The Ultimate

Suggested: read the entire study once per day for a year.

Commentary

Luk1:37**"For nothing is impossible with God."**

- angel Gabriel talking with Mary about the birth of Christ,
who was conceived in her by the Holy Spirit.

Mar1:14 ..... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. [15] ..... **"The kingdom of God is near. Repent[4a] and believe the good news!"**

Luk17:20 ..... "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, [21]nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because **the kingdom of God is within you."**

Mat13:33 ..... "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Luk3:16" ..... **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.** [17]His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." - John the Baptist speaking of Jesus

Joh3:16"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

1Joh4:10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning[3a] sacrifice for our sins.

.....

[36]"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." - John the Baptist speaking about Jesus

Joh5:28" ..... a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his* voice [29]and come out—**those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned."**

* Jesus'

2The2:10 ..... They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. .....

[12] ..... all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Mar12:28 ..... "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

[29]"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: .....

[30]'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' " (Deu 6:4-5)

Joh5:42" ..... I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ..... [44]How can you believe if you ..... make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?"

Joh7:17"If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own." - Jesus

Eph2:8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9]not by works, so that no one can boast.

1Tim1:14The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Luk5:31Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **[32]I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance[4b]."**

Act26:20"First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that **they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds."**

Luk3:8"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ..... [9]The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." - John the Baptist

Luk1:17"And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, **to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."** - angel of the Lord speaking about John the Baptist

Act10:34Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that **God** does not show favoritism [35]but **accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right."**

Act3:19Repent[4c], then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, [20]and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Luk24:46 ..... "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Act10:43"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

1Pet3:18For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ...

1Joh2:1 ..... Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. [2]He is the atoning[3b] sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Rom3:23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption[6a] that came by Christ Jesus. **[25]God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. .....**

Eph1:7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins [and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness** Heb9:22], in accordance with the riches of God's grace [8]that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Act20:21"I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that **they must turn to God in repentance[4d] and have faith in our Lord Jesus."**

Rom4:3What does the Scripture say? **"Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."** (Gen 15:6)

[4]Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. [5]However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. [6]David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

[7]"Blessed are they
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
[8]Blessed is the man
whose sin the Lord will never count against him." (Psa 32:1,2)

[9] ..... We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. ..... [11] ..... he is the father of all who believe .....

Jam2:14What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? [15]Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. [16]If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? **[17]In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

[18] ..... Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by what I do.**

..... [20]You foolish man, do you want evidence that **faith without deeds is useless**? [21]Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? [22]You see that **his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.** [23]And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," (Gen 15:6) and he was called God's friend. **[24]You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.**

..... **[26]As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

Act5:32" ..... the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gal3:11 ..... "The righteous will live by faith." (Hab 2:4) .....

[14] ..... by faith we ..... receive the promise of the Spirit.

.....

[22]But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that **what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.**

Rom3:21But now a righteousness from God ..... has been made known, ...

[22]This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Joh6:63"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing."

Joh3:6"Flesh gives birth to flesh, but **the Spirit gives birth to spirit."**

Joh6:27"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. ..... "

[28]Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

[29]Jesus answered, **"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."**

.....

[33]"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Joh1:33" 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' " - John the Baptist saying what God told Him about Jesus

.....

[35]Then Jesus declared, **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."**

Mat5:6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled."

Joh7:37On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, **"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. [38]Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." [39]By this he meant the Spirit, ...**

Joh4:14"but **whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

Gal5:5But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope.

Rom10:4Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Gal3:26You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ...

Gal4:6Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts .....

Rom8:12Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

[13]For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die;

but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,

[14]because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ..... [16]The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] ..... we are ..... heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, ... if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1Pet4:1Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. [2]As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. [3]For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery[2a], lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ..... [5]But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Jam1:12Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

[13]When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **[14]but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.** [15]Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

1Cor10:13No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Heb2:18Because he* himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

* Christ

Heb4:15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. **[16]Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

Heb3:1Therefore ..... **fix your thoughts on Jesus** .....

