

Scriptures Dealing With Being Born Again – Receiving Eternal Life

Born Again

John 3:3 . . . Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

John 3:7-8 . . . "Do not be amazed that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**"

I Peter 1:3-5 . . . Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has **caused us to be born again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] **who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

I Peter 1:22-23 . . . Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, [23] **for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.**

Born of God

John 1:12-13 . . . But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, [13] **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

I John 2:28-29 . . . Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. [29] If you know that He is righteous, you know that **everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.**

I John 3:6-10 . . . No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. [7] Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; [8] the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. [9] **No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.** [10] By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness **is not of God**, nor the one who does not love his brother.

I John 4:7-8 . . . Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.** [8] The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

I John 5:1-4 . . . **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. [2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. [3] For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. [4] For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world**; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

I John 5:18-20 . . . We know that **no one who is born of God sins**; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. [19] We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. [20] And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:37-41 . . . Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, **what shall we do?**" [38] Peter said to them, "**Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" [39] "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." [40] And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" [41] So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

What Must I Do To Obtain/Inherit Eternal Life

Matthew 19:16-22 . . . And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, **what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?**" [17] And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, **keep the commandments.**" [18] Then he said* to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; you shall not commit adultery ; you shall not steal ; you shall not bear false witness; [19] honor your father and mother ; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself ." [20] The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" [21] Jesus said to him, "**If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" [22] But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

Mark 10:17-22 . . . As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**" [18] And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. [19] "**You know the commandments**, 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery , do not steal , do not bear false witness , do not defraud, honor your father and mother .' " [20] And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." [21] Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "**One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" [22] But at

these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

Luke 18:18-23 . . . A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**" [19] And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. [20] **"You know the commandments, 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.'**" [21] And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." [22] When Jesus heard this, He said to him, **"One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."** [23] But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Luke 10:25-28 . . . And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**" [26] And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" [27] And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." [28] And He said to him, **"You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."**

Mark 12:28-34 . . . One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" [29] Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; [30] and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' [31] 'The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." [32] The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is one, and there is no one else besides Him; [33] and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." [34] When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."** After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

Behaviors or Actions that Result in Inheriting or Being Given Eternal Life

Matthew 19:28-29 . . . And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. [29] **"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life."**

Mark 10:29-31 . . . Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, [30] but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; **and in the age to come, eternal life.** [31] "But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

Luke 18:29-30 . . . And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, [30] who will not receive many times as much at this time **and in the age to come, eternal life.**"

Eternal Life as Spoken About In the Gospel of John & the Letters of John

John 3:5 . . . Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 3:16-18 . . . "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.** [17] "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. [18] **"He who believes in Him is not judged;** he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 . . . **"He who believes in the Son has eternal life;** but **he who does not obey the Son will not see life,** but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 4:13-14 . . . Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; [14] but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but **the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.**"

John 5:24 . . . "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 5:39-40 . . . "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; [40] and **you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.**

John 6:40 . . . "For this is the will of My Father, that **everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life,** and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:47-51 . . . "Truly, truly, I say to you, **he who believes has eternal life.** [48] "I am the bread of life. [49] "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. [50] "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. [51] "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; **if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;** and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

John 6:53-58 . . . So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.** [54] **"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up on the last day. [55] "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. [56] "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. [57] "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.** [58] "This is

the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; **he who eats this bread will live forever.**"

John 8:51 . . . Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.

John 10:27-28 . . . "**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; [28] and I give eternal life to them,** and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

John 12:25 . . . "He who loves his life loses it, and **he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.**

John 12:44-50 . . . And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. [45] "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. [46] "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. [47] "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. [48] "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. [49] "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. [50] "**I know that His commandment is eternal life;** therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

John 17:3 . . . "**This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

I John 3:15 . . . Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that **no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.**

1 John 5:11-12 . . . And the testimony is this, that **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12] He who has the Son has the life;** he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

I John 5:18-20 . . . We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. [19] We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. [20] And **we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

The Apostle Paul on Salvation and Eternal Life

Romans 2:5-8 . . . But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, [6] who will render to each person according to his deeds: [7] **to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;** [8] but to those

who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

Romans 3:23-26 . . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus**; [25] whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation in His blood through faith**. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; [26] for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so **that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

Romans 5:1-2 . . . Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:6-11 . . . **For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly**. [7] For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. [8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**. [9] **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him**. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, **having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life**. [11] And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 5:18-21 . . . So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. [19] For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. [20] The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, [21] so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.

