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A Quote, A Challenge, A Journey, A Summary of Findings
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Introduction
In my search to know Jesus more, I read a quote from Arnold Fruchtenbaum of Ariel Ministries as follows:

“The believer today must be careful not to be so zealous in obeying laws that do not apply to him that he ends up living in a state of disobedience to the laws that do apply to him.”

This caused me to question if I really knew what “laws” did or did not apply to me as a believer in Jesus Christ. The following is a summary of the findings that resulted from accepting the challenge the Lord gave me to search the scriptures and find out what they had to say.

As I typed this work, I realized that the main issue was not just about “commandments” and which ones we are, or are not, accountable toward. There is much more to this than “commandments”. Our definition of the One presenting the “commandments” is of higher priority. There are prophecies that describe Jesus, as well as descriptions of Him fulfilling those very prophecies.

Q: What part of Scripture do you find your description of Jesus in?

As we come to recognize Him in the descriptions given within the New Covenant writings, the Scriptures describing His foreshadowing will take their proper place in our hearts and minds, allowing us to embrace and respect the reality of all that Jesus truly is now and go forward with Him from there.

As there are eight main covenants declared in the Bible, only the information which applies to the Edenic and Mosaic Covenants will be of interest to this work. It is important to see what is said about these two covenants; what was required of man, how he was unable to fulfill his part and then the promises of redemption for man from God as accomplished by Jesus Christ.

We will see how Jesus was foreshadowed in both the Edenic and Mosaic covenants as the One who would come and do for man what man was unable to do for himself. Then we will look at what the New Covenant writings say about how Jesus satisfied the requirements of both covenants that were broken by man and how Scripture describes Him on the other side of those accomplishments.

Q: Do you spend time seeing Jesus the way He looks now, or are you still gazing back on the accounts foreshadowing His first coming?

Everything in the word of God has a purpose. We must understand God’s intentions for those purposes so we can respect them and recognize their beginnings and their completions.

You will find Scripture references for everything that is being said in this work. I would ask that you please read through each one as if you are reading them for the first time. Many of you may have put them to memory and might have the tendency of skipping or skimming over them quickly. Please take the time to read them fully in light of what is being said in this work. As I was asking the Lord questions, these were His answers. Please don’t miss what He is saying.
Jesus has promised to those who love Him and keep His commandments that He will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to them. Without the aid of the Holy Spirit we are unable to understand what the word of God is saying.

John 14:15-18, 26
“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

Q: Are you aware of the Holy Spirit’s presence with you and in you? Do you invite Him to help you know the word of God more? If not, please stop and do this right now. He is the Promise of the Father and He loves you very much.

So, with all this in mind and looking to the Holy Spirit to bring understanding, I humbly present my findings to those who also desire to see Jesus more clearly.

What better way to start then by seeing what the Father has to say about the Son, Jesus Christ.

How the Father sees the Son
Knowing how the Father sees and feels about the Son is crucial to understanding Scripture. We never see the Father describing His love and affection for the Holy Spirit, although we know He loves Him. But over and over again we see the Father describing His love and affection for His Son.

As the Father has gone to such great lengths to show us in His word how He sees His Son, let’s also take a look at what He has to say and allow the word to help us see His Son that way as well.

Before Jesus came and put on human flesh, we see the Father describing His relationship of love and approval for His Son in several places.

Psalms 2:2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12
“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us...Yet I (the Father) will set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession...Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:3, 4
“Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name and what is His Son’s name, if you know?”
Isaiah 42:1
“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.”

Now, let’s look at two occasions where the Father speaks from heaven and declares who the Son, Jesus Christ, is to Him, once Jesus had put on human flesh.

The following verse refers to Jesus as He comes to John the Baptist to be baptized. As Jesus comes up out of the water, the Holy Spirit comes upon Him and remains. Then the heavens open and the Father declares His approval of His only Begotten Son.

Matthew 3:17
“And suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

In this second account, Jesus had taken Peter, James and John up on the mountain where He would be transfigured before their eyes. Moses, representing the Law, and Elijah, representing the Prophets, appeared and talked with Jesus. The three apostles were aware of their presence.

Again the heavens open and the Father declares His approval of His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. But this time, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, the Father says, referring to Jesus, “Hear Him!” When the cloud lifted the apostles saw that Moses and Elijah were gone, but Jesus was still there.

Matthew 17:2, 3, 5, 8
“and He was transfigured before them. His face shown like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him...behind a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, Hear Him!”...When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”

Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the mountain for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. He was very comfortable having all three of them there together and wanted to show equal respect.

Matthew 17:4
“Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; If You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While Peter is still offering his plan to accommodate Jesus, Moses and Elijah, the heavens open and the Father interrupts what Peter is wanting to do by declaring that now He only wanted them to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:21-23
“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

We see that Moses and Elijah witnessed the righteousness of God apart from the Law, which would be faith in Jesus Christ. Although Moses and Elijah had purpose, now the Father was declaring to them that He wanted them to listen to His Son and He says the same to us today.
Q: How do you see Moses, Elijah and Jesus? Do they all seem to be on the same level when you are looking for wisdom to live by?

Hebrews 1:1, 2
“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”

In this verse the writer of the book of Hebrews declares that although God, the Father, spoke in various ways in the past by the prophets, which included Moses and Elijah, He has decided to speak to us now by His Son, Jesus Christ.

Then the writer goes on to describe the Son by saying He is appointed to be heir of all things and that He also has made the worlds. We must be careful not to see Jesus on the same level as the prophets.

Q: Can you see how Scripture describes a difference between them?

Hebrews 1:3, 4
“who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become, so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

The Son is also described as being pre-existent as God, incarnate as Man and His eternal exaltation as the God/Man. He is not merely a Jewish Messiah come to save all of mankind. The Scriptures have much more for us to see regarding the Word of God come in human flesh.

Colossians 1:13-19
“He (the Father) has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us in to the kingdom of the Son of His love (Jesus), in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.”

As Jesus takes His proper place in our minds and hearts, the Holy Spirit will automatically let us know the proper place for Moses and Elijah. But Jesus must be the “Head” over all, as verse 19 says, because it pleased the Father that it would be this way.

Q: How have you understood Jesus so far? Do you see Him as the Head over all things, including your life?

Keeping all this in mind, let’s look at what else the word of God has to say.

Commandments
I want to start by looking at what Jesus has to say about commandments; those that the Father had for Him to follow and obey, as well as those that He has for us.
Many times when someone hears the word “commandments” the first thing that comes to mind is a demand or order! For most, their thinking goes right to the Old Covenant and the 10 Commandments. Because of this, I believe that the word “commandments” connected in any way to Jesus Christ seems in error. But I found this not to be true.

_Q: What automatically comes to mind when you hear the word “command” or “commandments”?_

Jesus was not afraid of the word “commandments” and He shows us that not only did He receive “commandments” from the Father for Himself to obey, but that He also has “commandments” for us to obey, as well, in like manner.

The difference between the “commandments” of the Old Covenant and the “commandments” of the New Covenant have to do with the motivation of the heart; the Old was a demand to obey in one’s own strength and the New is out of a heart responding to the love of God who empowers us by the Holy Spirit.