Heb4:14Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Rom13:14 ..... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Rom14:23 ..... everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Gal5:6 ..... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

1Cor13:6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

[7]It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

[8]Love never fails. .....

1Cor16:14Do everything in love.

1Tim1:4 ..... God's work—which is by faith. [5]The goal of this command is **love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**

.....

[18] ..... fight the good fight, [19]holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

Heb13:18Pray for us. **We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.**

Heb9:14How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

.....

[26] ..... But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb10:10 ..... we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

..... **[14] ..... by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**

.....

[23]Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Heb13:12 ..... Jesus ..... suffered ..... to make the people holy through his own blood.

1Pet2:21 ..... Christ suffered for you .....

[24]He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Heb10:26If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, [27]but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Phi3:18 ..... many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **[19]Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.**

1Cor6:9Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders [10]nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [11]And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified[1a], you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Eph5:3But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

.....

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

[6]Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

2Tim2:19 ..... God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," (Num 16:5) and, **"Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."**

Act3:26"When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways." - speaking about Jesus

Jam4:7Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8]Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ..... [10]Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

1Pet5:8Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **[9]Resist him, standing firm in the faith, ...**

Eph6:16 ..... take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

1Pet1:6 ..... now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7]These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8]Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9]for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

.....

[10]And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. [11]To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

.....

[12] ..... this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

2Cor1:21Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.

.....

[24] ..... it is **by faith you stand firm.**

1Pet1:4 ..... you, **[5]who through faith are shielded by God's power** .....

1Cor8:3But the man who loves God is known by God.

2Joh1:6And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

Rom13:9The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," (Exo20:13-15,17; Deu5:17-19,21) and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev19:18) [10]Love does no harm to its neighbor.

1Cor7:19 ..... Keeping God's commands is what counts.

1Joh5:3This is love for God: to obey his commands.

And his commands are not burdensome, [4]for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. [5]Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

.....

[13]I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

.....

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

1Joh2:14 .....

you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

[15]Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16]For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. [17]The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

2Cor4:18So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2Cor5:7We live by faith, not by sight.

2Cor5:16So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

Mat5:28"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. [29]If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell."

2Pet2:14With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; **they are experts in greed—an accursed brood!** [15]They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, **who loved the wages of wickedness.**

Eph4:17 ..... you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. [18]They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. [19]Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

..... [18]by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. **[19]They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of**

depravity[5a]—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

[20]**If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.** [21]It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

[22]Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," (Pro 26:11) and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

Jam4:4 **You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God?**

Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

3Joh1:11 Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good.

Anyone who does what is good is from God.

Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

1Joh3:29 **If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.**

Joh8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, **"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.** [32]**Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

Joh14:

[15]**"If you love me, you will obey what I command.**

[16]**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—** [17]**the Spirit of truth.** ..... **you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.** ..... [19]Before long, the world will not see me anymore, **but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.** [20]**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."**

[21]**"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.**

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

.....

[23]**Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.**

My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

[24]**He who does not love me will not obey my teaching."**

.....

[34]Jesus replied, **"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.** [35]Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. [36]**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

2Cor2:17 **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

1Tim6:12 **Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called .....**

.....

[18]Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. [19]In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Act14:21 ..... they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, [22]strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. **"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,"** they said.

Heb12:7 **Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.** For what son is not disciplined by his father? ..... [9] ..... **submit to the Father of our spirits and live!** [10] ..... **God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.**

Rev3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent[4e]." - Jesus

1Cor11:32 ..... we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Heb5:8 Although he was a son*, **he learned obedience from what he suffered** [9]**and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him .....**

* Jesus

Heb2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, **it was fitting that God ..... should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.** [11]**Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.**

1Pet4:19 **So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.**

2Cor12:7 **To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.** [8]**Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.** [9]**But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.** [10]**That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

2Cor11:29 **Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?**

2Tim2:3 **Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.** [4]**No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.** [5]**Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.**

1Cor9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

[25]Everyone who competes in the games goes into **strict training.** They do it to get a crown that will not last; but **we do it to get a crown that will last forever.** ..... [27] ..... **I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.**

Rom5:18 **I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**

1Cor4:17 **For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.**

Rom5:2 **..... we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.** [3]**Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;** [4]**perseverance, character; and character, hope.** [5]**And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.**

2Cor4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. **.....**

inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

1The4:9 ..... you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. [10] ..... Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

1Cor13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5]It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1Cor14:1 Follow the way of love .....

