

**THE FIRST SIN** “Now the serpent was shrewder than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Truly, has God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said to the woman, ‘Ye shall not surely die: For God does know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.’ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called to Adam, and said to him, ‘Where are you? And he said, ‘I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat? And the man said, ‘The woman who you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done? And the woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I did eat.’ And the LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; on your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.’ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly multiply your pain and your pregnancy; in pain you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ And to Adam he said, ‘Because you have hearkened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken: for you are dust, and to dust you shall return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living. \*To Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins and clothed them. And the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and \*now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.’ Therefore, the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from where he was taken. So, he drove the man out; and \*he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life. — And \*Adam knew his wife, Eve; and she conceived, and bare ...” (Gen 3:1–24; 4:1)

**FREE GIFT** “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, \*much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, has abounded to many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but \*the free gift is of many offences to justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which \*receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as by the offence

of one judgment came on all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one \*the free gift came on all men to justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one \*shall many be made righteous. Moreover, the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin has reigned to death, even \*so might grace reign through righteousness to eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. —For when we were yet without strength, in due time \*Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commends his love toward us, in that, \*while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom 5:12–21, 6–8) “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Cor 15:21–22) “For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that \*we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Cor 5:21) “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” (John 3:17–21) “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, sinful, lustful, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, disputing, desiring praise, wrath, strife, opposing authority, false teachings, envying, murders, drunkenness, hateful speech, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Gal 5:19–21) “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, because our testimony among you was believed, in that day.” (2 Thess 1:7–10)

**EVERLASTING VICTORY** “Moreover, brethren, \*I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which, gospel, also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached to you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received, how \*that Christ died for our sins according to \*the scriptures; And \*that he was buried, and \*that he rose again the third day according to \*the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve. —The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which gives us \*the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that \*your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Cor 15:2–5, 56–58) “For the wages of sin is death; but \*the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom 6:23) “And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment: So \*Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and to them that look for him \*he shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Heb 9:27–28) “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord does come.” (Matt 24:42) “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, \*that your sins may be blotted out, when \*the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you.” (Acts 3:19–20) “Truly I say to you, ‘Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.’” (Mark 10:15 ) “And

this is the record, that God has \*given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life.” (1 John 5:11–12) “He came to his own (the Jews), and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them \*gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of [human or animal] blood, nor of the will of the flesh (themselves, the carnal mind), nor of the will of a husband, but of God.” (John 1:11–13)

**King David's, prayer, “Have mercy on me, O God** —blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions. —Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness; that the bones which you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.” (Psalm 51:1–9)

**CELEBRATION** The Prodigal Son, “And when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired servants, of my father's, have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you, and am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said to him, Father, ‘I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, \*Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring forth the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to be merry.” (Luke 15:17–24)

“I (Jesus) 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.” —“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is \*the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” —“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him that hears say, ‘Come.’ And let \*him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” —“Whosoever, will come after me (Jesus), let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, \*the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (John 5:24; Eph 2:8–9; Rev 22:17; Mark 8:34–38)

**\*PROMISES, & GIFTS\***

**1. BEING A DISCIPLE – HOLD TO JESUS'S TEACHINGS** “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, ‘If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples; indeed, And \*ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31–32) “If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and \*my Father will love him, and \*we will come to him, and \*make our abode with him. He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken to you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, who the Father will send in my name, \*he shall teach you all things, and \*bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you. \*Peace I leave with you, \*my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:23–27)

**2. PRAY ONLY TO GOD** “Be anxious about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And \*the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6–7) “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereto with all perseverance and

supplication for all saints.” (Eph 6:18) “But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and \*your Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen does: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be ye not therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: ‘Our Father which are in heaven, Honored and Sacred, be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, \*your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt 6:5–15) “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to who the LORD imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no guile. When I kept silent, my bones waxed old through my roaring all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and mine iniquity have I not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD; and \*you forgave the iniquity of my sin.” —“For this shall every one that is godly pray to you in a time when you mayest be found: \*Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come near to him. You are my hiding place; \*you shall preserve me from trouble; \*you shall compass me about with songs of deliverance.” (Ps 32:6–7)

**Jesus**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, \*he will give it you. Every time till now, you have not asked in my name: \*Ask, and ye shall receive, that your \*joy may be full.” (John 16:23–24) “Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as necessary: but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Rom 8:26 ) “And this is the confidence that we have in him (Jesus), that, if we ask anything according to his will, \*he hears us: And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, \*we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14–15)

**3. FULL JOY AND FELLOWSHIP** “That which we have seen and heard declare we to you, \*that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we to you, \*that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, \*we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, \*he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:3–10)

