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here is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

ephesians, chapter 4

A nd being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

philippians, chapter 2

et it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, this is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'
Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

ACTS, CHAPTER 4

hen there met him [Jesus] ten men who were lepers. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice §lorified God, and fell down on *his* face at his feet, §ivin§ him thanks. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? And he said to him, "Arise, §o your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke, Chapter 17



hen Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to him,

Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice."

John, chapter 18

ow when they had come and had sathered the church tosether, they reported all that God had done with them, and that he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

ACTS, CHAPTER 14

hen all the multitude kept silent & listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name.

So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, 'even all the Gentiles who are called by my name,' says the LORD who does all these things.

Known to God from eternity are all his works. Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God

[with keeping Jewish customs]."

ACTS, CHAPTER 15



ou are my friends if you do what — ever I [Jesus] command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should so and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may sive you.

If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

John, Chapter 15

Plessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he has made us accepted in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in him.



od, who made the world and everything in it, since he is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is he worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, since he gives to all life, breath, and all things.

And he has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their

pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellinøs, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might ørope for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us; for in him we live and move and have our beinø, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offsprinø'. In Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the Man [Jesus Christ] whom he has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising him from the dead." So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed.

Ind indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.
Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.
For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."

ACTS, CHAPTERS 17 & 20

s it is written: "There is none right – eous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one." Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in his sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by his blood, through faith.

ROMANS, Chapter 3

herefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

ROMANS, Chapter 5

or if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *his* purpose. For whom he foreknew, he also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he predestined, these he also called; whom he called, these he also justified; and whom he justified, these he also glorified.



hat then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor anýels nor principalities nor powers, nor thinýs present nor thinýs to come, nor heiýht nor depth, nor any other created thiný, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

ROMANS, Chapters 8 & 10



owever, we speak wisdom amoný those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this aýe, nor of the rulers of this aýe, who are cominý to nothiný.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him."

But God has revealed *them* to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

i corinthians, chapter 2

ow if Christ is preached that he has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty.

Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<mark>i corinthians, chapter 15</mark>

B ut we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

ii corinchians, chapter 4

have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

GALATIANS, CHAPTERS 2 & 3



Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseein that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying,
"In you all the nations shall be blessed." So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

GALATIANS, CHAPTER 3

tand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

GALATIANS, CHAPTER 5

or if anyone thinks himself to be somethin, when he is nothin, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicin in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

And let us not śrow weary while doinś śood, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

GALATIANS, CHAPTER 6

f anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

philippians, chapter 3

nd you *he made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in

which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. or by §race you have been saved throu§h faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the §ift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for §ood works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that he might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.



or this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him beglory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named amoný you, as is fittiný for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talkiný, nor coarse jestiný, which are not fittiný, but rather ýiviný of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kinýdom of Christ and God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

e give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ģivinģ thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of his love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

COLOSSIANS, CHAPTER 1

A nd you, who once were alien ated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in his sight — if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which was preached to every creature under heaven.

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of his body, which is the church, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to his saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

colossians, chapter 1


ow this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power.

COLOSSIANS, Chapter 2

or our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath of God to come.

i Thessalonians, chapter 1

or the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archansel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be causent up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Now may the

God of peace himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

i thessalonians, chapters 4 & 5

ow, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, as though the day of Christ had come.

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God. But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ii thessalonians, chapter 2

inally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be ¢lorified, just as *it is* with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and §uard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concernin§ you, both that you do and will do the thin§s we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

ii thessalonians, chapter 3

P aul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Saviour and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, to Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord

who has enabled me, because he counted me faithful, putting *me*into the ministry, although I was formerly a

blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. **This** *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life.

i timothy, chapter 1



ow godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. urée you in the sight of God who éives life to all thinés, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the éood confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus

Christ's appearing, which he will manifest in his own time, *he who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honour and everlasting power. Amen.

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

<mark>i тімотһу, с</mark>һартек 6

B ut know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: Yes, and all who desire to live éodly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will érow worse and worse, deceiviné and beiné deceived. But you must continue in the thinés which you have learned and been assured of, knowiné from whom you have learned *them*, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture *is* §iven by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

ii timothy, chapter 3

charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word! Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

But you be watchful in all thin§s, endure afflictions, do the work of an evan§elist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already bein§ poured out as a drink offerin§, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fou§ht the §ood fi§ht, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

ii timothy, chapter 4



aul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgement of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time beşan; Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself his own special people, zealous for good works.

or we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that having been justified by his grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

titus, chapters 1 to 3

or when God made a promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuse to lay hold of the hope set before us.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. herefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, his flesh, and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope, for he who promised *is* faithful.

For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing?

hebrews, chapters 6 & 10

ut Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh [the Jewish sacrificial system], how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason he is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant [the Law], that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

hebrews, chapter 9

aith is the substance of thin shoped for, the evidence of thin so that seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the thin swhich are seen were not made of thin swhich are visible. But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, **and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus**,

the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

hebrews, chapters 11 & 12

B lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready

to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

i peter, chapter 1

A nd if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through him believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever.

i peter, chapter 1



hepherd the flock of God [Church] which is among you, and when the Chief Shepherd [Christ] appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Be sober, be vi§ilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roarin§ lion, seekin§ whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowin§ that the same sufferin§s are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

But may the God of all şrace, who called us to his eternal şlory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strenşthen, and settle *you*. To him *be* the şlory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

i peter, chapter 5

imon Peter, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as his divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, for if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B ut there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness,

to be reserved for judgement; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgement.

ii peter, chapters 1 & 2

Peloved, now we are children of God; and everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whoever does not practise righteousness is not of God.
For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God;

because many false prophets have §one out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was comin§, and is now already in the world.

i John, chapters 3 & 4



ude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

JUDE, CHAPTER I



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