2Joh1:3 Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

Jam1:21 **..... get rid of all moral filth ..... and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.**

[22]**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**

Joh12:47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. [48]**There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."**

Mat12:50 **"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."**

Luk8:21 He replied, **"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."**

.....

[19]My dear brothers, take note of this: **Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,** [20]**for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.**

Mat5:22 **"But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."**

[23]"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24]leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Eph4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

.....

[26]**If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.**

Mat12:36 **"But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.** [37]**For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."**

Jam3:2 **..... If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.**

[27]**Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.**

Heb10:35 **So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.** [36]**You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.** [37]For in just a very little while,

"He who is coming will come and will not delay.
[38]**But my righteous one will live by faith.**
And if he shrinks back,
I will not be pleased with him." (Hab 2:3,4)

[39]**But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.**

Eph6:23 Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [24]Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Heb12:1 **..... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.** [2]**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, ...**

Eph2:10 **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Tit2:11 **For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.** [12]**It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,** [13]while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, **Jesus Christ,** [14]**who gave himself for us to redeem[6b] us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.**

2Cor9:8 **And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

.....

[10]**Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.**

[11]**You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, ...**

Act15:8 **"God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, ...** [9] **..... he purified their hearts by faith."**

Act26:17 **" ' ..... I am sending you to them** [18]**to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified[1b] by faith in me.' "** - Jesus speaking to Paul

Joh8:12 **..... "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** - Jesus

Act2:38 Peter replied, **"Repent[4f] 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."**

Gal2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave himself for me."

Rom6:6 For we know that **our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with,**

that we should no longer be slaves to sin .....

.....

[12]Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.**

[13]Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness,

but rather **offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.**

[14]**For sin shall not be your master,** because you are not under law, but under grace.

Rom6:16 **Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are**

slaves to sin, which leads to death,

or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

[17]But thanks be to God that, **though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.**

[18]**You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

[19] ..... **Just as you used to offer the parts of your body**

in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness,

so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

.....

[22]**But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God,**

the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

[23]**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Rom7:

[5]**For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.**

[6]**But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law** so that **we serve in the new way of the Spirit .....**

Rom8:2

..... through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

[3]For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, [4]in order that

the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us,

who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

[5]**Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires;**

but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

[6]The mind of sinful man is death,

but **the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;**

[7]**the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.** [8]**Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.**

[9]**You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit,**

if the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

2Cor13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. **Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? .....** [8]**For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. .....** [11] **..... Aim for perfection, ...**

Rom2:29 No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and **circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit,** .....

Tit3:5 **..... He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,** [6]**whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ...**

[13] ..... from the beginning **God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying[1c] work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.**

Col1:21 **Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.** [22]**But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—** [23]**if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.**

1Cor15:1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. [2]**By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.**

Heb3:6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. **And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.**

Eph3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,

..... [16]**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,** [17]**so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18]**may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,** [19]**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

[20]**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,**

[his incomparably great power for us who believe. Eph1:19]

[21]to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Col2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, [10]and **you have been given fullness in Christ,** who is the head over every power and authority. [11]**In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature,** not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but **with the circumcision done by Christ,** [12]having been buried with him in baptism and **raised with him through your faith in the power of God,** who raised him from the dead.

