

Traditions of the Early Church

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Part I

Introduction

Chapter 1

Study to show yourself approved

1.1 What are the traditions

In some of the letters of Paul, the apostle talks about something called the “traditions”. He also refers to “teaching” (Tit 1:9; 2Jn 1:9,10) or “sound doctrine” (1Tim 4:6; 1Tim 6:1). These aren’t general references to abstract theology, but refer to a body of teaching which the apostles memorized, taught and modeled for new Christians as they went around building the New Testament churches. These weren’t sporadic or ad hoc, but I believe they were laid out in a way which made it easy to remember. These are doctrines (teachings) that the early church presented to those who became Christians, and they were expected to master them and live by them.

Writing to transfer information was not regular when the New Testament was written, and published documents that everyone could have a copy of were almost unknown. This suggests to me that these teachings were laid out in a way which would be easier to model by the apostles and learn and master by the new Christians. In fact, in Hebrews and 1 Corinthians, the writer(s) scold(s) people because they had not yet mastered this body of teaching.

The goal of this document is to lay out all the core teachings of the New Testament in a way which makes it easier to model for mature Christians and easier to learn and live by for new Christians.

1 Corinthians 11:1-2 (WEB)

1. **Be imitators of me**, even as I also am of Christ.
2. Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and **hold firm the traditions**, even as I delivered them to you.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-9 (WEB)

6. Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you **withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks in rebellion, and not after the tradition** which they received from us.
7. For you know how you ought to **imitate us**. For we didn't behave ourselves rebelliously among you,
8. neither did we eat bread from anyone's hand without paying for it, but in labor and travail worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you,
9. not because we don't have the right, but **to make ourselves an example to you**, that you should imitate us.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (WEB)

15. So then, brothers, **stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word or by letter**.

Philippians 4:9 (WEB)

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

This document will present the core teachings of the New Testament which are clear in Scripture in a way which facilitates memorization and practice. You will not be expected to memorize the scriptures themselves or the scripture references, but you will be encouraged to memorize the high-level framework and teachings.

The highest tier of the high-level layout of the traditions is based on the method of loci. We will use the body and locations on the body to present this framework. The body locations are as follows:

- Head
- Eyes
- Mouth
- Shoulders
- Heart

- Hands
- Stomach
- Loins
- Legs
- Feet

Note there is no inherent scriptural value in this high-level layout. For example, I say nothing about ears, but I could have. The Scripture has much to say about hearing and listening. I could have included neck, throat, tongue, breasts or other body parts. Also, I associate Righteousness with heart, but I could have associated it with hands or feet just as easily. This is just a framework based on the method of loci upon which to hang core teachings from Scripture.

In many of the subsections, I recommend various memorization techniques to encourage believers to memorize the core teachings of Christianity. These are just recommendations. If you use your own methods to memorize these concepts, they will be more meaningful to you, and will stay in your long-term memory. Just remember to use positive, vivid, and emotion-laden images and ideas. These will work best for remembering.

1.2 Memorization Techniques

1.2.1 Method of loci

This method involves committing to long term memory vivid images of a familiar route, a familiar room, a palace, locations on the human body, parts of your car, or anything which is familiar to you. Method of loci involves spacial awareness. To use it, remember the route that is important and associate it with the next item to be remembered with a vivid image associating the item with the location. This creates a visual file system which allows you to memorize and recall a virtually unlimited number of items in a fixed order.

The first step to making the method of loci work for you is building what is often called a “memory palace”. Build your memory palace following these basic guidelines:

- Choose your palace. Pick a place with which you are very familiar, like your house or yard. Or choose something like your body or your car.
- Define a route you will take through the palace. So, for a house, maybe front door to master bedroom, or back door to kid’s rooms. If your body, top of the head to tip of the toes. For a car, front bumper to back bumper, for example. This step is really only important if the order of the items to memorize is important as well as the items themselves.
- List distinctive features of each stop along the route. These will be used by your mind as storage locations.

