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# Introduction

It is my sincere hope that this collection of sayings and insights from Jesus (and those he sent out as followers of him) will be of great encouragement to you. We all need and seek encouragement, but in order for encouragement to be real it must be anchored in something of substance -- something that remains unshaken when tested.

This particular collection is just a sampling of all that has been written about Jesus. But it is a collection that represents those anchoring ideas that always encourage those who ponder the profound truths found in them. It is my hope that each selection will be a gateway into the great body of information about Jesus that has encouraged countless millions for over two millenniums.

Please keep in mind as you consider these selections, that they *must* be read in their full and original context in order to be understood as they were originally intended. Therefore, I recommend that you allow these selections to be no more than "entry points" into a marvelous world of much greater meaning.

All total, there are about 300 selections. After some 30 years of careful study in the life and teachings of Jesus, I have found these to be the most helpful and foundational. They are all taken from the New Testament letters and gospels (except Mark and Luke). The selections have been sorted into twelve areas of life: Salvation, Assurance, Jesus, Humanity, Spiritual Life, Personal Growth, Relationships, God, Revelation, Community, Purpose, and Future.

I have only two goals in producing this collection: To encourage you in your daily living, and to help *you* anchor *yourself* in something of substance. That's all. I do not seek to tell you what to believe or how to think -- that's God's job, and I will leave that between you and Him!

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# *Salvation*

*How can we get right with God? What does it take on our part? Can it really be true that God has done everything for us, and that to be right with him we need only to believe? Can it really be that good of a deal?*

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matt 11:28

Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matt 18:3

What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying. Matt 18:12

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Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. John 524

What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent. John 628

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 635

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I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Rom 116

Do you think lightly of the riches of God's kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that His kindness leads you to repentance? Rom 204

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. Rom 323

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If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Rom 1008

There has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. Rom 1105

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By grace you have been saved through faith; and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph 208

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We have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. 1Tim 410

God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity. 2Tim 109

When the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. Titus 304

How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Heb 203

Without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. Heb 922

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. Heb 1101

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. Rev 320



# *Assurance*

*We all want and need assurance, especially in this crazy and unstable world. We also know it is just a matter of time until we die. Is there any true assurance and security available for us as we live our lives?*

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27

I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:02

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. John 14:27

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Rom 501

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I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 838

God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. 2Cor 122

I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philip 106

I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. 2Tim 112

He Himself has said, I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you. Heb 1305

He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. 1Peter 103

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 1Pet 510

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 1John 418



# *Jesus*

*Who was Jesus and what did he accomplish? He made claims that are usually only associated with the insane. But his life and impact on the world was so unique, he cannot be easily dismissed.*

The virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which translated means, God with us. Matt 123

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done. Matt 2642

When they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, Truly this was the Son of God! Matt 2754

I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Matt 2807

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 101

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 129

Jesus again spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life. John 812

Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am. John 858

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. John 1011

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 1406

Jesus answered, You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. John 1836

Just as through one act of sin there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. Rom 518

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cor 521

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree. Gal 313

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created. Col 115

In Christ all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form. Col 209

He canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Col 214

Great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. 1Tim 316

He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. Heb 102

It was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. Heb 210

We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Heb 415

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb 1308

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. 1Peter 224

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God. 1Peter 318

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life, we proclaim to you also. 1John 101

You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God. Rev 509  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Rev 512





# *Humanity*

*Who are we and why are we here? This question has plagued humanity since the beginning of time. Why do we have so many problems, even though we can imagine doing a lot better?*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt 503

I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Matt 913

The things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.  
Matt 1518

So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matt 2328

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. John 319

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. John 539

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Rom 118

Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, therefore men are without excuse. Rom 120

When Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts. Rom 214

There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one. Rom 310

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Rom 724

The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God. Rom 806

The creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free. Rom 820

A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1Cor 214

Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you. 1Cor 611

Until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. 2Cor 314

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2Cor 403

I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2Cor 1103

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. 2Cor 1114

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world. Eph 201

The love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1Tim 609

Realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. 2Tim 301

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2Tim 312

To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. Titus 115

We also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. Titus 303

Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1Pet 508

It would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, and to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. 2Pet 221



## *Spiritual Life*

*Perhaps the greatest of all realities is our "spiritual life" -- that life we live inside ourselves in the quieter moments of contemplation. Can we commune with God as our personal creator and enjoy a relationship with Him?*

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 621

You cannot serve God and money. Matt 624

Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  
Matt 633

He who has found his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.  
Matt 1039

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt 1626

You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Matt 2237

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt 2641

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 1505

Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than men. Acts 529

I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 2024 Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Rom 1201

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. Rom 1314

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. 1Cor 618

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Eph 430

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Eph 610

I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ. Philip 308

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col 110

God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col 127

Just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. Col 206

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 302

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. Col 323

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. Col 402

Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. 1Tim 606

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. 1Tim 612

God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. 2Tim 106

Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2Tim 222

Since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. Heb 1201

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 407

Though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him. 1Peter 108 Uniquely set up Christ as Lord in your heart. 1Pet 315

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 1Pet 506

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1John 215

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1John 514



# *Personal Growth*

*For most people, this is what life is about: becoming a better person and accomplishing meaningful things. What is the best way for us to succeed in these areas? How can God help us?*

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matt 707

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. John 831

Sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. Rom 614

We serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. Rom 706

Whatever is not from faith is sin. Rom 1423

No man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1Cor 311

We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. 1Cor 801



No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. 1Cor 10:13

All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. 1Cor 10:23

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1Cor 13:4

Momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison. 2Cor 4:17

We walk by faith, not by sight. 2Cor 5:6

The love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died. 2Cor 5:14

God loves a cheerful giver. 2Cor 9:6

we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. 2Cor 10:5

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. 2Cor 12:9

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Gal 5:16

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

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Gal 6:7

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Eph 1:21

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity. Eph 4:26

Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Eph 5:15

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

One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philip 3:13

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philip 4:6

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. Philip 408

I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Phillip 411

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. Col 208

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands. 1Thess 411

As for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. 2Thess 313

Fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. 1Tim 118

Pursue peace with all men, and the dedicated life without which no one will see the Lord. Heb 1214

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 102

The brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation. James 109

Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. James 119

One who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. James 125

Faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. James 217

The tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. James 306

The seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 318

You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives. James 402

You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. James 414

Let your adornment be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 1Pet 304

Since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose. 1Pet 401

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you. 1Pet 412

Applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 2Pet 105

Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 2Pet 316

This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 1John 503



# *Relationships*

*Rodney King actually asked a very good question: "Can we all get along?". Relationships are very difficult, but they are even harder, if not impossible, without help from God.*

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matt 544

Do not judge so that you will not be judged. Matt 701

Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant. Matt 2026

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's. Matt 2221

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 1334

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. John 1513

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor. Rom 1209

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord. Rom 1218

authorities. For there is no authority except from God. Every person is to be in subjection to the governing Rom 1301

Do not associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 1Cor 509

I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. 1Cor 922

The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction. 2Cor 104

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 2Cor 614

You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Gal 513

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. Gal 602

While we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Gal 610

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves. Eph 203

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Eph 432

Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Eph 521

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. Eph 525

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph 604

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Col 405

See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 1Thess 515

I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority. 1Tim 201

Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition. 2Tim 224

Encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called Today, so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 313

Marriage is to be held in honor among all. Heb 1304

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 127

Husbands live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life. 1Pet 307

Be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead. 1Pet 308

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 1Peter 408

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1John 316

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. 1John 323

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1John 407

We love, because He first loved us. 1John 419



# God

*Who is God and what is He like. What does he want from us and what does he have in store for us? How can we know him and if we do, how does this change our lives?*

Do not fear those who can kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; instead, fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell. Matt 1028

What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate. Matt 1906

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 424

This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again.  
Acts 223

We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Rom 828

Those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He



also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Rom 829

He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will? On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, Why did you make me like this, will it? Rom 918

From Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. Rom 1136

Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all this God has prepared for those who love him. 1Cor 209

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. 1Cor 806

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Eph 103

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will. Eph 111

To Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think. Eph 320

God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philip 419

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1Tim 117

Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer. 1Tim 404

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen. 1Tim 615

Do not regard lightly the discipline of the lord, nor faint when you are reprovved by him; for those whom the lord loves he disciplines. Heb 1204

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. James 117

And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 1Pet 505

Do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 2Pet 308

God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 1John 105

God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1John 416

To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24



# *Revelation*

*Ultimately, who can we trust? Biden, Trump, Obama, Bush, Aristotle, modern science, Buddha, Mohammad, Jesus, the Bible, The Koran, ourselves -- who or what? Ultimately, each person must decide.*

Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.  
Matt 404

If I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.  
John 1607

Set them apart in the truth; Your word is truth. John 1717

The Bereans were more noble-minded for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Acts 1710

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1Cor 1503

Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good. 1Thess 5:21

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2Tim 2:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2Tim 3:16

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son. Heb 1:1

The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit. Heb 4:12

We did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 2Pet 1:16

We have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 2Pet 1:19

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

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life. Rev 22:18



# *Community*

*We all need a group of people we agree with, identify with, and spend time with. Who will this be and how should we relate to them and treat them? In the spiritual realm many call this "church". But what is true church?*

Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, Holy be Your name. Matt 609

I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Matt 1618

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst. Matt 1820

Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. Matt 2310

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 242

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 2028

I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 1Cor 202

If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 1Cor 1226

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men. 2Cor 202

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 328

You are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord. Eph 219

Be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph 403

He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastor-teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ. Eph 411

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ. Eph 415

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 316

Walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. 1Thess 212

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1Thess 516

If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 2Thess 314

The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1Tim 105

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 1Tim 301

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you. 1Tim 416

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2Tim 202

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2Tim 402

Be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2Tim 405

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Heb 1023

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another. Heb 1024

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God. Heb 1222

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Heb 1317

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. James 301

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 516

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for god's own possession. 1Pet 209

Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge. 1Pet 502



# *Purpose*

*What can we do to help others get right with God and make the world a better place? We all need a "cause" in this life. Is there a cause that is honoring to God?*

Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matt 419

You are the salt of the earth; You are the light of the world. Matt 513

Be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. Matt 1016

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matt 2819

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 108



They went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. Acts 5:41

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Acts 13:2

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Rom 10:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 2Cor 2:14

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2Cor 5:18

We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2Cor 5:20

Pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. Eph 6:19

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. Col 3:12

Our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. 1Thess 1:4

Always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you. 1Pet 3:15



# *Future*

*What does the future hold for us? Can we become overly obsessed with this question and ignore more important things? Or, can we fail to acknowledge the warnings about the future that life imposes on us?*

Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. Matt 24:36

An hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. John 5:28

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. Acts 3:19

The end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he has put everything under his feet. Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. 1Cor 15:24

I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1Cor 15:51

We know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Cor 5:1

He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. Eph 1:10

At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Philip 2:10

The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1Thess 4:16

These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed. 2Thess 1:10

This is the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 2Thess 2:9

Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. Heb 9:27

The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness. 2Pet 3:10

The Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Rev 7:17

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever. Rev 11:15

Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! Rev 1802

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. Rev 2012

Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain. Rev 2103

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