Col3:1 **Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,** where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2]**Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. .....**

[5]**Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.** [6]**Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.** [7]You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. [8]But now **you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: [bitterness Eph4:3], anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.** [9]**Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices** [10]**and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

.....

[12] **..... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.** [13]**Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

Mat6:14 **"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** [15]**But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."**

Mat7:1 **"Do not judge, or you too will be judged.** [2]**For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

Jam5:9 **Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!**

Luk6:37 **"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."**

Jam2:13 **..... judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!**

Mat5:7 **"Blessed are the merciful,**
for they will be shown mercy."

Luk6:36 **"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."**

Rom12:18 **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**

Mat5:9 **"Blessed are the peacemakers,**
for they will be called sons of God."

1The5:15 **Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong [evil for evil Rom12:17], but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.**

1Pet2:23 **When they hurled their insults at him*, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.**

*** Christ**

1Cor4:12 ..... when we are persecuted, we endure it;

[13]when we are slandered, we answer kindly.

1Pet2:19 **For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. .....** [21]**To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.**

2Tim3:12 In fact, **everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,**

[13]while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Phi1:29 **For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, ...**

Rom12:14 **Bless those who persecute you;**

bless and do not curse.

Mat5:10 **"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,**
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]**Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me*.** [12]**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,** for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Luk6:22 **"Blessed are you when men hate you,**
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man."

[23]**"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven."**

***** Christ

Mat5:44 "But I tell you: **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** [45]**that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. .....** [48]**Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."**

Luk6:27 "But I tell you who hear me: **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,** [28]**bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. .....** [30]Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back."

Luk6:35 "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, **and you will be sons of the Most High**, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

Mat5:39 "But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. [40]And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. [41]If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”

2Cor11:20 **..... you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or pushes himself forward or slaps you in the face.** [21]To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that!

Eph6:10 **..... be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.**

Col1:11**being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully [12]giving thanks to the Father,** who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. [13]**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,** [14]in whom we have redemption[6c], the forgiveness of sins.

Phi4:4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

[5]Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

1The5:13 **..... Live in peace with each other. .....** [14] **..... be patient with everyone.**

1Tim6:11 **..... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.**

2Cor3:18**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**

Col1:27 ..... God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles **the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

[28]We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so **that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.** [29]To this end **I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.**

Act1:8“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses ..... ” - Jesus

1The2:10**You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.** [11]**For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,** [12]**encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God,** who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Mat28:18Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** [20]**and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** - after Jesus' resurrection from the dead

1Tim2:3 ..... God our Savior, [4]who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. [5]For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6]who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

Act4:12**“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

Joh20:21Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” [22]And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Act20:26“Therefore, I declare to you today that **I am innocent of the blood of all men.** [27]**For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.”**

Col4:5**Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.** [6]**Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

1Cor15:58 **..... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,** because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1Tim4:12 **..... set an example** for the believers **in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.**

.....

[15]**Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.** [16]**Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.**

Rom12:11**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.**

Act5:20“ ..... tell the people the full message of this new life.”

.....

[42]Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

1Cor16:13**Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.**

2Cor4:13**It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.”** (Psa 116:10) **With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ...**

Mat10:32**“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.** [33]**But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”** - Jesus

Act4:31 **..... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.**

2Tim1:7For **God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.**

[8]**So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, ... join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,** [9]**who has saved us and called us to a holy life**—not because of anything we have done but **because of his own purpose and grace.**

Rom1:16I am not ashamed of **the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: .....** [17]**For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”** (Hab 2:4)

2Cor2:14**But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.** [15]For we are to God **the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.** [16]To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. .....

2Cor3:12 **..... we are very bold.**

2Cor4:2 **..... by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. .....**

1Pet3:15 **..... But do this with gentleness and respect,** [16]**keeping a clear conscience, ...**

2Tim2:24**And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.** [25]**Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance**[4g] **leading them to a knowledge of the truth,** [26]**and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.**

2Cor10:1**By the meekness and gentleness of Christ,** I appeal to you .....