- Imprint the palace in your mind. Yes, you need to memorize it.
- Use vivid images to associate your list of items with the storage locations of your palace. You can also use symbols, if that is easier. So, an anchor could represent a boat, for example. You can also store mnemonics like acronyms or acrostics in storage locations.
- Explore the palace through the route you devised. You will be able to remember the items you meant to remember by association with the locations through your palace.

As an example, I might use the inside of my house as a memory palace. The advantage of this over coming up with an imaginary palace is that I have lived here for over a decade. I know the layout of my house well, and will never forget some rooms where I experienced some of the most memorable of life activities with my family. Within my house, there are dozens and dozens, even hundreds, of locations I can associate with items I wish to remember. And, I have various routes I can take. I can come in through the front door into the entrance hall (closet door on the left, welcome mat on the floor, hanging lamp above). On the right is the dining room. From right to left, there is the light switch and the lamp, then the large pane window with deep sills, another lamp, the floor fan, some storage boxes, a white butte with drawers and storage locations for office supplies, the dining room table and eight chairs. That route alone provides 20-30 “storage locations” for memories, depending on whether I go through the drawers and shelves in the butte.

I have many routes like this inside my house. From the entrance hall to the downstairs living room and master bedroom. From the entrance hall to the kid’s bedrooms upstairs. From the entrance hall to the sun room. From the entrance hall to the kitchen and garage. From the back entrance to all these locations. Then, I have the front yard and the back yard, with various storage locations.

I can etch into permanent memory lists of hundreds of items by creating routes through my house already etched into my permanent memory. Then, I create vivid images of what I want to remember in storage locations along those routes. Then, when I want to remember the items, I traverse through the route and remember the locations. If I use images which are clear and vivid, by association I easily retrieve the images I stored in the locations, and hence the items I meant to remember in the order I meant to remember them.

Follow these guidelines for creating good images in your storage locations:

- Use positive, pleasant images. Your brain often blocks out unpleasant ones.
- Use vivid, colorful images because they are easier to remember than drab ones.
- Use strange, bizarre or evocative images as they will stand out more in your mind.

- Use all your senses including sounds, smells, tastes, touch, movements and feelings along with the image pictures (i.e. a fried egg sizzling on a pan).
- Make each image with three dimensions, movement and space to make it more vivid. To remember you turned off the oven, picture the oven being flipped upside down.
- Exaggerate the size or some aspect of an image to illustrate importance.
- Use humorous or funny images because these will stay with you longer than normal ones.

1.2.2 Link method

The link method uses substitute words and visual association. Essentially, the practitioner creates visual images of the items to be remembered and links them together somehow.

Here are the steps for using the Link method:

- First imagine a silly, memorable image that represents the type of list you want to remember. Also include in this image the first item on the list. This image is your header for the list.
- Think of another silly, memorable image that links the first item on the list to the second item.
- Think of a new image that links the second item to the third item.
- Think of an image that links the third item to the fourth item.
- Continue in this way, creating mental images for the remaining items in the list.

1.2.3 Peg words

This is a system used to memorize lists. It involves using a list of words that are easy to associate with numbers they represent. These objects form the pegs of the system. So, say your pegs are as follows:

- one - gun
- two - shoe
- three - tree
- four - door
- five - hive
- six - sticks

- seven - heaven
- eight - gate
- nine - wine
- ten - pen

First, you have to memorize your peg words so you can use them. Then, say you have a simple shopping list, you might create images as follows:

- one - gun: imagine a gun shooting a pile of carrots.
- two - shoe: imagine cleaning your muddy shoe with a bottle of milk.
- three - tree: imagine bread growing on a tree
- and so on through the list.

Another possible peg list is as follows:

- a - hay
- b - bee
- c - sea
- d - tree
- e - flea
- f - Jeff
- h - Rach (short for Rachael)
- i - eye
- j - jay (bird)
- k - bay
- l - sail
- m - gem
- n - hen
- o - hoe
- p - knee
- q - crew
- r - car

- s - dress
- t - she
- u - you
- v - ski
- w - cashew
- x - lex
- y - sky
- z - he

Or, design your own peg list.