_Q: Whose strength are you using to obey God?_

In the following verses Jesus tells us of the “commandments” the Father had given to Him to obey.

**John 12:49, 50**

“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

**John 14:31**

“But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do...”

**John 15:10**

“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

Jesus tells us He has a new commandment for us to follow and it has to do with His love for us and His love through us to others.

**John 13:34-35**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**John 14:15, 21**

“If you love Me, keep My commandments...He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

**John 15:10, 12, 14, 17**

“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love...This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...You are My friends if you do whatever I command you...These things I command you, that you love one another.”
Q: Is this the relationship you currently have with Jesus? Have you allowed Him to love you so you know how to love others? Do you “abide” in His love and His word? If not, stop and ask Him right now to draw you closer to Himself.

All of these verses come out of the book of John, who referred to himself as “the one who Jesus loved”. He knew the love of Jesus and as John wrote this book, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, he did not try to change the word “command” or “commandment” to any other word. John understood that the new motivation for obeying the Lord would come from knowing His love for us and our love for Him.

Before Jesus ascended He gave instructions regarding His commandments to His disciples as follows:

Matthew 28:18-20
“...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen”

1 John 2: 3, 4
“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

We can also see in the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus is addressing many areas of the Law and says in the following verses:

Matthew 5:20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 39, 43, 44
“You have heard it said of old...but I say...”

There was a change coming in how people were to understand God and Jesus was bringing that change.

Now, this is where the controversy begins – what “commandments” is Jesus talking about?

Q: What would you say they are and where in the Bible would you find them?

Covenants
The journey the Lord took me on started with an understanding of covenants. I found that there are eight covenants in the Bible; two of which were conditional on man, both of which man broke and both of which Jesus, as the Son of Man, fulfilled for mankind during His first coming.

Please remember as we go through the various aspects of covenants that at that time God did not yet have flesh to cut or blood to shed when He established His covenants with man. So the means by which a blood covenant was established was with animal’s flesh being cut and their blood being shed. All of this was a foreshadowing of when the Word of God would come and put on human flesh. He then, as the Lamb of God, could stand between God and man and have His flesh cut and His blood shed for us all.

Also keep in mind that modern day agreements made between humans have the tendency to fail because the parties are imperfect but God’s unilateral agreements will not fail because He is perfect.

Q: Could you have been transferring your understanding of modern day agreements onto biblical covenants? Couldn’t this cause a sense of doubt and distrust in whether they will be fulfilled or not?
Edenic and Mosaic Covenants
To start with, I would like to take a look at only the two covenants that were conditional on man. I believe as we look at these and see what was required and how they were broken we can better see how Jesus fulfilled them. This will also help us to understand the purpose of His first coming, as well as see more clearly how to follow Him until His second coming.

Edenic Covenant
The first of these two covenants is the Edenic Covenant. God, after creating the earth and all that was on it, made man and presented it all to him as a birthday present, telling him to take dominion over it. Because God had created man for fellowship, Adam would look to God to teach him how to “take dominion”. It would all happen within their relationship together.

Genesis 1:27-28
“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God made man with the ability to make choices, so there needed to be something to exercise this ability with. God told Adam there was one tree he was not to eat from. This tree was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. By man eating from this tree, he would be declaring his independence from God’s counsel and would attempt to define what was good and what was evil on his own.

Genesis 2:15-17
“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and 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 & Evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

God created man to have a daily personal relationship with Him, receiving everything he needed directly from God. There was nothing God would withhold from man, including the ability to choose to have the relationship with Him or not.

I believe if we establish God’s purpose in creating man, this will help us in understanding the reasons for all that God put in place immediately following the fall of man. Let’s look at the following verses to see what His intentions were.

Genesis 2:18
“And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Genesis 2:19
“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field...”
Knowing Adam perfectly, God sees his need for a mate, brought the animals to him to name as part of his responsibilities in taking dominion, and even after the deception took place, God comes “walking in the cool of the day” indicating the fellowship He had with Adam.

Q: Were you aware of this relationship God created you to have with Him? Did you know Jesus died in your place so you can have it now?

In the midst of God’s loving caring relationship with man, the devil came and convinced man that God was holding out on him. If man would only eat of the “forbidden fruit” he could figure things out on his own, just like God!

When God created the trees, He describes them as pleasant to the sight and good for food.

**Genesis 2:9**

“And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food...”

When the devil directed Eve’s attention to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, she saw that it was all God had said about all the other trees in the Garden, except this one was also “a tree desirable to make one wise”.

**Genesis 3:6**

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

God had said that in the day they ate of that tree, they would surely die. In the Hebrew language the word for “die” is repeated, so it would read “dying you will die”. God created man spirit/soul (mind, will, emotions) /body, but when they disobeyed their ability to be in fellowship with God died, the order flipped and now they were body/soul/dead spirit. Instead of the spiritual appetites being in charge, now the body appetites were. The physical process of death also began. So, “dying (spiritually) you will die (physically)” had come to pass.

The Edenic Covenant was broken.

Q: Did you know the first sin was doing anything apart from God?

God then established the Adamic Covenant which would not be dependent upon man, but totally upon God.

The Adamic Covenant consisted of declarations of the results of their choices in the form of curses God pronounced over the serpent, the woman and the man. It also promised a Savior would come to redeem man from his fallen state.

**Genesis 3:14-19**

“So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.
To the woman He said: I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, you shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

Adam and Eve, who once had been clothed with the glorious presence of God’s Spirit in fellowship with their spirits, now find themselves standing before Him with His covering removed, naked and ashamed. God is moved with compassion and sheds an animal’s innocent blood in order to cloth their nakedness with “tunics of skin”. The caring heart of God, still desiring to provide a better solution than the one man had come up with on his own.

Q: Have you ever heard that fig leaves are itchy on the skin?

**Genesis 3:21**

“Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

Immediately, as the Adamic Covenant is being put into place, a foreshadowing of the redemptive plan of God is evidenced by the shedding of innocent blood. One day the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, would come on the scene and shed His innocent blood in order to remove the effects of sin for all and cover our nakedness with His righteousness.

Q: Had you seen this as a foreshadowing of Jesus before?

**Mosaic Covenant**
The Mosaic Covenant was the other covenant where man had a part to play and they ended up breaking this one as well.

**Exodus 19:5, 8**

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine...Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.”

Man was still under the Adamic curse. There had been no remedy for their rebellion against God in the Garden as yet. He would be attempting to obey God in his own strength.

The Mosaic Covenant was given in three parts which formed the Law: commandments (Ex 20:1-26), ordinances (Ex 24:12-31:18) and judgments (Ex 21:1-24:11). The commandments and ordinances formed one religious system. If a Jewish man sinned he was held blameless if he brought the required offering. If not, he would receive a curse.

**Deuteronomy 28:1, 2, 15**

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you
high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God”...”But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statues which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”

**Galatians 3:10**
“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

**Romans 8:3**
“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh.”

**Romans 10:2-4**
“For I bear them witness that they (Israel) have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Israel had misinterpreted the purpose for the Mosaic Law and attempted to gain their own right standing before God by performing the Law perfectly in their own strength. Consequently, they broke the covenant.