Tit3:2 **..... show true humility toward all men.**

[3]**At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.**

Eph2:1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2]in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

[3]**All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.** Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

2Pet3:9The Lord ..... is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

..... [15]Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, ...

Rom2:4 ..... the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, ... God's kindness leads you toward repentance .....

Phm1:9 ..... I appeal to you on the basis of love.

2Cor4:5For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and **ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

[6]**For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”** (Gen 1:3) **made his light shine in our hearts .....**

[7]But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that **this all-surpassing power is from God** and not from us.

1Cor4:20**For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.**

1Cor2:4My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with **a demonstration of the Spirit's power,** [5]so **that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.**

2Cor13:3 **..... Christ is speaking through me.** He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. [4]For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, **we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him to serve you.**

Phm1:5 ..... I hear about **your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints.** [6]I pray that you may **be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.**

1The2:2We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but **with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. .....**

[4] **..... We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.**

Eph6:19Pray also for me, **that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,** [20]for which I am an ambassador in chains. **Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.**

.....

[6] ..... As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, [7]but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. [8]**We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.**

[9]Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

Act20:34“You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions.

[35]In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

2Cor12:15**So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well.**

1Joh2:10Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Mat5:14**“You are the light of the world.** A city on a hill cannot be hidden. [15]Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house [Luk11:33...,that those who come in may see the light]. [16]In the same way, **let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”**

Joh13:34**“A new command I give you: Love one another.**

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

[35]**By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

Joh17:22“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: [23]I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” - Jesus praying to God the Father about believers

1Pet3:8 ..... all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Mat13:31 ..... “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. [32]**Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.”**

2Cor5:17**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!** [18]**All this is from God,** who reconciled us to himself through Christ ..... [21]God made him who had no sin to be sin for us [OR, be a sin offering], so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

1Cor6:19 **..... your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you .....**

2Cor6:4 **..... as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;** [5]in beatings, imprisonments and riots; **in hard work,** sleepless nights and hunger; [6]**in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;** [7]in truthful speech and **in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; .....**

2Cor10:4**The weapons we fight with ..... have divine power to demolish strongholds.** [5]**We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

2Cor6:16 **..... For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”** (Lev 26:12; Jer 32:38; Eze 37:27)

[17]**“Therefore come out from them**
and be separate, says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.” (Isa 52:11; Eze 20:34,41)
[18]**“I will be a Father to you,**
and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” (2Sam 7:14; 7:8)

2Cor7:1**Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.**

1Tim4:7 **..... train yourself to be godly.**

1Cor6:13 **..... The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. .....**

[17]**But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.**

[18]**Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.** [19]**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;** [20]**you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.**

Rom12:1 **..... offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.**

Heb12:28 ..... since **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,** let us **be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,** [29]**for our “God is a consuming fire.”** (Deu 4:24)

Heb12:16**See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.** [17]Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

1Tim5:1 **..... Treat .....** [2] **..... younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.**

1The4:3**It is God's will that you should be sanctified**[1d] **that you should avoid sexual immorality;** [4]**that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,** [5]**not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; .....** [7]**For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.** [8]Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but **God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.**

Gal5:16So I say, **live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

.....

[19]**The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery**[2b]**;** [20]**idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions** [21]**and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

[22]**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** [23]**gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. [24]**Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.**

Luk14:33 **..... “any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.”**

Mat13:44“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and **then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”**

Phi3:7**But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.** [8]What is more, **I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.**

I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—**the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.**

Phi3:10**I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings,** becoming like him in his death, [11]and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Phi1:21For to me, **to live is Christ** and to die is gain.