1.2.4 Journey system

The journey system is essentially the method of loci. If you can find your way around a place in your imagination, you can leave things along the way and they'll be there next time you take that particular journey. This could be a stroll through your office, around the neighborhood, around a favorite park, etc. You can build up a repertoire of a dozen or more memory journeys and have them ready for use. To memorize something permanently, set up specific journeys for specific jobs. You can create a journey which is appropriate to what you are trying to memorize and mentally place certain items at strategic places to create visual associations.

1.2.5 Acronyms

Acronyms are words formed from the first letters of a list of words. For the purposes of memory techniques, any acronym which can be easily memorized will work. For example

- SOHCAHTOA - Sin is Opposite over Hypotenuse, Cosine is Adjacent over Hypotenuse, and Tangent is Opposite over Adjacent. Sounds like 'soak-a-toe-ah'.
- PEMDAS, sequence in evaluating math expressions: Parenthesis, exponents, multiplication, division, addition, subtraction.
- EGBDF, the lines on a treble clef: Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge.

1.2.6 Sentences and Acrostics

An acrostic is a sequence of letters that help you remember a poem or other text. So, to remember the mathematical order of evaluation, you could use “My Dear Aunt Sally” => Multiply and Divide before you Add and Subtract. Or, to memorize the planets in the Solar System, use “My Very Elegant Mom Just Served Us Nine Parrots” => Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto.

1.2.7 Story telling

Use story associations to memorize a list of items. Develop a story that includes the items to remember, in sequence (if sequence is important). Make the story vivid and easy to remember, with silly things happening and with strong sensory content. We understand much of the world around us through stories and use them to communicate not just what happens but how we think, how we feel, our overall paradigm and how we process reality. Stories are natural mechanisms for remembering otherwise disjointed things. Stories have been used by humans to etch into our brains the most important values and ideas learned from others, and it is natural for humans to remember even elaborate stories. Hence the power of this memorization technique.

Following is a simple example:

I want to remember the following list of words, for whatever reason:

HAT, RUN, FAT, BIRD, GREEN, GRANDFATHER

I make up a story as follows: I see a man with very tall hat, I call him and he runs away, but then bumps into a large, fat bird, sitting on the village green. My grandfather appears out of thin air and grabs the man and holds him for me.

1.2.8 Summary

You can incorporate all these techniques to build structures in your minds with which we memorize the core teachings of Christianity. I will recommend some of these to you in the following list of core truths, but you will probably be served best by putting some thought and creativity into this and making up your own techniques. Link them all in your mind so one flows to the next, and you should be able to remember them all.

This will all take effort. You will have to work, be creative and use your imagination. You will have to study, and verify, and think. Most of all, you will have to build an approach which works best for you and allows you to remember critical teachings from the Bible. After all, you will not be able to fulfill the Great Commission without teaching others, and you will be chided if you do not master the material, as those were chided by the writer of Hebrews (Heb 5:12) for still needing to be taught when they should have been teachers.

But all the effort and all the work and all the struggle is worth it, because it is . . .

All to the building of His Kingdom and all to the glory of the King.

Part II

Traditions

Chapter 2

Head

The head is the seat of our intellect and consciousness. Everything in our body is controlled by the head. In the New Testament, the head represents Jesus (**God**), the **King** and **Lord** of the Church. The head also represents **wisdom**.

2.1 Jesus is God

2.1.1 Jesus is anointed

Matthew 3:16

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove.

Luke 4:16-22

Jesus was anointed by the Spirit to preach, heal, release, recover, deliver and proclaim.

John 16:7-15

It was better Jesus went away so the Spirit could be sent to us.

The Spirit will guide us into all truth.

The Spirit will declare to us things that are coming.

The Spirit glorifies Jesus, taking what is from Him and declaring it to us.

2.1.2 Jesus is Creator God, life and light

John 1:1-14

Jesus, the Word, was the Creator; in the beginning, He was with God and was God.

Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us.

In Jesus was life, and the life was the light of men.

As many as received Him, he gave the right to be sons of God, born not of blood but of God.

John 1:15

Jesus came after John the Baptist, but existed before him.

John 1:16-18

Jesus was full of grace and truth, and from His fullness we received grace upon grace.

Grace and truth are realized in Jesus.