**Q: When you read about man agreeing to obey everything God would ask of them, did you see them trying to do this in their own strength or did you unconsciously see them having the power of the Holy Spirit as believers have? Isn’t it important to understand each time in history accurately?**

The Abrahamic Covenant, which came beforehand, established belief in God by faith and the Mosaic Covenant did not change the provisions of it but was added for a limited time only until the Seed should come.

**Galatians 3:6-9**
“Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

**Galatians 3:17-19**
“And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.”

We see that the Mosaic Covenant had a purpose and was for a time.
Aspects of the Mosaic Covenant
For the purpose of this work I am only going to summarize the key points of the Mosaic Covenant as follows:

- **Circumcision** - (established under the Abrahamic Covenant, but continued under the Mosaic Covenant as a sign)

- **Priesthood** - established by Aaron, out of the Tribe of Levi

- **Animal sacrifices** - to cover, not remove, man’s sins

- **Sabbath** - 7th day rest of creation and of man’s work week

- **Feasts** - God’s feasts, all foreshadowing Jesus; 4 in the spring and 3 in the fall

- **Law** - 10 Commandments, as well as 613 recognized by the Jewish rabbis found throughout the writings of Moses

- **Temple** - the tabernacle in the wilderness and the formal temple in Jerusalem

The Broken Covenants – Edenic and Mosaic
We see that Hosea recognized the two covenants that man had a part to play in and eventually broke, as reflected in the following verse:

> Hosea 6:7
> “But like Adam, they have transgressed the covenant…”

Edenic Covenant – broken by man, fulfilled by Jesus
The Edenic Covenant was broken when Satan tempted Eve in the Garden with three temptations; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. These are the same three that he tempted Jesus Christ with in the wilderness and the same three he continues to try and tempt man with today.

> 1 John 2:16, 17
> “For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Q: Are you aware of how you are tempted in these ways? How do you handle temptations? Do you speak the appropriate word of God into your temptations as Jesus modeled for us?

We see Jesus coming to John the Baptist to be water baptized before starting His ministry. He has emptied Himself and comes in His humanity so as to fulfill the requirements of the Edenic Covenant as the “Last Adam”.

> Philippines 2:5-8
> “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a
bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

As He comes up out of the water, the Holy Spirit comes and remains on Him. The Father speaks from Heaven and validates Jesus as His only begotten Son in whom He is well pleased.

Then Jesus is led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He goes in His humanity, filled with the Holy Spirit, to set an example for all to follow. When tempted by Satan, He speaks the appropriate word of God into each temptation and is not overtaken by it.

He does not fall to the temptation thus becoming the “Last Adam” by accomplishing what Adam and Eve could not do for themselves. The Edenic Covenant which had been broken by man has now been fulfilled by Jesus Christ for all mankind.

Hebrew 4:15
“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Q: In the wilderness experience, did you see Jesus being the “Last Adam” for us before now? What could Adam have done different in the Garden experience?

In the following verses we see Jesus described as the One who would come and fulfill this covenant in Adam’s place.

Romans 5:12-14
“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all 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 those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come...For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47
“And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit...The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.”

1 Corinthians 15:22
“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

Mosaic Covenant – broken by man, fulfilled by Jesus
The Mosaic Covenant had been broken as well. Initially it was the nation of Israel who broke the Mosaic Covenant but during Jesus’ ministry, death on the cross, burial and ascension He, as the Jewish Messiah, obeyed all aspects of the Covenant perfectly and thus accomplished for the Jews, as well as all mankind, what they could not do for themselves.
Matthew 5:17, 18
“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”

The main purpose of the Law within the Mosaic Covenant was to show the Jew his need for a Savior and lead him to Messiah, Jesus Christ. It MUST continue to accomplish its purpose – to lead all to Christ! It will continue to do this until the end of the age, but this is its main purpose.

Once a person has found Jesus as their Savior, they will find everything they need within His New Covenant to follow and obey. There is absolutely no longer any obligation for a believer in Jesus Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, toward the broken Mosaic Covenant at all. As the “one new man” we now find our identity in Jesus Christ and will see that everything in the Mosaic Covenant has been addressed by Him in His New Covenant – everything!

Hebrews 8:7
“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.”

Galatians 3:24-26
“Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:13
“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

Ephesians 2:14-15
“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.”

Q: Have you still been trying to keep the requirements of the Mosaic Covenant in your own strength? Did you know that Jesus fulfilled those requirements for you, so you can now follow and obey Him in His power?

Aspects of the Mosaic Covenant fulfilled by Jesus
Now, let’s take a look at the various aspects of the Mosaic Covenant and see if in fact Jesus fulfilled them as well.

Circumcision
This was established under the Abrahamic Covenant and continued in the Mosaic Covenant as a “sign”.

Colossians 2:11
“In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ.”

Galatians 5:6
“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.”
We see that, as believers in Jesus Christ, He provides a circumcision for us that is internal, replacing the external one that was a sign. Also, it is by “faith working through love” that matters to the Lord.

Q: Do you still see the outward circumcision as a requirement from God to obey in Christ Jesus? Do you know that the “circumcision of Christ” is the sign of a believer? Do you allow Him to cut away the “flesh” to free you from its effect so there will be outward evidence?

The Priesthood
The priesthood established under the Mosaic Covenant was by Aaron and came out of the Tribe of Levi. In the book of Leviticus the high priest was not to tear his clothes. John’s account tells us that Caiaphas, the high priest, tore his clothes when Jesus told him He was the Christ, the Son of God. In John’s account we are told that the soldiers did not tear Jesus’ garment but cast lots for it. So Caiaphas was disqualified as high priest, making way for Jesus to take His proper place as our High Priest.

 Leviticus 21:10
“He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;”

 Matthew 26:57-65
“And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled...Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God! Jesus said to him, It is as you said...Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy!...”

 John 19:24
“They said therefore among themselves, Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be, that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. Therefore the soldiers did these things.”

The following verses all affirm that Jesus Christ is High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek and not according to the Aaronic Priesthood, as well as coming from the Tribe of Judah, not Levi.

 Hebrews 7:13
“For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.”

 Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 17, 21
“As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”

...called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek...where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

...Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

...For He testifies: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek...(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: The Lord has sworn and will not relent, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
But Scripture tells us that even Levi honored this higher priesthood being still in the loins of Abraham, when Abraham meet Melchizedek and paid him a title of all the spoil.

**Hebrews 7:1, 2, 9, 10**

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,”...Even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.”

**Hebrews 7:11, 12**

“Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law”

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, Scripture clearly shows that He is your High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. Aaron and the Levitical Priesthood were only a foreshadowing.

**Hebrews 4:14**

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

**Hebrew 4:15-16**

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

_Q: When you think of Jesus as your High Priest what comes to mind? Do you put Him back in the time of the Aaronic Priesthood? Do you believe the original priesthood should be reinstated in Jerusalem and, if so, how would this benefit you as a believer in Jesus Christ?_

Although I believe one of the main purposes of the genealogy of Jesus in the book of Matthew is to clearly show that Joseph could not have been His father because of the curse on Jeconiah, it also seems to be making another statement as well. The genealogy starts off by declaring David, Abraham and Judah, but there is no mention of Moses or Levi.