Act20:24**“..... I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”**

1Cor10:33 **..... For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.**

2Cor5:14**For Christ's love compels us,** ..... [15] ..... he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

Mar8:34 **..... “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross [daily Luk9:23] and follow me.** [35]For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.** [36]**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul [very self Luk9:25]?** [37]**Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

Joh12:25**“The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”**

Luk14:26**“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.”**

Heb11:24By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. [25]**He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.** [26]**He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.** [27]By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; **he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.**

Mat6:24“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and Money.”**

Luk12:33**“Sell your possessions and give to the poor.”**

Luk19:8But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! **Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”**

[9]**Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.** [10]**For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”**

Luk16:10**“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.** [11]**So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”**

Mat7:13**“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.** [14]**But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”**

Mat7:21**“Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”**

Luk6:46**“Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?** [47]I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. [48]He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. [49]But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Luk13:23Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, [24]**“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.”**

Mat11:12**“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”**

Mar10:15**“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”**

Luk16:16**“ ..... the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.”**

Rev1:5 **..... To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,** [6]**and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father**—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Rev2:1“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who ..... walks among the seven golden lampstands*: [2]**I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.** [3]**You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.** [4]**Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.** [5]**Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent**[4h] **and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.** [6]**But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.** [7] **..... To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”**

* the words are Jesus', and the lampstands are the churches

.....

[11]“ ..... **He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.”**

.....

[17]“ ..... **To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.”**

.....

[26]**“To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—**

[27]'He will rule them with an iron scepter;
he will dash them to pieces like pottery' (Psa 2:9)

— just as I have received authority from my Father. [28]I will also give him the morning star.”

Rev3:1“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

..... I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2]**Wake up!**

Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. 3Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent[4]. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. 4Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels."

12Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name."

20Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. 21To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne."

Rev15:2And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They ..... 3 ..... sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.
4Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

Rev19:6Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
7Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
8Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

9Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."

10 ..... hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Rev21:1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

5He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

6He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

"To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life."

7He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

8But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

22I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev22:3No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 ..... And they will reign for ever and ever.

Rev22:10Then he told me, "..... the time is near. 11Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." : angel speaking to John

12"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

1Cor4:4 ..... It is the Lord who judges me. 5 ..... the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

Heb4:13Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Rev2:23 ..... I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds." - Jesus

2Cor5:11Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. .....

Luk6:31"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Rom13:9 ..... "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev 19:18)

2Cor5:10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

14"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. ..... "

17 ..... Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Rom12:2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

.....

9 ..... Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

.....

21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Mat13:40"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ..... "

Rev20:10And the devil ..... was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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

Gal6:7Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

8The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction;

the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

9Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

2Thes3:13 ..... never tire of doing what is right.

Rom1:4 ..... Jesus Christ our Lord. 5Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

Rom2:6God "will give to each person according to what he has done." (Psa 62:12; Pro 24:12) 7To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

2Thes1:3We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. 4Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

Jam1:2Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

5All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7and give relief to you who are troubled ..... 8He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord .....

..... 11With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

Heb6:7Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. 8But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

9Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. 10God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Heb3:12See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. 14We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. 15As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion." (Psa 95:7,8)

16Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? 18And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Heb4:1Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. 3Now we who have believed enter that rest .....

9 ..... There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. 11Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

1Cor10:1For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3They all ate the same spiritual food 4and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

6Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." (Exo 32:6) 8We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

Jud1:5Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

.....

14Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied ..... : "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 16These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires .....

2Tim3:4 ..... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

Tit1:16They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

2Tim3:6They are ..... loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. 8 ..... these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

2Pet2:9 ..... the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. 10This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature .....

.....

20But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. 21Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Heb10:19Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

.....

24To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Rom15:16 ..... so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified[1e] by the Holy Spirit.

..... 18I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God .....

Rom16:25Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, ... 26 ..... so that all nations might believe and obey him— 27to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1Cor1:4I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ..... 8He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

1Joh2:3We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

4The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

* Christ

5But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him.

This is how we know we are in him: 6Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Act10:38 ..... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, ... he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

Rev4:8 ..... "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

1Joh1:5 ..... God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

6If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

7But 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, purifies us from all sin.

Heb12:14Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

.....

