blood not his own,

²⁶ For **then He** would **have had to suffer repeatedly** since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages
To put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man **to die** once,

And **after that comes judgment,**

²⁸ So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,

Will appear a second time,

Not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Psalms 103:1-18 (ESV) **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,**

Bless His Holy Name!

² **Bless the Lord,** O my soul, and forget **not all his benefits,**

³ **Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals** all your diseases,

⁴ **Who redeems** your life **from the pit,**

Who crowns you **with steadfast love** and **mercy,**

⁵ **Who satisfies** you with **good** so that your youth is **renewed** like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works righteousness**

And justice for all who are **oppressed.**

⁷ **He made known his ways to** Moses, **his acts to** the people of Israel.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ **He will not always chide** (quarrel), **nor will he keep his anger** forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with** us **according to our sins,**

Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as **high** as the **Heavens** are above the earth,

So Great is His steadfast love toward those who **fear him;**

¹² As far as the **east** is from the **west,**

So **far does He remove** our transgressions **from** us.

¹³ **As a father shows compassion** to his children,

So the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ **For He knows** our **frame; he remembers that** we **are dust.**

¹⁵ As for man, his days **are like** grass; he flourishes **like a flower** of the field;

¹⁶ For the **wind** passes over it, and it is **gone,**

And **its place** knows it **no more.**

¹⁷ **But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting**

On those who fear Him, and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ **To those who keep His covenant**

And **remember to do His commandments.**

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Romans 10:5-14 (ESV) For Moses writes about the righteousness

That is based on the law,

That the person who **does** the commandments shall live by them.

⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do **not** say in your heart,

"Who will ascend into Heaven?" (*that is, to bring Christ down*)

⁷ Or "Who will descend into the abyss?"

(*That is, to bring Christ up from the dead*).

⁸ But **what** does it say? "The word is near you, **in** your mouth and **in** your heart"

(That is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹ Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,

You will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified,

And with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will **not** be put to shame."

¹² For there is **no distinction** between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all,

Bestowing His riches on all who call on him.

¹³ For "everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ **How then** will they call on Him in whom they **have not** believed?

And **how** are they to believe in Him of whom they **have never** heard?

And **how** are they to hear without someone preaching?

Matthew 7:15-23 (ESV) "**Beware of false prophets**,

Who **come** to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits.

Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, **nor** can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that **does not** bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ "**Not** everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven,

But the one who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven.

²² **On** that day **many** will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord,

Did we not prophesy in Your Name, and cast **out** demons in your name,

And **do** many mighty works in Your Name?'

²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you;

Depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Jeremiah 26:12-13 (ESV) Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people,

Saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy

Against this house and this city all the Words you have heard.

¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds,

And obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will

Relent (slacken) of the disaster that He has pronounced against you.

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John 3:16-21 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world *to condemn* the world,

But in order that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned,

But whoever does not believe is condemned already,

Because he has not believed in the Name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the Light has come into the world,

And people loved the darkness rather than the Light

Because their works were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the Light and does not come to the Light,

Lest his works should be exposed.

²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the Light, so that it may be clearly seen

That his works have been carried out in God."

1 John 1:5-10 (ESV) This is the Message we have heard from Him and proclaim

To you, that God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

We lie and do not practice the Truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the Light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,

And the Truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 Samuel 12:9-14(ESV) Why have you despised the word of the Lord,

To do what is evil in His sight?

You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword

And have taken his wife to be your wife

And have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house,

Because you have despised Me

And have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

¹¹ Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house.

And I will take your wives before your eyes

And give them to your neighbor,

And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

¹² For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun."

¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David,

"The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have

Utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die."

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Revelation 2:18-23 (ESV) "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, And whose feet are like burnished bronze.'

¹⁹ "I know your works, your love and faith

And service and patient endurance,

And that your latter works exceed the first.

²⁰ But I have this against you,

That you tolerate that woman Jezebel,

Who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching

And seducing My servants to practice sexual immorality

And to eat food sacrificed to idols.

²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed,

And those who commit adultery with her

I will throw into great tribulation,

Unless they repent of her works,

²³ And I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that

I am he who searches mind and heart,

And I will give to each of you according to your works.

Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,

So walk in Him,

⁷ Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,

Just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive

By philosophy and empty deceit,

According to human tradition,

According to the elemental (social realities) spirits of the world,

And not according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily,

¹⁰ And you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,

By putting off the body of the flesh,

By the circumcision of Christ,

¹² Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him

Through faith in the powerful working of God,

Who raised Him from the dead.

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

God made alive together with Him,

Having forgiven us all our trespasses,

¹⁴ By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame,

By triumphing over them in Him.

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Ezekiel 33:1-9 (ESV) **The word of the Lord came to me:**

² "Son of man, **speak to your people and say to them,**

If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land

Take a man from among them, And **make** him their watchman,

³ **And if he sees the sword** coming upon the land

And **blows** the trumpet **and warns** the people,

⁴ **Then if anyone who hears the sound** of the trumpet does **not** take warning,

And the **sword** comes and takes him **away**, his **blood**

Shall be **upon** his **own** head.

⁵ He **heard** the **sound** of the trumpet and **did not** take warning; his **blood**

Shall be **upon** himself.

But if he had taken warning, he **would** have **saved** his life.

⁶ But if the **watchman** sees the **sword** coming

And **does not** blow the trumpet, so **that** the people are **not** warned,

And the **sword** comes and **takes** any one of them,

That person is **taken away** in his **iniquity**,

But his **blood**

I will require at the watchman's hand.

⁷ "So you, son of man, **I have made** a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall

Give them warning from Me.

⁸ **If I say to** the wicked, O wicked **one**, you shall **surely** die,

And you **do not** speak to **warn** the **wicked** to **turn from** his way,

That wicked person shall **die in** his **iniquity**, But his **blood**

I will require at your hand.

⁹ **But if you warn the wicked to turn from** his way, and he **does not** turn from his way,

That person shall **die in** his **iniquity**,

But you will have delivered your soul.

Matthew 12:31-32 (ESV) **Therefore I tell** you, every sin and blasphemy

Will be **forgiven** people,

But the blasphemy **against the Spirit** will **not** be forgiven.

³² And whoever **speaks** a word **against the Son of Man** will be **forgiven**,

But whoever **speaks against the Holy Spirit**

Will not be forgiven, **either** in this age or in the age to come.

Acts 3:18-21 (ESV) **But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that**

His Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

¹⁹ **Repent** therefore, and **turn** again, **that your sins may be blotted out**,

²⁰ That times of **refreshing** may come

From the presence of the Lord,

And that **He may send the Christ appointed** for you, **Jesus**,

²¹ **Whom Heaven must receive** until the **time for restoring** all the things

About which **God spoke by** the mouth **of his holy** prophets long ago.

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Acts 2:32-41 (ESV) This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³ Being therefore Exalted at the right hand of God,
And having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,
He has poured out this

That you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴ For David did not ascend into the Heavens, but he himself says,
"The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand,

³⁵ Until I make Your enemies your footstool."

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain
That God has made Him both Lord and Christ,
This Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter
And the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you
In the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children
And for all who are far off,

Everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

⁴⁰ And with many other Words (*Words from Jesus, which he had received from the Father*)
He bore witness and continued to exhort (urge) them,
Saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

⁴¹ So those who received his Word (the Gospel Truth's) were baptized,
And there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Luke 13:1-5 (ESV) There were some present at that very time

Who told Him about the Galileans

Whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners
Than all the other Galileans,
Because they suffered in this way?

³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them:
Do you think that they were worse offenders
Than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?

⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV) For if you forgive others their trespasses,
Your Heavenly Father will also forgive you,

¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their trespasses,
Neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

1 John 2:12 (ESV) I am writing to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven for His Name's sake.

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Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ With every Spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places,**
⁴ **Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,**
That we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love
⁵ **He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,**
According to **the purpose of His will,**
⁶ To the praise of **His Glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**
⁷ **In Him** we have **redemption through his blood,**
The forgiveness of our trespasses, according to **the riches of His grace,**
⁸ **Which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight**
⁹ **Making known to us the mystery of His will, according to his purpose,**
Which He set forth in Christ
¹⁰ As a **plan** for the **fullness** of time, to **unite** all things **in Him,**
Things in Heaven and things on earth.
¹¹ **In Him** we have **obtained** an **inheritance,** having been **predestined**
According to the purpose of Him who works all things
According to **the counsel of His will,**
¹² So that **we who were the first to hope in Christ** might be to the **praise of His glory.**
¹³ **In Him** you also, when you **heard the word of Truth, the Gospel** of your **salvation,**
And believed **in Him,** were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,**
¹⁴ **Who is the guarantee of our inheritance**
Until we **acquire** possession of **it,** to the **praise of His glory.**