**Matthew 1:1, 2**

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham; Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.”

**Animal sacrifices**

In Genesis when Adam and Eve disobeyed and brought sin into the world and its effects upon themselves, God was moved with compassion and shed innocent blood in order to provide “tunics of skin” to cover their nakedness. This was a foreshadowing of Jesus coming as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”.

_Q: Did you see the first sacrifice in the Garden as a foreshadowing of the Lamb of God before?_
The animal sacrificial system set up under the Mosaic Covenant was only to “cover sin” not to remove it.

**Hebrews 7:26-28**

“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.”

**Hebrews 10:1-4**

“For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

“Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, Behold, I have come – in the volume of the book it is written of Me – to do Your will, O God. Previously saying, Sacrifice and offering, burn offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them (which are offered according to the law) then He said, Behold I have come to do Your will O God. He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Jesus is clearly the Lamb of God who alone is worthy to redeem us from the curse of Adam and the curse of the Law.

**Colossians 1:13, 14**

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

**Colossians 2:14, 15**

“having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

**Revelation 5:5, 9, 12**

“But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals...And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on earth...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”
Jesus Christ is declared in the above verses as the only One who had the right to claim ownership over the earth again. He truly had victory over Satan and now has gained back what Adam had lost – our ability to be in relationship with our Creator.

The Sabbath
The Sabbath was both the 7th day rest of creation and the 7th day rest of man’s work week. Under the Mosaic Covenant it was also a “sign” that man was acknowledging the Covenant and the penalty was death if not observed.

Q: Do you, or someone you know, observe the 7th day as the Sabbath? As a believer in Jesus Christ, how does this honor Him?

During Jesus’ ministry He was accused several times of breaking the Sabbath. On each occasion He would direct the Pharisees and scribes attention away from their priority on traditions to a deeper concern for human life, as well as quality of that life.

One example of this was a sheep falling into a ditch on the Sabbath and it being acceptable to pull it out, but healing a man’s withered hand was considered breaking the Law.

Matthew 12:10-13
“And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” – that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.”

On another occasion the disciples were seen eating grain as they walked through the fields on the Sabbath. The Pharisees and scribes accused Jesus, once again, of breaking the Sabbath, but He declared that He was the Lord even of the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:1, 2, 8
“At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” But He said to them... “For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

The word “Lord” in the Strong’s Concordance is #2962 and in the Greek language its meaning is “supremacy, supreme in authority, controller, God, Lord, Master”.

Q: Do you call Jesus your Lord and, if so, do your actions reflect this as you interact with Him daily?

Hebrews 4:4-10
“For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”, and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.
For if Joshua had given them rest, than He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.”

God speaks of yet “another day”, “a rest for the people of God”, “for he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works”. I suggest that the finished work on the Cross of Christ is the other day of Rest spoken about in the above verses. Jesus is our final Sabbath Rest as we cease from our works trying to obey in our own strength and enter into His finished work for us on His cross.

**Hebrews 1:3**

“...when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

The fact that Jesus is now “sitting” declares the work He was to accomplish is done.

*Q: Have you stopped trying to please God in your own strength, working toward perfection? Have you surrendered to the finished work of Christ on the cross for you?*

Keeping the Sabbath was a requirement under the Mosaic Covenant and has no obligation or motivation for a follower of Jesus Christ. He rose on the first day of the week from the dead on our behalf providing the power we all need to obey Him.

Even when the Father gives the revelation of the Son, Jesus Christ, to Him to show to John, it happens on the first day of the week. John was a Jewish man, saved by a Jewish Messiah, who died for his sins and rose on the first day of the week. John was honoring his Savior by worshiping Him on that day.

**Revelation 1:10**

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day and I heard behind me a loud voice as a trumpet”

*Q: What day do you value and feel honors Jesus more: the 7th day in your own strength under the law or the 1st day of the week in the power and might of Jesus Christ?*

**Feasts**

The Feasts are the Lord’s and all seven are foreshadowing’s of Jesus. When He came the first time He fulfilled them all for believers and when He comes the second time they will all be realized for the nation of Israel.

*Q: Do you celebrate the Feasts of God? Who taught you how to celebrate them and do they honor and love Jesus as Messiah? Have you come to see how Jesus has already fulfilled the feast for you as a believer? In what way does your celebration showcase Him?*

**Passover** – The 1st of the feasts celebrated God’s deliverance of His people, Israel, from the 10th plague in Egypt – the killing of the firstborn. Each Hebrew family applied the blood of a lamb to the doorposts of their home and the angel of death “passed over” their homes, sparing them from the plague. This feast was a foreshadowing of the final deliverance God had promised for not only Israel but also the whole world when His Son, Messiah the Passover Lamb, would take away the sin of the world. Now we only need to apply the blood of the Lamb of God to our hearts and minds.
John 1:29
“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

1 Corinthians 5:7
“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

**Unleavened Bread** – this feast was to commemorate the fact that when the Israelites were finally freed from bondage in Egypt, they had to flee so quickly there was no time to let their bread rise. They had to take unleavened bread with them. Leaven is used in Scripture as a symbol for sin. We know that Jesus was sinless and told us He was the Bread of Life.

John 6:48-51
“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

1 Corinthians 5:7
“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

**First Fruits** – This feast was to celebrate the spring barley harvest. The Lord required each Israelite to bring the first sheaf of the harvest – the “first fruits” to His temple as a wave offering. As Jesus rose from the dead He became the “first fruits” promising that all who believe in Him would also be raised from the dead to eternal life.

1 Corinthians 15:23
“But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

Romans 10:9
“if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.”

**Pentecost** – This feast was to take place exactly 7 weeks after First Fruits – the counting of these days began on First Fruits and continued for 49 more days (the Counting of the Omer) ending with Pentecost. This is when the Holy Spirit came in the upper room and fell on the first disciples with tongues of fire and other languages. It took place 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and is considered the birth of the church, or body of Jesus Christ.

John 14:26
“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”
Acts 1:8
“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Feast of Trumpets – This feast was simply to be a holy day celebrated with trumpet blasts, on the first day of the seventh month. The blowing of the trumpet was associated with the arrival of a king, a warning of danger and action to be taken for war and the calling of an assembly. We see in Scripture that Jesus shows Himself as our King, declaring war on the devil and calling His Bride / Body to Himself.

Announcing a coming King
Matthew 27:11 “Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

Declaring war
John 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

Gathering the people
John 12:32 “and I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

Day of Atonement – Only once a year was the High Priest allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies. First he had to sacrifice for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. He would lay his hands on a goat symbolically transferring the sins to the animal. Then they would lead the goat outside of the walls of the city to die taking the sins of the people with it. The High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies with blood from another goat to sprinkle on the Mercy Seat, the place where God’s Spirit resided. The blood of bulls and goats could not provide a permanent and lasting forgiveness for sins, as this was repeated each year at the same time.