Mat5:8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

1Pet1:15But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (Lev 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7)

Col3:17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1Cor10:31 ..... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Col3:23Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

1Pet1:17Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

1Pet2:11Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

.....

16 ..... live as servants of God.

Eph4:22You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

.....

32Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Rom8:29For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Gal6:14May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 ..... what counts is a new creation.

Eph4:2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Eph4:3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

1Cor1:10 ..... be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Col2:2My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Phi1:9And this is my prayer:

that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

10so that you may be able to discern what is best .....

Eph4:13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1Joh3:2But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

3Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

.....

5But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

6No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

7Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray.

He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

8He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

9No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

10This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1Joh4:19We love because he first loved us. ..... 21And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Mar9:23"..... Everything is possible for him who believes."

Phi4:13I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Tit1:1Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— 2a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, ...

Joh17:17"Sanctify[1] them by the truth; your word is truth."

Act20:32"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

2Pet1:2Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Joh15:4Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

5 ..... If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;

6If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

Joh15:1"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

Luk13:6Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ”

[8]“ 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. [9]If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' ”

Mat5:13“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.”

Mat21:43“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

[7]If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

[8]This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

.....

2Pet1:10Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, [11]and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1Pet1:22Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1Pet4:8Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1Pet2:1 ..... rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. [2] ..... crave pure spiritual milk .....

Jam1:5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Jam3:13Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

[14]But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. [15]Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. [16]For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

[17]But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18]Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

1Pet5:5 ..... All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.” (Pro 3:34)

[6]Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7]Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Phi4:6Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7]And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Mat5:3“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

.....

[5]Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.”

Phi2:3Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Eph5:21Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Gal5:13 ..... serve one another in love.

Rom15:2Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

1Cor10:33even as I try to please everybody in every way.

Mar10:43“ ..... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, [44]and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Phi2:4Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

1Cor10:24Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

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

Mat23:12“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

1Cor9:19Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ..... [22] ..... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. [23]I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Luk17:7“Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? [8]Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? [9]Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? [10]So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' ”

Phi2:12Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed ..... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13]for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Eph6:5Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. [6]Obey them ..... like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. [7]Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ...

[14]Do everything without complaining or arguing, [15]so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved[5c] generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe [16]as you hold out the word of life .....

Joh14:6Jesus answered,

“I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Joh14:10“ ..... it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. [11]Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

[12]I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

[13]And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14]You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

Joh16:23“ ..... I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

[24] ..... Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

Joh15:9“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

[10]If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love,

just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

Joh16:31“ ..... I love the Father and ..... I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

Mar1:11And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Joh8:29“The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

.....

[11]I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

[12]My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

[13]Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

[14]You are my friends if you do what I command.”

Gal6:2Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

1Joh3:14We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers.

Anyone who does not love remains in death. [15]Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

[16]This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. [17]If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

1Tim5:8If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

2Cor8:7 ..... see that you also excel in this grace of giving. [8] ..... I want to test the sincerity of your love ..... [24] ..... show ..... the proof of your love .....

[18]Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. [19]This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence [20]whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

[21]Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God [22]and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

[23]And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

Jam5:16The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1Pet3:12“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
(Psa 34:12-16)

1Pet4:7 ..... be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

Mat21:21Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, ... you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. [22]If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Jam1:6 ..... he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7]That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8]he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Mar11:22“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. [23]“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24]Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. [25]And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Luk17:5The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

[6]He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.”

Joh15:16“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

[17]This is my command: Love each other.”

Rom12:9Love must be sincere.

[10]Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

[24]Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1Joh4:7Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

[8]Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. .....

[12]No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1Tim6:15 ..... God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16]who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

[13]We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

.....

[16] ..... God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

[17]In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

Eph5:1Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children [2]and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1The3:12May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else .....

1The5:16Be joyful always; [17]pray continually; [18]give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

.....

[21] ..... Hold on to the good. [22]Avoid every kind of evil.

Phi4:8 ..... whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

[9] ..... And the God of peace will be with you.

1The5:23May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify[1g] you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24]The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Mat25:31“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.”