Romans 6:20-23 . . . For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21] Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. [22] **But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life**. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-30 . . . And 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. [29] For 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; [30] and **these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified**.

Romans 10:9-13 . . . that **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**; [10] for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. [11] For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; [13] for "**Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.**"

I Corinthians 6:9-11 . . . Or do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, [10] nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. [11] Such were some of you; **but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

I Corinthians 15:1-2 . . . Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, [2] **by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you**, unless you believed in vain.

II Corinthians 5:18-19 . . . Now all these things are from God, who **reconciled us to Himself through Christ** and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, [19] namely, that **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**.

Galatians 2:15-16 . . . "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; [16] nevertheless knowing that **a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be **justified by faith in Christ** and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Galatians 6:7-9 . . . Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but **the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life**. [9] Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Ephesians 1:3-8 . . . 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, [4] just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. **In love** [5] **He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the kind intention of His will, [6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. [7] **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace** [8] which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

Ephesians 2:8-10 . . . **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; [9] not as a result of works, so that no one may**

boast. [10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Philippians 3:10-14 . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; [11] in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. [12] **Not that I have already obtained it** or have already become perfect, but **I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.** [13] Brethren, **I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;** but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

II Thessalonians 2:13-15 . . . But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning **for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.** [14] It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. [15] So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

I Timothy 1:15-16 . . . It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. [16] Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those **who would believe in Him for eternal life.**

I Timothy 4:7-9 . . . But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; [8] for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but **godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.** [9] It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

I Timothy 6:11-12 . . . But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. [12] **Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life** to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

I Timothy 6:17-19 . . . Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. [18] **Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, [19] storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.**

II Timothy 1:8-11 . . . Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, [9] who 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, [10] but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, [11] for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

Titus 3:5-8 . . . **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,** [6] whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that **being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.** [8] This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

Writers Other Than Paul on Eternal Life

Jude 1:20-22 . . . But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, [21] **keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.** [22] And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

Book of Life

Philippians 4:2-3 . . . I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. [3] Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names are in the book of life.**

Revelation 3:5-6 . . . 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and **I will not erase his name from the book of life,** and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. [6] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Revelation 13:7-9 . . . It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. [8] **All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.** [9] If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

Revelation 20:11-15 . . . Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. [12] 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.** [13] **And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.** [14] Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. [15] And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:25-27 . . . In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; [26] and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; [27] and **nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

Revelation 22:18-19 . . . 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; [19] 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 and from the holy city, which are written in this book.**

Repent – Repentance

Matthew 3:1-2 . . . Now in those days John the Baptist came*, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, [2] "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 3:7-10 . . . But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] "**Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance**; [9] and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. [10] "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore **every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**

Matthew 4:17 . . . From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mark 1:4 . . . John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness **preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

Mark 1:14-15 . . . Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe** in the gospel."

Mark 6:7-13 . . . And He summoned* the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; [8] and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt— [9] but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics." [10] And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. [11] "Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them." [12] **They went out and preached that men should repent.** [13] And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

Luke 3:3 . . . And he came into all the district around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;**

Luke 3:7-9 . . . So he began saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] "**Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance**, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up

children to Abraham. [9] "Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Luke 5:31-32 . . . And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. [32] **"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."**

Luke 13:1-5 . . . Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. [2] And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? [3] "I tell you, no, but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.** [4] "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? [5] "I tell you, no, but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."**

Luke 15:3-10 . . . So He told them this parable, saying, [4] "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? [5] "When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. [6] "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' [7] "I tell you that in the same way, **there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. [8] "Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? [9] "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!' [10] "In the same way, I tell you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."**

Luke 24:45-49 . . . Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, [47] and **that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] "You are witnesses of these things. [49] "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 3:17-21 . . . "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. [18] "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. [19] **"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away**, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; [20] and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, [21] whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Acts 5:30-32 . . . "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. [31] "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, **to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.** [32] "And we are

witnesses of these things; and so is **the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.**"

Acts 8:20-22 . . . But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because **you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!** [21] "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. [22] **"Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.**

Acts 11:16-18 . . . "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' [17] "Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" [18] When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, **"Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."**

Acts 17:30-31 . . . "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, **God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,** [31] because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 20:18-21 . . . And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, [19] serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; [20] how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, [21] **solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Acts 26:19-20 . . . "So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, [20] but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, **that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.**

II Corinthians 7:8-11 . . . For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— [9] I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that **you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. [10] For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation,** but the sorrow of the world produces death. [11] For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

II Corinthians 12:20-21 . . . For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there will be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances; [21] I am

afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of **those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.**

Hebrews 6:1-8 . . . Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, [2] of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. [3] And this we will do, if God permits. [4] For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, [5] and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, [6] **and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance**, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. [7] For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; [8] but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

Hebrews 12:15-17 . . . See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; [16] that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. [17] **For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.**

II Peter 3:8-9 . . . But 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. [9] The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.**

Revelation 2:5-7 . . . 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and **repent and do the deeds you did at first**; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—**unless you repent.** [6] 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. [7] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, **I will grant to eat of the tree of life** which is in the Paradise of God.'

Revelation 3:3-5 . . . 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, **and repent.** Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. [4] 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. [5] **'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life,** and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Convert – Converted

Matthew 18:1-3 . . . At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" [2] And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, [3] and said, "Truly I say to you, **unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

Acts 15:1-4 . . . Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." [2] And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue. [3] Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, **describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles**, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren. [4] When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

Romans 16:5 . . . also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, **who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.**

I Timothy 3:2-7 . . . An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. [4] He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity [5] (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), [6] **and not a new convert**, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. [7] And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Counted Worthy To Receive Eternal Life

Matthew 10:34-39 . . . Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. [35] For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; [36] and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. [37] **He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.** [38] **And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.** [39] He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 22:1-10 . . . Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. [3] And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. [4] Again he sent out other slaves saying, "Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast." [5] But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, [6] and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. [7] But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. [8] Then he said to his slaves, **'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.** [9] 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

Luke 20:34-36 . . . Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, [35] but **those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead**, neither marry nor are given in marriage; [36] for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Romans 1:28-32 . . . And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, [29] being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, [30] slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, [31] without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; [32] **and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death**, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Ephesians 4:1-3 . . . Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, [3] being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

*Philippians 1:27-30 . . . Only **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; [28] in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. [29] For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, [30] experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.*

*Colossians 1:9-14 . . . For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10] **so that you will 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; [11] strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. [13] **For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son**, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

I Thessalonians 2:10-12 . . . You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; [11] just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, [12] **so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.**

II Thessalonians 1:3-5 . . . We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; [4] therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and

afflictions which you endure. [5] **This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which indeed you are suffering.

Revelation 3:1-6 . . . "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. [2] 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. [3] 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. [4] **'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. [5] 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. [6] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'**

Endure To The End and Hold Fast

Matthew 10:21-22 . . . Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. [22] You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is **the one who has endured to the end** who will be saved.

Matthew 24:12-13 . . . Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. [13] But **the one who endures to the end**, he will be saved.

Mark 13:12-13 . . . Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. [13] You will be hated by all because of My name, but **the one who endures to the end**, he will be saved.

Luke 8:15 . . . But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, **and hold it fast**, and bear fruit with perseverance.

I Corinthians 1:4-9 . . . I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, [5] that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, [6] even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] **who will also confirm you to the end**, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 15:1-2 . . . Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, [2] by which also you are saved, **if you hold fast** the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

Philippians 2:14-16 . . . Do all things without grumbling or disputing; [15] so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst

of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, [16] **holding fast the word of life**, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

I Thessalonians 3:6-8 . . . But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, [7] for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; [8] for now we really live, **if you stand firm in the Lord**.

Hebrews 3:5-6 . . . Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; [6] but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, **if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end**.

Hebrews 3:12-15 . . . Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. [13] But 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. [14] For we have become partakers of Christ, **if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end**, [15] while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me."

Hebrews 4:14-16 . . . Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession**. [15] For 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. [16] Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 6:11-12 . . . And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope **until the end**, [12] so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 10:19-25 . . . Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering**, for He who promised is faithful; [24] and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, [25] not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Revelation 2:25-28 . . . 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. [26] 'He who overcomes, and he **who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations**; [27] and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; [28] and I will give him the morning star.