John 11:49-52
“And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish. Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the people, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.”

Romans 3:24-26
“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

Hebrews 9:7, 11, 12
“But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance...But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with
hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood
He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

1 John 4:10
“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation
for our sins.”

Feast of Tabernacles – This was the last of the feasts and also the happiest. It celebrated the last and final
harvest of the year, God’s provision to His people. They were required to leave their homes and live in
tabernacles or booths which were three-sided temporary structures with leafy roofs. They were to
remember how their ancestors had lived in booths when they came out of slavery in Egypt.

In the time of Jesus this celebration incorporated great ceremonies using water and light. We can also see
Jesus as One who left the comforts of heaven to come and dwelt in a temporary tabernacle, human flesh,
with us in order to free us from the slavery of sin as God’s provision for His people.

John 1:14
“The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the
only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.”

John 7:2-52
“Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water...”

John 15:4
“Abide in Me, and I in you...”

The Law:
In order to understand if something has been fulfilled or not we first need to understand the purpose it
was intended to accomplish.

The purpose of the Law was to show man their need for a Savior and lead him to Jesus Christ. The Law
MUST continue in accomplishing this one purpose – to lead men to Christ. But once a Jew or Gentile have
found their Savior, its purpose has been accomplished for them. Jesus now has everything for them under
His New Covenant. There is absolutely no need to go back and feel obligated to the Mosaic Covenant at all
for that person. Jesus is not requiring this of them.

Matthew 5:17, 18
“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to
fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no
means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”

Luke 24:44
“Then Jesus said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that
all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the
Psalms concerning Me.”
Galatians 4:4-5
“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Romans 3:19, 20
“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 3:21-23
“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 7:4-6
“Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another – to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.”

Galatians 2:10
“For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.”

Hebrews 7:19
“For the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”

Romans 8:3, 4
“For what the Law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Acts 13:38, 39
“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

In the book of Deuteronomy Moses tells us how God was angry at him and refused to allow him to enter the Promised Land. He had made a mistake by striking the rock a second time when God told him to only speak to the people and not strike the rock at all. Couldn’t God just forgive Moses and allow him to enter into the land that had been promised?

Deuteronomy 1:37; 3:26; 4:21
“The Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, ‘Even you shall not go in there ...
But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the Lord said to me: ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter
... Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.”

There was more to this account than God being angry at Moses. All of this was a foreshadowing of what Messiah would do for all mankind when He came to take us out of “Egypt”, which was symbolic of the world’s system, and deliver us safely into the “Promised Land”, which is symbolic of our relationship with our Creator, the reason we were born.

The “rock” was symbolic of Jesus Christ and He would only be struck once for all of man’s sins. Also, because Moses represented the Law, he could not be seen leading the people into the promises of God but Joshua, his name meaning ‘the Lord is Salvation’ could! If we see these accounts only in the natural we miss the story God was unfolding for us all.

1 Corinthians 10:4
“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”

Q: Did you see Jesus foreshadowed in these accounts before? Can you now see the purpose and proper understanding of the Law of Moses?

At the end of this work you will find over 600 Commands of Christ listed starting in Matthew and going all the way through Revelation. I used Matthew as the main gospel and noted any duplicates found in the other gospels, not counting them, but simply noting them. Jesus has in fact provided the commandments He is pleased for us to obey as we follow Him. I believe you will find that all the commandments in the Mosaic Law that are not specific to the land, the priesthood or the temple are addressed and satisfied within the New Covenant writings.

Please don’t miss the point here. It is not about how many “commands” I found, but the character of God! He would never take us from one thing to another and leave us with less than we had before. It is always an improvement.

Romans 8:32
“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Hebrews 8:6
“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Philippians 3:9
“And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith”

Ephesians 2:14-16 “
For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained
in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

Temple:
Jesus not only went in and corrected those in the temple who were merchandizing the people who came to worship God, but He also declared to His disciples that this very temple would be coming down.

Mathew 24:2
“And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

What Jesus was saying to them was so amazing at that time, but in 70 A.D. this is exactly what happened. Jesus knew after His death, burial and resurrection there would be no need for the temple for those who followed Him. The believer would become the temple of God himself.

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20
“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Peter 2:4
“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Q: Do you see yourself as the temple of God?

It has been suggested that the book of Hebrews was written in 68 A.D., two years before the Temple came down. It must have been difficult to see the temple animal sacrifices continue knowing that because of the death of Jesus Christ none of that was necessary any longer.

They, like so many others today, may have been tempted to think what Jesus had done was for the future in heaven and that they were to continue with business as usual.

Q: Can you see the danger of allowing man to determine the truth and not the words of Christ?

The New Covenant / Jeremiah 31:31
God gives man a chance to try things out on his own first, but He is always moved with compassion as His original desire for man was to fellowship with him. He comes to the rescue providing a means of escape, should man choose it.

Jeremiah 31:31-34
“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke (Mosaic) though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds
and write it on their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor and every man his brother saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

The “new covenant” declared in Jeremiah 31:31 is in fact the blood covenant of Jesus Christ and evidenced by the writings of the apostles within the 27 books we commonly call the New Testament portion of the Bible.

Q: Did you know Jeremiah 31:31 was talking about the New Covenant of Jesus Christ? Did you know it was promised to the Jews first? Have you ever presented a New Testament Bible to a Jewish person and told them it was the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31? Now you can!

**Jeremiah 3:16**

“Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days, says the Lord, that they will say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord. It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.”

Here the Lord is declaring that the “ark of the covenant” which was made under the Mosaic Covenant will not come to mind, nor be remembered, nor be visited, nor be made anymore! The “ark of the covenant” had its purpose but now the New Covenant has come and there is no need for it any longer to those who have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Every time a believer goes “boldly to the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16) they will see the Ark of the Covenant there with the blood of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, on the mercy seat for us!

**Revelation 11:19**

“Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple…”

**Revelation 15:5**

“After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.”

Q: When you have gone “boldly to the throne of grace” how did you picture it? Did you see the throne room as described in the word of God? Revelation 4 has more descriptions for you!

Jesus Christ was born a Jewish man from the Tribe of Judah, from the line of King David and came declaring Himself to be the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament to the House of Israel first.

**Matthew 10:5-6**

“These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

**Matthew 15:24**

“But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
In the above verses Jesus declares Himself to be the Messiah coming to fulfill Jeremiah 31:31 and goes to the house of Israel first. But when the leadership rejects Him He declares that there are other sheep that are His as well and He will bring them into His fold, that being the Gentiles.

Matthew 23:37-39
“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

John 10:16
“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

In the following verses we see Jesus declaring He is the One initiating the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31 with His body and His blood. It is a blood covenant and only conditional upon Him – He will be providing everything necessary for this covenant from the blood that needs to be shed, as well as the Holy Spirit who will empower every believer to obey the requirements of the covenant.

Matthew 26:26-28
“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

This will be a covenant of love, divine love that would be implanted in the renewed heart by the Holy Spirit and would flow out in the energy of the Spirit, unforced and spontaneous, toward the Giver of this divine love.

The Mosaic Covenant was external and demanded love and obedience, but the law written upon hearts under the New Covenant would be internal and obeyed empowered by the Holy Spirit out of love from God and love back to Him.

The Edenic Covenant had the shedding of innocent blood, as well as the Mosaic Covenant, both of which were foreshadowing’s of the perfect innocent blood shed by the Son of God.

Hebrews 9:18-22
“Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

The New Covenant has the shedding of blood as well.

Hebrews 9:11-15
“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and
calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

Hebrews 10:19-23; 29-31
“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful...Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, “says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

It is Finished!
When Jesus said it was finished as He was on the Cross, what all did this mean?

I believe what was “finished” was Jesus doing what man had failed to do in both the Edenic and Mosaic Covenants. The penalty for mankind’s sin nature was death and it had been paid for in full by Jesus Christ on the Cross. The freedom from the power of sin was now available to all who would come to Him as their Savior. Man could stop from his striving and receive the rest Christ had won for him.

Romans 5:12, 19
“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned - ...for as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”

Colossians 2:13-15
“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Matthew 27:50,51
“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split”

Colossians 1:13
“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”
Now as we receive Him as our Savior, and learn to follow Him as our Lord, may we be open to hear only what He is saying to us within His New Covenant.

**Conclusion:**

God speaks of eight covenants in the Bible, two of which were conditional upon man, both of which man broke, both of which Jesus performed perfectly when He came the first time.

He is declared numerous times as being our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, not Aaron, comes from the Tribe of Judah, not Levi and when there is a change in the priesthood, by necessity there must be a change in law.

The Mosaic Law’s MAJOR purpose was to be a tutor leading us to Christ, as it showed us our need for a Savior. Once we come to Christ Jesus as our Savior then we also come under the Law of Christ being freed up from the Law of Moses.

Jesus circumcises us, is our Passover Lamb, our Unleavened Bread, our 1st Fruits from the dead and promises to pray the Father to send the Holy Spirit to baptize us as on the day of Pentecost. He gives us ears to hear the trumpet blast declaring Him as King, declaring war on the devil who He was victorious over and one day calling us all to be with Him forever in His kingdom which is eternal.

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us and we are being built up as living stones for a holy habitation of God, becoming priest and kings unto Him. Our citizenship is in heaven, we are not of this world, only in it.

Jesus is our final Sabbath Rest as we cease from our works and enter into His finished work for us on His cross, having the veil torn in two enabling us to come boldly into the throne room of God.

**In closing –**

When we don’t understand the “purpose” for something we can allow it to “speak” more into our lives than it was meant to say. The more the New Covenant is understood, the easier it is to see the “purpose” for all the other areas of Scripture and appreciate them in an appropriate manner.

In our “western thinking” too many words have taken on a different meaning then when originally used biblically. The word “covenant”, especially “blood covenant”, has been taught so far from its original meaning to the point where the understanding from Scripture has been lost. Many see it as they do the modern day “agreements” or “contracts” which are based on “distrust” as in buying a house or car. The lender has you sign and agree to terms because they do not trust you to hold up your end of the deal, whereas God’s covenants were based on trust in His character and faithfulness. These are completely different issues. We tend to lose what God is trying to say because we transfer our “modern day” definition of the word onto it, when it does not apply.

This is also true with the saying “blood is thicker than water”. Most understand this to mean that blood relatives are closer to us than those that are not related to us. But this is not true. The original meaning was “the blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb.” So you can see how completely turned around the meaning has become.

The same is true for hand-shakes and the word “friend”, both tightly connected to “blood covenants” – which were so serious, even unto death! Now as you read the Scriptures you will be able to see what Jesus is really saying when He speaks of His “blood covenant” for us and calls us His “friends”.
We have seen from many Scriptures that the motivation attached to the word “commandment” meant one thing under the Old Covenant and another under the New Covenant. Although the “commandments” of the Old Covenant are what most believers think of and are more familiar with as “commandments”, you will find at the end of this work over 600 “commandments” that Jesus Christ has for those who are under His New Covenant – a covenant of blood and a covenant of love.

Romans, Galatians and Hebrews seem to be “black balled” from many teaching groups but they contain the most information on the heart of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, the One who says to follow His commands if we in fact love Him.

Please press through and be a Nicodemus, if need be, but come to Jesus and see for yourself what is being said in the word of God by those who knew Him in person.

**1 John 1:1-3**

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

**Q: Is your fellowship with the Father and Son first before others?**

ALL Scripture is “God breathed” and we need ALL Scripture to understand ALL Scripture. Any time anyone tells you to leave some of the word out, or that it needs to be translated by special people who only have the correct understanding – RUN from those people and pray for them.

Every thing and every time in the Bible has a “purpose” but we must seek the Lord of the Word to know the “purpose” He intended and then appreciate it for just that.

As believers in Jesus Christ, whether we are a Jew or a Gentile, a broken covenant that our Master clearly came to fulfill for all mankind and did successfully should have nothing to offer us except to celebrate what He accomplished. He is God come in human flesh to cut blood covenant for us. He provides everything we need under His New Covenant.

I have found that the difference between the various “covenants” and the “commandments” of the Old and New Testaments are not commonly taught. Before the Lord took me on this amazing journey of discovery, I too valued and embraced much of what I now know to be part of His finished work for me – for all of mankind.

Please always remember that “Torah” is the word of God, the Word of God is a Man, the Man Christ Jesus, who was crucified as you, so you could live as Him. See yourselves always as crucified with Him. Let Him be your treasure for where your treasure is there will be your heart also. Never allow the written word to become greater than the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ.

**Q: Do you still see Him being foreshadowed, during the time of His earthly ministry or maybe more as who He is now sitting next to the Father in heaven waiting to return for His Bride?**
This is by far only a summary. Please take the time to read through the New Covenant writings and ask the Lord Jesus to reveal Himself to you as well. Make sure you are not stuck in the past but have given your heart to who He is now.

How horrible and frightening it would be to stand before Him and hear Him say “I never knew you”.

Christ’s Proper Interpretation of the Mosaic Law
and
New Covenant Commands of Christ
In the first part of Jesus’ ministry He confronted the Jewish religious leadership regarding their attempts at obeying the Mosaic Law. He takes them from an external attempt at obedience to one on a heart level.

Once the leadership accused Him of performing the miracles He was doing with the power of Satan, and not the power of God, He grieves over Jerusalem and then begins to speak in parables, only clarifying them to those who loved Him and followed close by.

Because the Commands of Christ are to be obeyed from a heart level of commitment and empowered by the Holy Spirit, they must be interpreted this way as well. The point of presenting a list is to encourage the reader to focus on what Jesus is saying now under His Covenant, rather than looking back to a broken one which He fulfilled, all of which will allow us to go forward with Him.

The following is a combination of commandments given under the Mosaic Covenant that Jesus gave a proper interpretation to and commandments He gave from Himself to be followed under His Covenant. Jesus does not eliminate the principals found in the Mosaic Law but presents them to us now in an applicable way under His covenant as we desire to follow and obey Him.

As you read through the commandments listed on the following pages, please note that those italicized will be the ones Jesus was addressing the Jewish people directly about, although in principal they apply to all believers as well.

Please read them with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to make these clear to you, just as He did for those in the gospel accounts; those who loved Him and followed close by.
Matthew

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

4:19  Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

5:12  Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

5:16  Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

5:20  For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

5:21,22  You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder’…But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.

5:23,24  Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

5:25  Agree with your adversary quickly while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

5:27,28  You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

5:29  If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you, for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

5:30  And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

5:31,32  (Matt 19:9) Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

5:33-37  Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all; neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem,
for it is the city of the great King. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

5:38,39 You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

5:40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

5:41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

5:42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

5:43-45 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

5:46-48 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?...And if you greet your brethren only what do you do more than others?...Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

6:1-4 Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them...do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets...do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...

6:5-7 And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites...go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place...do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do...

6:9-13 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

6:16-18 Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance...anoint your head and wash your face...

6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

6:25 Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Judge not, that you be not judged.

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

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

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock;

But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Provide neither gold or silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not
receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the
dust from your feet.

10:17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their
synagogues.

10:19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it
will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

10:23,26 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another...Therefore do not fear them...

10:27 Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on
the housetops.

10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is
able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

10:32-33 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father
who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My
Father who is in heaven.

10:37-38 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. And he who does not take his cross and
follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

11:28-29 Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My
yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls.

12:33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad;
for a tree is known by its fruit.

12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.

15:10,11 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to the
m, “Hear and understand: not
what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a
man.”

16:6 Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the
Sadducees.”

16:24 (Matt 10:38) Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him
deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

17:20 So Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief, for assuredly, I say to you, if you have
faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it
will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

18:3-5 and [Jesus] said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little
children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles
himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

18:8 If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.

18:9 *(Matt 5:29)* if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

18:10 Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

18:15-17 Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

18:19 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

18:21,22 …Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

19:6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

19:9 *(Matt 5:31,32)* And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.

19:12 For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.

19:14 But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’

19:17 So He said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.’

19:21 Jesus said to him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’

20:25-28 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.
And whoever desires to be first among you let him be our slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’

21:21-22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

22:21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

23:2,3 saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; ...”

23:8 But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher; the Christ, and you are all brethren.

23:9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

23:10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

23:11,12 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you.’

24:23-26 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.

24:32-33 Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near – at the doors!

24:42-44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.’

26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.
26:52 But Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.’

28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.’

Mark

1:15 The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.

1:17 (Matt 4:19) Then Jesus said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.

3:35 (Matt 12:50) For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.

4:1,13 Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow... and He said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?’

4:24 Then He said to them, ‘Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you, and to you who hear, more will be given.’

6:10 (Matt 10:11) Also He said to them, ‘In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.’

6:11 (Matt 10:14) and whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them.

6:31 And He said to them, ‘Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’

7:14-16 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, ‘Hear Me, everyone, and understand: There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!’

8:15 (Matt 16:6) Then He charged them, saying, ‘Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.’

8:34 (Matt 16:24) When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, ‘Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’

9:35 (Matt 23:11; Mk 10:43, 44) And He sat down, called the twelve and said to them, ‘If anyone desire to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.’

9:39-40 But Jesus said, ‘Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is on our side.’
(Matt 5:30) If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched –

(Matt 18:8) And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched –

(Matt 5:29) And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire –

For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.

(Matt 19:6) Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

(Matt 19:14) But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.’

(Matt 20:25-28) But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea’, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

(Matt 21:22) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

(Matt 18:35) And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

(Matt 22:21) And Jesus answered and said to them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.

(Matt 6:1) Then He said to them in His teaching, ‘Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues and the best places at feast, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive a greater condemnation.’

(Matt 24:4-5) And Jesus, answering them, began to say: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, I am He, and will deceive many.’
13:11 (Matt 10:19) But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

13:21-23 (Matt 24:23-26) Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, He is there!’ Do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

13:28-29 (Matt 24:32) Now learn the parable of the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near at the doors!

13:35-37 (Matt 24:42-44) Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming – in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning – lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!

14:22-24 (Matt 26:26) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat, this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, ‘This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.’

16:15-16 (Matt 28:19-20) And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’

16:17-18 And these signs will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Luke

6:27a (Matt 5:44) But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies

6:27b Do good to those who hate you

6:28a Bless those who curse you

6:28b (Matt 5:44) Pray for those who spitefully use you.

6:29a (Matt 5:39) To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also.

6:29b (Matt 5:40) And to him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.

6:30 (Matt 5:42) Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.

6:31 (Matt 7:12) And just as you want men to do to you, you must also do to them likewise.
(Matt 5:44-46) But love your enemies, do good and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

(Matt 7:1) Judge not, and you shall not be judged.

Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down; shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

(Matt 7:5) Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye’, when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.

And He said to them, ‘Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics a piece.’

(Matt 10:11) Whatever house you enter, stay there and from there depart.

(Matt 10:14) And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.

(Matt 16:24) Then He said to them all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

But Jesus said to him, Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side.

Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.

Then He said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.
And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

(Matt 10:14) But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.

nevertheless, do not rejoice in this; rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

(parable of the good Samaritan) ...And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

(Matt 6:9) So He said to them, ‘When you pray say: Our Father in heaven...’

(Matt 7:7) So I say to you, ‘ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.’

The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.

But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

(Matt 16:6) ...He began to say to His disciples first of all, Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

(Matt 10:28) And I say to you, ‘My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who after He has killed has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!’

(Matt 10:19) Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

And He said to them, Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

(Matt 6:25) Then He said to His disciples, Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about your body, what you will put on.

(Matt 6:26) Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

(Matt 6:28) Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning.

You yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man’, and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

Then He also said to him who invited Him, ‘When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

No servant can serve two masters for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
17:3-4 (Matt 18:21-22) Take heed to yourselves, if your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repeats, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him.

17:6 (Matt 17:20) So the Lord said, If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

17:10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’

17:32 Remember Lot’s wife.

18:16 (Matt 19:14) But Jesus called them to Him and said, ‘Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.’

18:17 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.

20:25 (Matt 22:21) And He said to them, Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.

20:46 (Matt 6:1) Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts.

21:8 And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He’, and ‘The time has drawn near’. Therefore do not go after them.”

21:14-15 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

21:19 By your patience possess your souls.

21:34 (Matt 10:19) But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighted down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

22:19 (Matt 26:26) And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’

22:25-26 (Matt 20:25-28) And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors. But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.’

22:32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me strengthen your brethren.

22:40 When He came to the place, He said to them, ‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation.’
Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.

**John**

3:3 *Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’*

3:5 *Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’*

3:7 *Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.*

4:24 *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

4:35 *Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!* 

5:14 *Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.’*

6:27 *Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.*

6:29 *Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent.’*

6:43 *Jesus therefore answered and said to them, ‘Do not murmur among yourselves.’*

6:53 *Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.’*

7:24 *Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.*

8:31 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.’*

12:26 *If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

12:35 *Then Jesus said to them, A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.*

12:36 *While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.*

13:14-15 *If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*

13:34 *A new commandment I give to you that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*
14:1  Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

14:11  Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

14:15  If you love Me, keep My commandments.