[34]“Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, [36]I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ”

[37]“Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ..... ' ”

..... [40]“ .....'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' ”

[41]“Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ”

..... [45]“ ..... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ”

[46]“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Joh17:1 ..... Jesus ..... looked toward heaven and prayed: .....

[3]“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Joh10:10“ ..... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Act2:28“ 'You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.' ” (Psa 16:8-11)

- King David speaking of Jesus talking to God the Father

.....

[26]“I have made you known to them,

and will continue to make you known

in order that the love you have for me may be in them

and that I myself may be in them.”

- Jesus praying to God the Father about believers

Joh4:24“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

Joh8:51“I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

Heb11:5By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

[6]And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Luk11:9“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. [10]For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Jer29:12“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. [13]You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. [14]I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity.”

Joh11:25Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; [26]and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

[27]“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

.....

[40]Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

Joh10:15“ ..... I lay down my life for the sheep. ..... [17]The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.”

Joh4:34“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

Joh17:4“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”

- Jesus praying to the Father

- after Jesus healed a man who could not walk, who had been disabled for 38 years, on the Sabbath

Joh5:16So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. [17]Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

.....

[19]Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

[20]For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.”

Joh12:49“For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. [50]I know that his command leads to eternal life.

So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

Joh15:15“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for

everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

1Co42:9 ..... as it is written:

“No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him” (Isa 64:4)

— [10]but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

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

[16]“For who has known the mind of the Lord
that he may instruct him?” (Isa 40:13)

But we have the mind of Christ.

Joh3:8“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

- a man born blind who Jesus healed, speaking about Jesus to the Jewish religious leaders who were questioning him

Joh9:31“We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will.”

- Peter, speaking to the crowd after healing a man lame from birth

Act3:16“By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.”

Rom4:18Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” (Gen 15:5) [19]Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. [20]Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, [21]being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. [22]This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” [23]The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, [24]but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. [25]He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Rom12:12Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Heb11:1Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [2]This is what the ancients were commended for.

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

Eph4:10He* who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

* Christ

Col1:15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16]For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. [17]He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18]And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. [19]For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, [20]and through

him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on
the cross.

Heb1:1In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2]**but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.** [3]**The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.** After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

.....

[8]But about the Son he* says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,
and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.
[9]**You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;**
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy." (Psa 45:6,7)

* God

[10]He also says,

"In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
[11]They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
[12]You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end." **(Psa 102:25-27)**

Heb13:8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

1 - sanctify: to free from sin, purify, and set apart for a sacred purpose. 1a: ^ 1b: ^ 1c: ^ 1d: ^ 1e: ^ 1f: ^ 1g: ^

2 - debauchery: indulgence in pleasure that lacks moral restraint, extreme indulgence in sensual pleasure. 2a: ^ 2b: ^

3 - atonement: to restore to friendship or harmony, settle, resolve --- to repair, the act of making amends or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury, something done or given as amends or satisfaction, the payment of damages for an offense or injury --- the reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. 3a: ^ 3b: ^

4 - repent: to turn from sin/harmdoing and dedicate oneself to the correction of one's life to God's principles: to feel regret and sorrow, to change one's mind. 4a: ^ 4b: ^ 4c: ^ 4d: ^ 4e: ^ 4f : ^ 4g: ^ 4h: ^ 4i: ^

5 - deprave: to make bad, to corrupt morally, degrade with unsound principles or moral values. 5a: ^ 5b: ^ 5c: ^

6 - redeem: to buy back, free from what distresses or harms, free from captivity by payment of ransom, to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental, release from blame or debt, to free from the consequences of sin, to remove the obligation of a charge for the satisfaction of some debt by someone else making a payment of an amount which secures its removal, to offset the bad effect of, to make worthwhile. 6a: ^ 6b: ^ 6c: ^

Faith and **Love**

Index

Scripture quotations are taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®. NIV®. Copyright©1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved.