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Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Romans 10:9 (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.

Romans 10:9-14 (NLT) For 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 it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God,
And it is by confessing with your mouth
That you are saved.

[11] As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

[12] Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect.

They all have the same Lord,
Who generously gives his riches to all who ask for them.

[13] For "Anyone who calls
On the Name of the Lord will be saved."

[14] But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in him?
And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about him?
And how can they hear about Him
Unless someone tells them?

Acts 16:29-33 (NLT) Trembling with fear, the jailer called for lights
And ran to the dungeon
And fell down before Paul and Silas.

[30] He brought them out and asked,
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

[31] They replied, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved,
Along with your entire household."

[32] Then they shared the Word
Of the Lord with him and all who lived in his household.

[33] That same hour the jailer washed their wounds,
And he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.

James 4:8 (KJV) Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you.
Cleanse your hands, you sinners;
And purify your hearts, you double minded.

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1 Cor. 11:23-25 (NLT) For this is what the Lord himself said,

And I pass it on to you just as I received it. On the night

When He was betrayed,

The Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread,

[24] And when He had given thanks,

He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of Me."

[25] In the same way, He took the cup of wine after supper,

Saying, "This cup is the New Covenant between God and you,

Sealed by the shedding of My blood.

Do this in remembrance of Me as often as you drink it."

John 6:53 (KJV) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,

Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man,

And drink His blood, you have no life in you.

James 4:8 (NLT) Draw close to God, And God will draw close to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you hypocrites.

Ephes. 2:8-10 (NLT) God saved you by his special favor when you believed.

And you can't take credit for this;

It is a gift from God.

[9] Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done,

So none of us can boast about it.

[10] For we are God's masterpiece.

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,

So that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NLT) Now you can have sincere love for each other

As brothers and sisters because you were cleansed from your sins

When you accepted the Truth of the Good News.

So see to it that

You really do love each other intensely with all your hearts.

[23] For you have been born again.

Your new life did not come from your earthly parents

Because the life they gave you will end in death.

But this new life will last forever

Because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

Ephes. 2:8-10 (KJV) For by grace are you saved through faith;

And that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God:

[9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

[10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

Which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Galatians 2:20-21 (NLT) **I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**

So I live my life in this earthly body by **trusting in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave himself for me.**

[21] **I am not one of those**

Who **treats the grace of God as meaningless.**

For **if** we could be saved by **keeping the law, then** there was **no need For Christ to die.**

Galatians 2:20-21 (KJV) **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; Yet not I, But Christ lives in me:**

And the life which I now live in the flesh

I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me,

And gave Himself for me.

[21] **I do not frustrate the grace of God:**

For **if** righteousness come by **the law,** then **Christ is dead** in vain.

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 18:3-5 (NLT) **Then He said, "I assure you,**

Unless you turn from your **sins** and **become as little children,**

You will **never** get into **the Kingdom of Heaven.**

[4] Therefore, anyone who **becomes as humble** as **this** little child

Is the **greatest** in **the Kingdom of Heaven.**

[5] **And anyone who welcomes** a little child **like** this **on My behalf** is welcoming **me.**

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John 3:5-8 (NLT) *Jesus replied, "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God Without being born of water and the Spirit.*

[6] Humans can reproduce **only** human life,

But the Holy Spirit gives new life from Heaven.

[7] So **don't** be surprised at My statement that you **must** be **born again**.

[8] Just as you can **hear** the **wind** but **can't tell** where it comes **from** or where it is **going**,
So you can't explain how people are **born** of the Spirit."

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** he bore **witness** and continued to **exhort** (encourage)

Them, **saying**, "**Save yourselves from this crooked** generation."

⁴¹ **So those who received** his **Word** (Word from God) were **baptized**,

And there were **added** that **day** about three thousand souls.

1 Cor. 11:23-25 (KJV) **For I have received** of the Lord

That which also I **delivered** unto you, that the Lord Jesus

The same night in which He was betrayed took bread:

[24] And when He had given thanks,

He broke it, and said, take, eat: **this** is my body, which is broken for you:

This do in remembrance of Me.