15:4   Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.

15:9   As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

15:12  This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

15:17  These things I command you, that you love one another.

16:24  Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

20:22  And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’

20:23  If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

21:15-17  ...Feed My lambs...Tend My sheep...Feed My sheep.

Acts

1:4-5  And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

1:7-8  And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’

2:38  Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’

2:40  And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation.’

3:19-20  Repent therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

10:15  And a voice spoke to him again the second time, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’
For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Romans

3:4  ...Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar...

6:11  Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6:12  Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

6:13  And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

11:18  Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root but the root supports you.

11:20  Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty but fear.

11:22  Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God; on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

12:1  I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2  Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

12:3  For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

12:6-8  Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

12:9  Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

12:10-11  Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12:12-13  Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

12:14  Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

13:4,5 For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake.

13:6,7 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due; taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

13:10,11 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13:13,14 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

14:1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

14:3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

14:5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.
14:13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.

14:15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

14:16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil.

14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offence.

14:22 Do you have faith? Have it to your self before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

15:1,2 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

15:7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned and avoid them.

1 Corinthians

1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age let him become a fool that he may become wise.

3:21-23 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come – all are yours. And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.

4:1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people...But now I have written to you not to keep company with any one named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner – not even to eat with such a person.

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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioner will inherit the kingdom of God.

Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body.

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

Do not deprive one another [husband and wife] except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband.

But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised. Let him not be circumcised.
7:20-21 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it.

7:23-24 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.

7:27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

7:36 But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.

8:9-10 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

8:13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

10:7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

10:8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell

10:9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

10:10 nor complain as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer

10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall

10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

10:27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

10:28 But if anyone says to you, This was offered to idols, do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake, for the earth is the Lord's and all its fullness.

10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

10:32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,
11:1  Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ

11:10  For this reason the woman (wife) ought to have a symbol of authority on her head because of the angels.

11:24-25  and when He had given thanks He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’

11:28  But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup

11:33-34  Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

12:31  But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

14:1  Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

14:12  Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

14:13  Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14:20  Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

14:26  How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

14:27  If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.

14:28  But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

14:29-30  Let two or three prophets speak and let the others judge. But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent.

14:37  If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

14:39  Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

14:40  Let all things be done decently and in order.

15:33  Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits.
Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also;

On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Let all that you do be done with love.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord come!

2 Corinthians

For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

Therefore we make it our aim whether present or absent to be well pleasing to Him.

and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to received the grace of God in vain.

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

But as you abound in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us – see that you abound in this grace also.
But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified.

... Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**Galatians**

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

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

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For each one shall bear his own load.

Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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

**Ephesians**

2:11-12 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh – who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands – that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the common wealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4:14-15 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ

4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind

4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts

4:23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind

4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness.

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

4:26-27 Be angry, and do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

4:31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor course jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord

giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything

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

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

And you fathers do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up on the training and admonition of the Lord.

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but
as bondservants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

6:9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

6:10 Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might

6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand

6:14-16 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Philippians

1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will compete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

1:27-28 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel and not in any way terrified by your adversaries which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

2:2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind.

2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

2:14-16 Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world holding fast the word of life...
3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilations!

3:15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

3:16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

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

4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – mediate on these things.

4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians

2:6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men according to the basic principles of the word, and not according to Christ.

2:16-17 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

2:18-19 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind and not holding fast to the Head from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God
Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire and covetousness, which is idolatry.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him

Therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering

bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be 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 whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Husbands love your wives and do not be bitter toward them

Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord

Fathers do not provoke your children lest they become discouraged.

Bondservants obey in all things your masters according to the flesh not with eye-service, as men-pleasers but in sincerity of heart fearing God.

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men

1 Thessalonians

For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Rejoice always

Pray without ceasing

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

Do not quench the Spirit

Do not despise prophecies

Test all things; hold fast what is good
Abstain from every form of evil

2 Thessalonians

2:3  Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition

2:15  Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

3:6  But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

3:10  For even when we were with you, we commanded you this; If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

3:13  But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

3:14-15  if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

1 Timothy

1:3-4  ...charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

1:5-6  Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith from which some having strayed have turned aside to idle talk.

1:18-19  This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck

2:1-4  Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2:8  I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting

2:9-10  in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.
A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.

Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

These things command and teach

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

Honor widows who are really widows

But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man
But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry.

Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

If any believing man or woman has widows let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily nor share in other people’s sins; keep yourself pure.

Let as many bond servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give willing to share.

...Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge.
2 Timothy

1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, not of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.

1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1:14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

2:1-2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2:3 you therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2:7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel.

2:14 Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2:16 But shun profane and idle babbling for they will increase to more ungodliness.

2:19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: The Lord knows those who are His, and let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23-24 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth.

3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come, for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them.
4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Titus

1:7-9 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money. But hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

1:10-11 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

1:13-14 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.

2:1-5 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine; that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things – that they admonish the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded.

2:7-8 In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

2:9-10 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age

2:15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

3:1-2 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men

3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.
But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Hebrews

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.

But recall the former days in which after you were illuminated you endured a great struggle with sufferings

Therefore do not cast away your confidence which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord; looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Let brotherly love continue

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also.

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.
13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

13:13-14 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise of God, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.

13:16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

James

1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience

1:4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing

1:5-7 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.

1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God, for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone

1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work this one will be blessed in what he does.

1:26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless

1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2:1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.
So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, those things ought not to be so.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts do not boast and lie against the truth.

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No lest you fall into judgment.

5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

5:19-20 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

1:14-15 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct

1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear

1:22-23 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever

2:1-2 Therefore laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby

2:4-5 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

2:11-12 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2:13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme or to governors as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good

2:15-16 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men – as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

2:17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word may be won by the conduct of their wives when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

Do not let your adornment by merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit which is very precious in the sight of God.

For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous, not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matter.

Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation.

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Therefore beloved looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace without spot and blameless.
3:17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness being led away with the error of the wicked

3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

1 John

2:3-5 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him.

2:24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

3:13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

3:23 And this is His commandment; that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another as He gave us commandment.

3:24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world

4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this; that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

4:21 And this commandment we have from Him; that he who loves God must love his brother also.

5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him

5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death.

5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

5:21 Little children keep yourselves from idols. Amen
2 John
1:5  And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning; that we love one another.

1:6  This is love that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

1:8  Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

1:10-11  If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him for he who greet him shares in his evil deeds.

3 John
1:5-7  Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, because they went forth for His name’s sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

1:11  Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

Jude
1:17-18  But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

1:20-21  But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1:22-23  And on some have compassion making a distinction, but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Revelation
2:4-5  Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place – unless you repent.

2:20-24  Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols...Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come.
3:2  Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

3:3  Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch I will come upon you as a thief and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

3:11  Behold I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have that no one may take your crown.

3:18  I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

3:19  As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

13:18  Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; His number is 666.

14:7  Saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

19:5  Then a voice came from the throne, saying Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!

19:9  Then he said to me, Write; Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God.

22:17  And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
Acts 17:11

...they received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

I searched the Scriptures and this is what I found – now it’s your turn!