**4. FULL UNITY IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST** “And he gave some —For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till \*we all come in the unity of the faith, and of \*the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of \*the maturity of the fulness of Christ: That \*we might be no more children, tossed forward and backward, and blown about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, \*may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From who the whole body fitly joined together and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, gains growth of the body to the edifying of itself in love.” (Eph 4:11–16) “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and



beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing **one another**, and forgiving **one another**, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And **above all** these things put on **charity**, which is **the bond of perfectness**. And let the **peace of God rule** in your hearts, to which also ye are called in **one body**; and be ye **thankful**. Let the **word of Christ dwell** in you richly in **all wisdom**; teaching and admonishing **one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual **songs**, singing with grace in your hearts **to the Lord**. And whatsoever ye do in **word or deed**, do **all** in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving **thanks to God** and the **Father by him**. (Col 3:12–17) **“And let us consider one another** to provoke to **love** and to **good works**: Not forsaking the **assembling** of ourselves **together**, as the manner of some is but **exhorting one another**: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb 10:24–25) **“For as the body is one**, and has many members, and all the members of that **one body**, being many, are **one body**: so also, is Christ. \*For by **one Spirit** are we all **baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have **all** been made to drink into **one Spirit**. For **the body** is not **one** member, but **many**. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where [is] the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where [is] the smelling? But now has **\*God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him**. And if they were **all one member**, where [is] the body? But now they are **many members**, yet but **one body**. And the eye **cannot say** to the hand, **I have no need of you**: nor again the head to the feet, **I have no need of you**. No, much more, those members of the body, which seem to be feebler, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but **\*God has tempered** the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: That there should be **no schism in the body**; but that the members should have the same care **one for another**. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or **one** member is honored, **all** the members rejoice with it. **Now \*ye are the body of Christ**, and members individually and distinctly.” (1 Cor 12:12–27)

**5. THE NEW HAS COME, WE ARE CHRIST’S AMBASSADORS** **“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and **ourselves your servants** for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded **the light** to shine out of darkness, **\*has shined in our hearts**, to give the **light of the knowledge** of the glory of God in the face of **Jesus Christ**.” (2 Cor 4:5–6) **“Therefore, if any man be \*in Christ**, he is a **new creature**: old things are **passed away**; behold, **all things** are become **new**. And **\*all things are of God**, who has **reconciled us** to himself by Jesus Christ, and **\*has given to us** the ministry of reconciliation; **To say**, that **‘God was in Christ**, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them;’ and **\*has committed to us the word of reconciliation**. Now then **\*we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, **be ye reconciled to God**. For he has **made him to be sin** for us, **who knew no sin**; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him (Jesus)**.” (2 Cor 5:17–21) **“But in a great house** there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. **If a man** therefore **purge himself** from these, he shall **be a vessel unto honor**, sanctified, and **useful** for the master’s use, and **prepared to every good work**. Flee also **youthful lusts**: but **follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace**, with them that call on the Lord out of a **pure heart**. But **avoid foolish** and **unlearned questions**, knowing that they do breed strife. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but **be gentle** to all men, **ready to teach, patient**, in **meekness instructing** those that oppose themselves; if God perhaps will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; And that

**they** may recover themselves out of the **snare of the devil**, who are taken captive by him at his will. (2 Tim 2:20–26) **\*“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people**; that **ye should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**: Which in time past were not a people, but **\*now** are the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but **\*now** have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain** from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your **conduct honest** among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may **by your good works**, which they shall behold, **glorify God** in the day of visitation. **Submit** yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or to governors, as to them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the **will of God, \*that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance** of foolish men.” (1 Pet 2:9–15) **“For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, \*I have set you to be a light of the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 13:47) How then shall they call on him** in who they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of who they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **\*‘How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace** and bring glad tidings of good things!’ (Rom 10:14–15) **\*“For God has not given us the spirit of fear**; but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**. **Be not** you therefore **ashamed of the testimony of our Lord**, nor of me his prisoner: but **\*be you a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of **God**; Who has **\*saved us**, and **called us** with an holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has **\*abolished death, and has \*brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**: Whereunto I am **appointed preacher**, and an **apostle**, and a **teacher** of the Gentiles. For which reason I also **suffer** these things: nevertheless, **\*I am not ashamed**: for **I know whom I have believed** and am **persuaded that he is able to keep** that which I **have committed to him against that day**. **Hold fast** the form of **sound words**, which you have heard of me, in **faith and love** which is in **Christ Jesus**. That **good thing** which was **committed to you keep by the Holy Ghost** which dwells in us. (2 Tim 1:7–14) **“But God forbid that I should GLORY, except IN THE CROSS of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Gal 6:14) “But WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED** —Christ the **power of God, and the wisdom of God.**” (1 Cor 1:23–24) **“That the communication of your faith may become effectual** by the **acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.**” (Phm 1:6)