[25] After the same manner also

He took the **cup, when he had supped, saying,** this cup

Is the New Testament in My blood:

As **often** as you drink **this**, you'll be drinking, **in remembrance** of Me.

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John 6:53 (NLT) **So Jesus said again, "I assure you,**
Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood,
You **cannot** have **eternal life** within you.

Acts 16:29-33 (KJV) **Then he called for a light, and sprang in,**
And came **trembling**, and **fell down** before Paul and Silas,

[30] And **brought** them **out**,

And **said**, Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**

[31] And they **said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,**

And you **shall** be **saved**,

And your house.

[32] **And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord,** and to all that were in his house.

[33] And he **took** them the same hour of the night,

And **washed** their **stripes**;

And was baptized, he and all his, straightway (at that very moment).

Romans 10:9 (NLT) **For 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**.

Romans 10:9-14 (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**.

[11] **For the Scripture says,**

Whosoever believes **on Him shall not** be ashamed.

[12] For there is **no difference** between the Jew and the Greek:

For the same Lord over all

Is rich unto all that call **upon Him**.

[13] For whosoever shall **call upon the Name of the Lord** shall be **saved**.

[14] **How then** shall they call on **Him**

In Whom they **have not** believed?

And **how** shall they believe **in Him of whom** they **have not** heard?

And **how** shall they **hear** without a **preacher?**

1 Peter 3:21-22 (NLT) **And this is a picture of baptism,**

Which **now saves** you **by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection**.

Baptism is not a removal of dirt from your body;

It is an appeal to God from a **clean** conscience.

[22] **Now Christ has gone to Heaven.**

He is seated in the place of honor next to God,

And all the angels and authorities and powers **are bowing before Him**.

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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.

Acts 2:41-42 (NLT) **Those who believed what Peter said were baptized**

And added to the church —About three thousand in all.

[42] **They joined with the other believers**

And devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

Sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.

1 Peter 3:21-22 (KJV) **The like figure whereunto even baptism**

Does also now save us (Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,

But the answer of a good conscience toward God,)

By the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

[22] **Who is gone into Heaven,**

And is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities

And powers being made subject unto Him.

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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.**

Matthew 18:1-5 (ESV) **At that time the disciples came to Jesus,** saying,

"Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

² **And calling to Him** a child, **he put** him in the **midst** of them

³ **And said, "Truly, I say to you,**

Unless you turn and become like children,

You will **never** enter **the Kingdom of Heaven.**

⁴ **Whoever humbles himself like this child is** the greatest **in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

⁵ **"Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives me,**

Mark 16:16 (KJV) **He that believes and is baptized shall be saved;**

But he that believes not shall be damned.

Matthew 18:3-5 (KJV) **And said, Verily I say unto you,**

Except you be converted, and become as little children,

You **shall not** enter into **the Kingdom of Heaven.**

[4] Whosoever therefore **shall humble himself as this little child,**

The same is greatest **in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

[5] **And whoever shall receive** one such little child **in My Name receives me.**

James 5:7-8 (ESV) **Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.**

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,

Being **patient** about it, **until it receives** the early and the late rains.

⁸ **You also, be patient.** Establish your hearts,

For **the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

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1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV) Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the Truth
Through the Spirit

Unto unfeigned (genuine emotion) **love** of the brethren,
See that you love one another with a pure heart fervently:

[23] Being born again, not of corruptible seed,

But of incorruptible,

By the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

John 3:5-8 (KJV) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you,

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

He cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

[6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh;

And that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[7] Marvel not that I said unto you,

You must be born again.

[8] The wind blows where it listeth (wants), and you hear the sound of it,

But can't tell where it comes from, and where it goes:

So is every one that is born of the Spirit.

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 (any distinct human community)

Spirits of the world,

And not according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him the Whole Fullness of Deity (Holy God the father) 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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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 5:21-27 (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.** (verses continued on page 19j)

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John 5:28-30 (ESV) (continuation from page19i) **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.

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.

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**?

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John 3:1-21 (ESV) Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus,

A ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi,
We know that You are a teacher come from God,
For no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
Unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old?
Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
Unless one is born of water and the Spirit,
He cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound,
But you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel
And yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness
To what we have seen,
But you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe
If I tell you Heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended into Heaven
Except He who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
So must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ That whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "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, or else his works would 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." (continued on page19l)

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John 3:22-35 (ESV) (continuation from page 19k) After this Jesus and his disciples

Went into the Judean countryside,

And He remained there with them and was baptizing.

²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there,

And people were coming and being baptized

²⁴ (For John had **not yet** been **put** in prison).

²⁵ Now a **discussion** arose between some of John's disciples **and** a Jew **over** purification.

²⁶ And they **came** to John **and said** to him,

"Rabbi, He who was with you across the Jordan,

To Whom you bore **witness**---

Look, He is baptizing, and all are going to him."

²⁷ John answered, "A person **cannot receive** even one thing

Unless it is **given** him **from** Heaven.

²⁸ You yourselves bear me **witness**, that I said, 'I am **not** the Christ,

But I have **been sent** before Him.'

²⁹ The **one** who has the **bride** is the **bridegroom**. **The friend of the bridegroom**,

Who **stands** and **hears** him, **rejoices** greatly at the **bridegroom's** voice.

Therefore **this joy** of mine is now **complete**.

³⁰ He must increase, but I must **decrease**."

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is **of** the earth **belongs to** the earth

And speaks **in** an **earthly** way.

He who comes from Heaven is above all.

³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard,

Yet **no one** receives His testimony.

³³ Whoever receives His testimony sets his seal to **this**, that God is True.

³⁴ For He whom God has sent

Utters the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure.

³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things **into his hand**.

³⁶ Whoever believes **in the Son** has **eternal** life;

Whoever **does not** obey the Son

Shall **not** see life, but **the wrath of God** **remains on him**.

James 4:5-10 (ESV) Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says,

"He yearns jealously over the Spirit

That He has made to dwell in us"?

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore **it says**, "**God opposes** the **proud**,

But gives grace to the humble."

⁷ **Submit** yourselves therefore **to God**. **Resist** the devil, and **he will flee** from you.

⁸ **Draw near to God**, and **he will draw near to** you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners,

And **purify** your hearts, you **double-minded**.

⁹ Be **wretched** and **mourn** and **weep**. **Let** your laughter be **turned** to **mourning**

And your **joy** to **gloom**.

¹⁰ **Humble** yourselves **before the Lord**, and **he will exalt** you.

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Acts 16:25-34 (ESV) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying

And singing hymns to God,

And the **prisoners** were **listening** to them,

²⁶ And **suddenly** there was a great earthquake,

So that the **foundations** of the **prison** were **shaken.**

And immediately **all** the **doors** were **opened,**

And everyone's **bonds** were **unfastened.**

²⁷ When the **jailer** woke and saw that the prison doors were open,

He **drew** his **sword** and was **about** to kill himself,

Supposing that the **prisoners** had **escaped.**

²⁸ But Paul **cried** with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

²⁹ And the **jailer** called for lights and **rushed in,**

And **trembling** with **fear** he fell down **before** Paul and Silas.

³⁰ Then he **brought** them out and **said,** "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ And they **said,** "Believe in the Lord Jesus,

And you will be **saved,** you and your household."

³² And they **spoke** the word of the Lord to him and **to all** who were in his house.

³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds;

And he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

³⁴ Then he **brought** them up **into** his **house** and **set** food before them.

And he **rejoiced** along **with** his entire household

That he had believed in God.

Mark 16:14-20 (ESV) Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves

As they **were reclining** at table,

And He rebuked them for their **unbelief** and **hardness** of heart,

Because they **had not** believed

Those who saw Him after he had risen.

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into **all** the world

And **proclaim the Gospel** to the whole creation.

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,

But whoever **does not** believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these **signs will** accompany those who **believe:**

In My Name they **will cast out** demons; they **will speak** in **new** tongues;

¹⁸ They **will pick up** serpents **with** their hands; and **if** they **drink** any deadly poison,

It **will not** hurt them; they **will lay** their hands **on** the sick,

And they **will recover."**

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,

Was taken up into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ And they **went** out and **preached** everywhere, while the Lord worked with them

And confirmed the Message by accompanying signs.

John 10:9 (NLT) Yes, **I am** the **gate.** Those who come in through **me** will be saved.

Wherever they go, they will find green pastures.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (ESV) **But in the following instructions**

I do not commend you, because when you come together

It is **not** for the better **but for the worse**.

¹⁸ For, in the first place, **when you come together as a church**,

I hear **that there are divisions** among you. And I believe it in part,

¹⁹ For there **must** be **factions** among you

In **order** that those **who are genuine among you** may be **recognized**.

²⁰ When you come together, it is **not the Lord's** supper that you eat.

²¹ For **in eating**, each one **goes ahead** with his **own** meal. One **goes hungry**,

Another **gets drunk**.

²² **What!** Do you **not have** houses to **eat and drink in?**

Or do you despise the **church of God**

And **humiliate** those who **have nothing? What shall I say to you?**

Shall I commend you in **this? No, I will not**.

²³ For I **received from the Lord** what I also **delivered** to you,

That the Lord Jesus on the night **when He was betrayed took** bread,

²⁴ **And when He had given thanks, he broke** it, **and said**,

"This is My body which is for you. **Do this** in remembrance **of me."**

²⁵ In the same way also **He took** the **cup**, after supper, **saying**,

"This cup is the New Covenant in My blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of Me."**

²⁶ For as **often** as you **eat** this **bread** and **drink** the **cup**,

You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, **eats** the bread or **drinks** the cup **of the Lord**

In an unworthy manner will be guilty

Concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ **Let a person examine himself, then**, and **so eat** of the **bread** and **drink** of the **cup**.

²⁹ For anyone who **eats** and **drinks without** discerning the body

Eats and drinks **judgment on** himself.

³⁰ That **is why** many of you **are weak** and **ill**, and some **have died**.

³¹ But **if we judged** ourselves **truly**, **we would not** be judged.

³² **But when we are judged by the Lord**,

We are disciplined

So that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, **when you come together** to eat, **wait** for one another---

³⁴ **If anyone is hungry**, let him eat **at home---**

So that when you come **together it will not be for judgment**.

About the other things I will give directions when I come.

John 10:9-10 (KJV) **I am the door: by me if any man enter in**,

He shall **be saved**, and shall **go in and out**, and **find pasture**.

[10] The **thief comes not**, but **for** to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**:

I am come that they **might have life**,

And that they **might have it more abundantly**.

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John 6:22-41 (ESV) **On the next day the crowd that remained**

On the other side of the sea **saw that there had been only one boat there,**
And that **Jesus had not entered the boat** with **his** disciples,
But that **His** disciples had gone **away alone.**

²³ Other boats from Tiberias **came near** the place

Where they **had eaten** the bread **after the Lord had given thanks.**

²⁴ So when the crowd **saw** that **Jesus was not** there,

Nor His disciples, they themselves **got into** the boats
And went to Capernaum, **seeking Jesus.**

²⁵ **When** they **found Him** on the other side of the sea,

They said to **Him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"**

²⁶ **Jesus answered** them, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me,**

Not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷ **Do not** labor **for** the food **that perishes, but for** the food **that endures to eternal life,**

Which **the Son of Man will give to** you. For **on him**
God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸ Then they said to **Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"**

²⁹ **Jesus answered** them, **"This is the work of God,**

That you believe **in Him whom He has sent."**

³⁰ So they said to **Him, "Then what sign** do **you** do, that we **may see** and believe **you?**

What work do You perform?

³¹ Our fathers **ate** the **manna** in the wilderness; **as it is Written,**

'He **gave** them bread **from Heaven** to eat.'

³² **Jesus then said** to them, **"Truly, truly, I say to you,**

It was not Moses who **gave** you the bread from **Heaven,**

But **My Father gives** you **the True bread from Heaven.**

³³ **For the bread of God is He**

Who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ They said to **Him, "Sir, give** us this bread always."

³⁵ **Jesus said to** them, **"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,**

And whoever believes **in Me shall never** thirst.

³⁶ **But I said to** you that you have **seen me** and yet **do not** believe.

³⁷ **All that the Father gives Me** will come **to me,**

And whoever comes **to Me I will never** cast out.

³⁸ **For I have come down from Heaven,**

Not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent me.

³⁹ **And this is the will of Him who sent Me,**

That **I should lose nothing** of all that **He has given me,**
But raise it up on the last day.

⁴⁰ **For this is the will of My Father,** that everyone who looks **on the Son**

And believes **in Him** should **have eternal life,**

And I will raise him **up** on the last day."

⁴¹ So the Jews **grumbled** about **Him, because he said, "I am the bread**

That came down from Heaven." (story continued on page 19q)

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John 6:42-58 (ESV) (continuation from page 19p) They said, "Is not this Jesus,

The Son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

How does He now say,

'I have come down from Heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me

Unless the Father who sent Me draws him.

And I will raise him up

On the last day.

⁴⁵ It is Written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.'

Everyone who has heard

And learned from the Father comes to Me---

⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God;

He has seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

⁴⁸ I am the Bread of life.

⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

⁵⁰ This is the Bread that comes down from Heaven,

So that one may eat of it and not die.

⁵¹ I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread,

He will live forever.

And the Bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

"How can this Man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ So Jesus said to them,

"Truly, truly, I say to you,

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man

And drink His blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on My flesh

And drinks My blood has eternal life,

And I will raise him up on the last day.

⁵⁵ For My flesh is True food,

And My blood is true drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me,

And I live because of the Father,

So whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of me.

⁵⁸ This is the Bread that came down from Heaven,

Not like the bread the fathers ate and died.

Whoever feeds on this Bread will live forever."

Luke 9:24 (KJV) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it:

But whosoever will lose his life for My sake,

The same shall save it.

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- 1 Peter 1:3-19 (ESV) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**
According to **His great mercy,**
He has caused us to be born again to a Living hope
Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 To an inheritance that is imperishable,**
Undeified, and unfading, kept in **Heaven** for you,
- 5 Who by God's power are being guarded through faith**
For a **salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 6 In this you rejoice,** though now for a little while,
If necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
- 7 So that the tested genuineness of your faith---**
More precious than gold that perishes
Though it is **tested by fire---**
May be found **to result in praise**
And **glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**
- 8 Though you have not seen Him, you love him.**
Though you **do not** now see **Him,** you **believe in him**
And **rejoice with joy**
That **is inexpressible and filled with glory,**
- 9 Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**
- 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was**
To be yours searched and inquired carefully,
- 11 Inquiring what person or time**
The Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted
The sufferings of Christ and the subsequent Glories.
- 12 It was revealed to them that they were**
Serving **not themselves but you,**
In the things that have now been announced to you
Through those who preached the Good News to you
By the Holy Spirit sent from Heaven,
Things into which angels long to look.
- 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded,**
Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you
At the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,**
- 15 But as He who called you is Holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,**
- 16 Since it is Written, "You shall be holy, for I am Holy."**
- 17 And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially**
According **to each one's deeds,**
Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the **time of your exile,**
- 18 Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways**
Inherited from your forefathers,
Not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
- 19 But with the Precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

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1 Peter 1:20-23 (ESV) He was foreknown before the foundation of the world
But was made Manifest in the last times

For the sake of you

²¹ Who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead
And gave Him Glory,

So that your **faith** and **hope** are in God.

²² Having **purified** your souls by your obedience to the Truth for a **sincere**
Brotherly **love, love** one another earnestly from a **pure** heart,

²³ Since you have been **born again,**
Not of perishable seed but of imperishable,
Through the living and abiding word of God;

Matthew 3:1-12 (ESV) **In those days John the Baptist came preaching**

In the wilderness of Judea,

² **"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."**

³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he **said,**
"The **voice of one crying** in the **wilderness:**

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴ Now John **wore** a garment of camel's hair **and** a leather belt around his waist,
And his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea

And all the region about the Jordan **were going out** to him,

⁶ And they **were baptized** by him in the river Jordan,
Confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees **coming to his baptism,**
He **said** to them, "You brood of **vipers!**

Who **warned** you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ **Bear fruit** in **keeping** with **repentance.**

⁹ And **do not** presume to **say** to yourselves, 'We **have** Abraham as our father,'
For I tell you, **God is able from** these stones
To **raise up** children for Abraham.

¹⁰ Even **now** the **axe** is **laid to** the root **of** the trees.

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

¹¹ "I **baptize** you **with water** for **repentance,**

But He who is coming after me is Mightier than I, whose sandals
I am not worthy to carry.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor

And gather His wheat into the barn,

But the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

Proverbs 8:10 (KJV) **Receive My instruction, and not silver;**

And knowledge rather than choice gold.

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John 10:7-26 (ESV) So Jesus again said to them,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸ All who came before Me are thieves and robbers,

But the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me,

He will be saved

And will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹ I am the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd,

Who does not own the sheep,

Sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees,

And the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the Good Shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵ Just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father;

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

²³ And He said to all, "If anyone would come after me,

Let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it,

But whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world

And loses or forfeits himself?

²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and of my words,

Of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory

And the Glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV) For the Word of the cross

Is folly to those who are perishing,

But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is Written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

And the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,

It pleased God through the folly of what we preach

To save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

²³ But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

²⁴ But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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Ephesians 2:1-18 (ESV) **And you were dead** in the trespasses and sins

² In which you **once** walked, **following** the course **of this world**,

Following the prince **of the power of** the air,

The **spirit** that is now **at work** in the sons **of disobedience---**

³ **Among whom we all once lived in** the **passions** of our **flesh**,

Carrying **out** the desires **of** the body **and** the mind,

And were **by** nature children of **wrath**,

Like the rest of mankind.

⁴ **But God, being rich in mercy,**

Because of **the great love with which He loved** us,

⁵ Even when we were **dead in** our **trespasses**, **made** us **alive** together **with Christ---**

By grace you have been **saved---**

⁶ **And raised** us up **with Him** and seated us **with him**

In the Heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷ So that **in** the coming ages **He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace**

In kindness toward us **in Christ Jesus.**

⁸ **For by grace** you **have been saved through faith.**

And **this is not** your own doing; **it is the gift of God,**

⁹ **Not** a result of works, so that **no one** may boast.

¹⁰ For we are **His workmanship,**

Created in Christ Jesus for **good** works,

Which **God prepared beforehand**, that we should **walk in them.**

¹¹ **Therefore remember** that at **one time** you Gentiles **in** the **flesh**,

Called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision,

Which is **made in** the **flesh by hands---**

¹² **Remember** that you were **at that time separated** from **Christ,**

Alienated from the commonwealth **of Israel**

And **strangers** to **the Covenants of promise**, **having no hope**

And **without God** in the world.

¹³ But now **in Christ Jesus** you who **once** were **far off**

Have been brought **near** by **the blood of Christ.**

¹⁴ **For He himself is** our **peace,**

Who has made us both **one**

And has broken down in His flesh the **dividing** wall of hostility

¹⁵ **By abolishing the law of commandments**

Expressed **in ordinances,**

That **He might create in himself** one **new** man

In place of the two, so making peace,

¹⁶ **And might reconcile** us both **to God in One body through the cross,**

Thereby killing the hostility.

¹⁷ **And He came and preached peace to** you who were **far off**

And peace to those who were **near.**

¹⁸ For **through Him** we both have **access**

In one Spirit to the Father. (story continued on page # 19u)

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Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV) (continuation from page 19t) So then you are

No longer strangers and aliens,

But you are fellow citizens

With the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus himself being the Cornerstone,

²¹ In Whom the whole structure, being joined together,

Grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

²² In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by 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 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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Mark 9:7 (KJV) **And there was a cloud that came over them: And a voice Came out of the cloud, saying, this is My beloved Son: hear him.**

Mark 9:7 (NLT) **Then a cloud came over them, And a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to him."**

Mark 16:16 (NLT) **Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.**