Revelation 3:10-12 . . . 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. [11] 'I am coming quickly; **hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.** [12] 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Miscellaneous Scriptures on Salvation

Matthew 7:13-14 . . . "**Enter through the narrow gate**; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. [14] "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 21:42-44 . . . Jesus said* to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone; this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? [43] "Therefore I say to you, **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.** [44] "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

Luke 13:23-30 . . . And someone said to Him, "Lord, **are there just a few who are being saved?**" And He said to them, [24] "**Strive to enter through the narrow door**; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. [25] "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' [26] "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; [27] and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; Depart from Me, all you evildoers.' [28] "In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. [29] "And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. [30] "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Acts 15:6-11 . . . The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. [7] After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. [8] "And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; [9] and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. [10] "Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? [11] "But **we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.**"

Hebrews 2:1-4 . . . For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. [2] For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, [3] **how will**

we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, [4] God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

I Peter 1:1-2 . . . Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **who are chosen [2] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:** May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

Assurance of Salvation

John 14:18-21 . . . "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. [20] **"In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.** [21] "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

Romans 8:16-17 . . . The **Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,** [17] and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

I John 4:12-13 . . . No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. [13] **By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.**

II Timothy 4:16-18 . . . At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. [17] But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. [18] **The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom;** to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 1:10-11 . . . Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; **for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;** [11] **for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.**

I John 5:18-20 . . . We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. [19] We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. [20] **And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

Church Fathers:

Faith cannot do the works of unbelief, nor unbelief the works of faith. (Ingatius, 105)

Let those who are not found living as He taught, be understood not to be Christians, even though they profess with their lips the teachings of Christ. for it is not those who make profession, but those who do the works who will be saved. (Justin Martyr, 160)

To believe in Him is to do His will. (Irenaeus, 180)

When we hear, “Your faith has saved you,” we do not understand Him to say absolutely that those who have believed in any way whatever will be saved. For works must also follow. . . . No one, then, can be a believer and at the same time be licentious. (Clement of Alexandria, 195)

Whoever obtains this [salvation] and distinguishes himself in good works will gain the prize of everlasting life Others, attaching slight importance to the works that tend to salvation, do not make the necessary preparation for attaining the object of their hope. (Clement of Alexandria, 195)

We might interpret the saying of Jesus as follows: “If anyone who has grasped what salvation really is, and wishes to procure the salvation of his own life, let him do this: Bid farewell to this life, deny himself, take up his own cross, follow Me, and lose his own life to the world.” . . . If, then, we wish our life to be saved, let us lose it to the world. Let us be as one of those who have been crucified with Christ . . . so that we may gain our end – even salvation of our lives. For such salvation begins from the time when we lose our life for the sake of the Word. . . . Therefore, let each one lose his own sinning life, that having lost that which is sinful, he may receive that which is saved by right actions. (Origen, 245)

We do not teach concerning the unrighteous man that it is sufficient for him to humble himself on account of his wickedness. Rather, God will accept him only if – after passing condemnation upon himself for his past conduct – he walks humble on account of it and in a righteous manner for his remaining days. (Origen, 248)

How can a man say that he believes in Christ, if he does not do what Christ commanded him to do? From where will he attain the reward of faith, if he will not keep the faith of the commandment? . . . He will make no advancement in his walk toward salvation, for he does not keep the truth of the way of salvation. (Cyprian, 250)

To prophesy, to cast out devils, and to do great acts upon the earth – these are all certainly a sublime and an admirable thing. However, one does not attain the kingdom of heaven even though he is found in all these things, unless he walks in the observance of the right and just way. (Cyprian, 250)

He follows Christ who stands in His commandments, who walks in the way of His teaching, who follows His footsteps and His ways, who imitates that which Christ both did and taught. . . . To put on the name of Christ, and yet not to go in the way of Christ – what else is this but

a mockery of the divine name! It is a desertion of the way of salvation. For He Himself teaches and says that the persons who keep His commandments will come into life (Cyprian, 250)

God calls man to life only through virtue and labor. But the other one calls us to death by delights and pleasures. (Lactantius, 304-313)

If anyone [Christian] follows unrighteousness and does those things that are contrary to the will of God – such a person will be considered by God the same as the disobedient unbeliever. (Apostolic Constitutions, 390)

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