**6. LOVE WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH** **“For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another**. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother’s righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you. **We know** that we have passed from death to life, because we **love** the brethren. He that **loves** not his brother abides in death. Whosoever **hates** his brother is a **murderer**: and ye know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the **love of God (Jesus Christ)**, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought** to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso has this world’s good, and sees his brother has need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the **love of God** in him? My little children, let us not **love** in word, neither in tongue, but **in deed and in truth.**” (1 John 3:11–18) **Jesus, “I am the vine**, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, **\*the same brings forth much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abides not in me, he is thrown forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, **\*ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done to you**. Herein is my

Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; **\*so, shall ye be my disciples**. As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you: **continue** ye in my **love**. If ye keep my commandments, **\*ye shall abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his **love**. These things have I spoken to you, that **\*my joy** might remain in you, and that **your joy** might be **full**. This is **my commandment**, ‘That ye **love one another**, as I have **loved** you. Greater **love** has no man than this, that **a man** lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” (John 15:5–14) **“Master**, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, ‘You shall **love** the Lord your God with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul, and with **all** your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is likened to it, ‘You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.’ On these **two commandments** rest all the law and the prophets.” (Matt 22:36–40) **“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek** those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and **\*your life is hidden** with Christ in God. **When Christ**, who is our life, **shall appear**, then shall **\*ye also appear** with him in glory. **Mortify** therefore your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience: In which **ye also walked once**, when ye lived in them. But now ye also **put off** all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man** with his deeds; And have **put on the new man**, which is **renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him**: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but **Christ is all, and in all.**” (Col 3:1–11) **“And above all things** have fervent **charity** among yourselves: for **charity** shall cover the multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8)

**7. REMEMBER \*THE PRECIOUS PROMISES** **“To them that have \*obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: \*Grace and peace** be multiplied to you **through the knowledge of God**, and of **Jesus our Lord**, According as his divine power has **\*given to us all things** that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the **knowledge of him** that has called us to glory and virtue. Whereby are **given to us \*exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be **barren** nor **unfruitful** in **the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. But he that **lacks** these things is **blind**, and cannot see afar off, and has **forgotten** that **he was purged** from his old sins. Wherefore rather brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so **\*an entrance** shall be ministered to you abundantly **into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**” (2 Pet 1:1–11) **Peter, “I stir up** your pure minds **by way of remembrance**: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior: **Knowing this first**, that there shall come in the **last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, And saying, **‘Where is the promise of his coming?’** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.’ For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But,

beloved, **be not ignorant** of this one thing, that **one** day is with the Lord as a **thousand** years, and a **thousand** years as **one** day. **\*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise**, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance**. But **the day of the Lord will come** as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **Seeing** then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to **be in** all holy behavior and godliness, **looking for** and hasting to the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless **\*we, according to his promise, look for** new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye **look for** such things, **be diligent** that ye may **be found** of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given to him has written to you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable distort**, as they do also the **other scriptures**, to their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware** for fear that ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **To him be glory** both now and forever. Amen.” (2 Pet 3:1–18) **“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren**, as it is deserving, because that your faith grows exceedingly, and the **charity** of every one of you all toward each other abounds; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that **\*ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.**” (2 Thess 1:3–5) **“This then is the message** which we have heard of him, and declare to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, **\*we have** fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin**. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, he** is faithful and just to **\*forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. —My little children, these things I write to you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **\*we have an advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous: And he is the propitiation **for our sins**: and **\*\*not for ours only, but also \*\*for the sins of the whole world**. [Even unbelievers] And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments. He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But **whoso keeps his word**, in him truly is the **love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him. He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to **\*walk**, even as he walked.” (1 John 1:5–10; 2:1–6) **“Therefore, being justified by faith, \*we have peace** with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**: By who also **\*we have access by faith** into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but **\*we glory** in tribulations also: **knowing that** tribulation works patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope makes not ashamed; because **\*the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost** which is given to us.” (Rom 5:1–5)