John 5:21-30 (ESV) **For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,**
So also the Son gives life to whom **he will.**
²² **The Father judges** no one, **but has given all judgment to the Son,**
²³ That all **may honor the Son,** just as they **honor the Father.**
Whoever **does not** honor **the Son**
Does not honor **the Father who sent Him.**
²⁴ **Truly, truly, I say to you,** whoever **hears my word and believes Him**
Who sent Me has **eternal life.**
He does not come into judgment, but **has passed** from death to **life.**
²⁵ **"Truly, truly, I say to you,** an **hour is coming,** and **is now here,** when the dead
Will hear **the voice of the Son of God,** and **those who hear will live.**
²⁶ **For as the Father has life in himself,**
So He has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
²⁷ **And He has given Him Authority to execute judgment,** because **he is the Son of Man.**
²⁸ Do **not** marvel at this, for an **hour is coming**
When all who are **in the tombs** will hear **His voice**
²⁹ And come out, those **who have done good to the resurrection of life,**
And those who **have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.**
³⁰ **"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just,**
Because I seek not my own will but the will of Him who sent me.

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Luke 7:36-50 (ESV) One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him,
And He went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.
37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner,
When she learned that He was reclining at table
In the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,
38 And standing behind Him at his feet, weeping,
She began to wet His feet with her tears
And wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet
And anointed them with the ointment.
39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself,
"If this Man were a prophet, he would have known
Who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him,
For she is a sinner."
40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."
And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."
41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred Denair,
And the other fifty.
42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both.
Now which of them will love him more?"
43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt."
And He said to him, "You have judged rightly."
44 Then turning toward the woman He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?
I entered your house;
You gave Me no water for my feet,
But she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 You did not anoint My head with oil,
But she has anointed My feet with ointment.
47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven---for she loved much.
But he who is forgiven little, loves little."
48 And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
49 Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves,
"Who is this, who even forgives sins?"
50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Joshua 24:19-20 (NLT) Then Joshua said to the people,
"You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a Holy and jealous God.
He will not forgive your rebellion and sins.
[20] If you forsake the Lord and serve other gods,
He will turn against you
And destroy you, even though He has been so good to you."

Psalms 103:2-3 (KJV) Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
[3] Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;

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Eccles. 7:16 (NLT) **So don't be too good** or too wise! Why destroy yourself?

Psalms 103:2-3 (NLT) **Praise the Lord, I tell myself,**
And **never** forget the **good things He does for** me.
[3] **He forgives** all my sins **and heals** all my diseases.

Isaiah 54:5-17 (ESV) **For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts**
Is His Name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
The God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶ **For the Lord has called** you like a wife **deserted** and **grieved** in spirit,
Like a wife of youth when she is **cast off, says** your **God.**

⁷ **For a brief moment I deserted** you,
But with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸ **In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,**
But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,"
Says the Lord, your Redeemer.

⁹ "This is like the days of Noah **to Me: as I swore** that the **waters** of Noah
Should no more **go over** the earth,
So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
And will not rebuke you.

¹⁰ For the mountains **may depart** and the hills **be removed,**
But My steadfast love shall not depart from you,
And **My covenant of peace shall not** be removed," **says the Lord,**
Who has compassion on you.

¹¹ "O **afflicted** one, **storm-tossed** and **not** comforted,
Behold, **I will set** your stones **in antimony** (metallic luster) , **And lay**
Your **foundations** with **sapphires** (translucent crystals of color except red).

¹² **I will make** your pinnacles of **agate** (variegated translucent quartz with stripes of color),
Your gates of **carbuncles** (any of several precious red stones),
And **all** your wall **of precious** stones.

¹³ All your children shall **be taught by the Lord,**
And **great** shall **be** the **peace of** your children.

¹⁴ **In righteousness** you shall **be established;** you **shall** be **far** from oppression,
For you **shall not** fear;
And from terror, for **it shall not** come near you.

¹⁵ **If** anyone **stirs up** strife, it is **not from Me;**
Whoever **stirs up strife** with you **shall fall** because of you.

¹⁶ Behold, **I have created** the smith who **blows the fire of coals**
And **produces** a weapon **for its purpose.**

I have also created the ravager to destroy;
¹⁷ **No weapon** that is fashioned **against** you **shall succeed, And you shall**
Confute (beat) every tongue that **ris**es against you **in judgment.**
This **is** the **heritage of** the **servants of the Lord**
And their **vindication from Me, declares the Lord."**

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Matthew 7:21 (KJV) **Not every one** that says unto Me, Lord, Lord,
Shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; But he that does the will
Of My Father which is in Heaven.

[22] **Many** will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied
In Your Name? And in your name have cast out devils?
And in Your Name done many wonderful works?

[23] And then will I profess unto them,
I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

Proverbs 16:2 (ESV) All the ways of a man are pure **in his own eyes,**
But the Lord weighs the spirit.

1 John 4:7-21 (ESV) **Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,**
And whoever loves **has been born of God**
And **knows God.**

⁸ Anyone who **does not** love **does not** know God, because God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was made Manifest among us,
That God sent his only Son into the world,
So that **we might live through Him.**

¹⁰ **In this is love, not** that we have loved God but that he loved us **and sent his Son**
To be the Propitiation (payment for debt due) **for our sins.**

¹¹ Beloved, **if God so loved** us, we also **ought to love** one another.

¹² **No one** has ever seen God; **if** we **love** one another, God abides in us
And His love is perfected in us.

¹³ **By this** we know that we **abide in Him and he in** us,
Because He has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we **have seen** and **testify**
That the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ **Whoever confesses** that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶ So we have come **to know** and **to believe** the love that God has for us.
God is love, and **whoever abides in love** abides in God,
And God abides in him.

¹⁷ By **this** is **love perfected** with us, so that we **may have confidence**
For the day of judgment, Because as He is **so also are we** **in this world.**

¹⁸ There **is no** fear in **love,**
But **perfect love casts out** fear. For **fear** has **to do with punishment,**
And whoever **fears** has **not been** perfected **in love.**

¹⁹ We **love** because He first loved us.

²⁰ If anyone **says,** "I love God," and **hates** his brother, he **is a liar;**
For he who **does not** love his brother whom he **has seen**
Cannot love God whom he **has not** seen.

²¹ And this commandment we **have from Him:**
Whoever loves God **must also love** his brother.

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1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NLT) But Samuel replied, "**What is more pleasing to the Lord:**

Your burnt offerings and sacrifices

Or your obedience to His voice?

Obedience is far better than sacrifice.

Listening to Him is much better than offering the fat of rams.

[23] **Rebellion** is as **bad** as the **sin of witchcraft**,

And **stubbornness** is **as bad as** worshipping **idols**.

So because you have **rejected the word of the Lord**,

He has rejected you from being king."

1 Samuel 15:24-26 (NLT) Then Saul **finally admitted**, "Yes, I have **sinned**.

I have **disobeyed** your instructions

And the Lord's command,

For I was afraid of the people and **did what they demanded**.

[25] Oh, please, **forgive my sin** now and **go with me** to worship **the Lord**."

[26] But Samuel replied, "I **will not** return with you!

Since you have rejected the Lord's command,

He has rejected you from being the king of Israel."

John 6:63-68 (ESV) **It is the Spirit who gives life;**

The flesh is no help at all.

The Words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

⁶⁴ But there **are some** of you who **do not** believe."

(**For Jesus knew from the beginning** who those **were**

Who **did not** believe,

And who **it was** who **would** betray **Him**.)

⁶⁵ **And He said**, "This is why **I told** you

That no one can come to Me

Unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ **After this many** of **His** disciples turned **back** and **no longer** walked with **him**.

⁶⁷ **So Jesus said to** the Twelve, "Do you **want to go away** as well?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered **Him**, "**Lord**,

To whom shall we go? **You have the Words of eternal life**,