**8. REMEMBER, SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU** **“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. —Be not deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters ... adulterers ... effeminate ... males laying with males ... thieves ... covetous ... drunkards ... revilers ... extortioners, shall inherit



the kingdom of God. **And such were some of you: \*but ye are washed,** but ye are **sanctified,** but ye are **justified** in the name of the **Lord Jesus,** and by the **Spirit of our God.”** (Jam 1:10; 1 Cor 6:9–11) **9. PRAY FOR THE SAINTS** “For this reason I bow my knees to the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** of who 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 by his Spirit** in the inner man; That **\*Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in **love,** May be able to **\*comprehend with all saints** what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to **\*know the love of Christ,** which passes knowledge, that ye might be **\*filled with all the fulness of God.”**

(Eph 3:14–19) **10. BELIEVERS ARE CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST** “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **\*ye have received the Spirit of adoption,** whereby **\*we cry, Abba, Father.** The **Spirit** itself bears witness with our spirit, that **\*we are** the children of **God:** And if children, then **\*heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ;** if so be that **\*we suffer** with him, that **\*we may** be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **\*glory which** shall be revealed in us.” (Rom 8: 15–18) **\*“Grace be to you, and peace,** from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:** According as **\*he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be **holy** and without **blame** before him in **love:** Having predestinated us **to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ** to himself, according to the good pleasure of **his will,** To the **praise of the glory of his grace,** wherein **he has made us accepted in the beloved.** In who **\*we** have redemption through his **blood, \*the forgiveness** of sins, according to the riches of **his grace;** Wherein **he has abounded toward us** in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known to us **\*the mystery of his will,** according to **his good pleasure** which he has purposed **in himself:** That in the dispensation of the fullness of times **he might gather together in one all things in Christ,** both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In who also **\*we** have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of **him** who works all things after the counsel of **his own will:** That **\*we** should be to the praise of his glory, **who first trusted in Christ.** In who **\*ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:** in who also **after that ye believed, \*ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,** which is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of **his glory.”** (Eph 1:2–14)

**11. WELCOME TO YOUR HEAVENLY FAMILY** “Now **to him** that is able to **\*keep you from falling,** and to **\*present you faultless** before the presence of his glory **\*with exceeding joy,** to the **ONLY wise God our Savior,** be **glory and majesty, dominion and power,** both now and ever! Amen.” (Jude 1:24–25) **“Blessed be the Lord,** who daily **\*loads, (burdens) us with benefits** (kindness, blessings, happiness), even **the God of our salvation. He that is our God is the God of salvation;** and **to GOD the Lord belong the \*escape from death.**

But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as **still goes on in his trespasses.”** (Ps 68:19–21)

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# JESUS'S GIFT, VICTORY, & DISCIPLESHIP \*Promises & Gifts

1:1 “In the beginning **\*God created** the heavens and the earth.

—**God said, ‘Let us make man \*in our image, \*after our likeness:** and let them have **\*dominion over** the fish of the sea ... the fowl of the air ... the cattle ... the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. —And the **LORD God formed** man of the dust of the ground, and **\*breathed into** his nostrils the **breath of life;** and **\*man became a living soul.** —So, **God created** man **\*in his own image, \*in the image of God** created he him; **\*male and female** created he them. —And the **LORD God \*planted a garden** eastward in Eden; and there he put the man who he had formed. And out of the ground **made the LORD God to grow \*every tree** that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, **\*the tree of life** also amid the garden, and **\*the tree of knowledge of good and evil.** —And the **LORD God took** the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the **LORD God commanded** the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may **\*freely eat: \*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,** you shall **not eat of it:** for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.’ And the **LORD God said,** ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; **\*I will make him a helper suitable for him.’** And out of the ground the **LORD God formed** every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ... but for Adam there was not found a **helper** suitable for him. And the **LORD God caused** a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs and closed the flesh in the place thereof; And the rib, which the **LORD God** had taken from man, **made** he **\*a woman,** and brought her to the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now **bone** of my bones, **and flesh** of my flesh: **she shall be called Woman,** because **she was taken out of Man.’** Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall **\*cleave to his wife:** and they shall be **one flesh.** And they were **both naked,** the man and his wife, and were **not ashamed.** — And **God blessed** them, and God said to them, **\*Be fruitful,** and **multiply,** and **replenish** the earth, and **subdue** it: and **have dominion over** the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. And **God said,** ‘Behold, **\*I have given** you every **herb bearing seed,** which is on the face of all the earth, **\*and every tree,** in which is the fruit of a tree **yielding seed;** to you it shall be **for food.** And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food:’ and it was so. And **God saw** everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good.** And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” —Thus, the **heavens** and the **earth** were **finished,** and all the host of them. And on the seventh day **God ended** his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And **God blessed** the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it **he had rested** from all his work which God created and made.”

(Gen 1:1, 26; 2:7; 1:27; 2:8–9, 15–25; 1:28–31; 2:1–3)

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