John 8:48-59

Jesus said, "Before Abraham came into existence, I AM."

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

By Jesus and for Jesus all things were created.

Jesus was before all things, and all things are held together by Him.

In Jesus, the fullness of the deity dwells; He is head of all principality and power.

Through Jesus, God the Father reconciled all things to Himself.

Colossians 2:8-10

All the fullness of God dwells in Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Jesus was revealed in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

1 John 1:1-4

Jesus was from the beginning.

2.1.3 Jesus is the Son of God

Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22

Jesus is the Father's beloved son, in whom He is well pleased.

Matthew 11:25-27

All things were delivered to Jesus by the Father.

Romans 1:1-4

Jesus, born the offspring of David, was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection.

Hebrews 1:1-14

Jesus upholds all things by the word of His power.

Jesus laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of His hands.

Jesus is God's Son, heir of all things, through whom God made the worlds.

Hebrews 3:1-11

He who built all things is God.

Revelations 1:1-20

He is coming in the clouds; every eye will see Him.

Jesus is the radiance of the Father's glory, the image of His substance.

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, He who was and is and is to come, the Almighty.

2.1.4 Jesus is the Son of Man

Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38

Jesus is the Son of Man, born the descendant of David.

2.2 Jesus is the King

2.2.1 He was born the King of the Jews

Matthew 2:2

The wise men sought He who was born King of the Jews.

John 12:12-18

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Scripture.

“Hosanna, blessed is Jesus who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.”

2.2.2 Jesus will return

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

Jesus will return even as He left the earth.

Matthew 24:32-35

In the parable of the fig tree, we know when the time is soon when we see the signs.

Matthew 24:36-51

No one but the Father knows the day and hour of His return.

Jesus told us to watch and be ready.

2.3 Jesus is Lord

2.3.1 Jesus is our High Priest

Hebrews 2:5-18

All things were put in subjection under His feet.

By grace Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Through death He brought to nothing him who had the power of death.

Jesus makes atonement for us and can help those who are tempted as He was tempted.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Jesus is a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus learned obedience by the things that He suffered.

Hebrews 7:1-28

Jesus is a high priest, not after the law of fleshly commandments, but after the power of an endless life.

Jesus is the collateral of a better covenant.

Hebrews 8:1-6

Jesus is our High Priest who sat down on the right hand of the throne of Majesty in Heaven.

Hebrews 9:1-28

Through His own blood, He entered once for all into the Holy Place having obtained eternal redemption.

Jesus dedicated the new covenant with His own blood.

Christ was offered once to bear sins and will appear again without sin to those who wait for Him for salvation.

2.3.2 Jesus the Good Shepherd

Matthew 2:6

Out of Judah came a governor who would shepherd Israel.

John 10:1-42

The sheep listen to His voice.

The Shepherd enters by the door, the thief climbs up some other way.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.

The thief comes to kill, steal and destroy; Jesus came that we might have life abundantly.

His sheep hear His voice; He knows them and they follow Him.

Jesus and the Father are one; His sheep will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of His hand.

John 17:10-13

He gives His sheep eternal life and keeps them in the name of the Father.

2.3.3 Jesus is Lord of circumstances

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus gave His disciples detailed instructions on where to find the donkey which He rode into Jerusalem.

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus said if He silenced the multitude when He rode into Jerusalem, the rocks would cry out.

2.3.4 Jesus was sent by the Father

John 12:32-50

Jesus said if He were lifted up, He would draw all men to Himself.

Walk in the light and believe the light while you still have it.

Jesus came as a light into the world, so whoever believes would not remain in darkness.

Jesus spoke not from Himself, but He spoke from the Father who sent Him.

John 14:5-11

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Him.

Jesus didn't do the works, but the Father in Him did the works.

Jesus is in the Father and the Father in Him.

John 17:1-8

The Father gave Jesus authority over all flesh, so He could give eternal life to those given to Him.

Eternal life is to know the Father, the only true God, and Jesus whom He sent.

The disciples of Jesus knew He came from the Father and believed that the Father sent Him.

Jesus accomplished the work the Father gave Him to do.

2.4 Wisdom

2.4.1 Wisdom of Jesus

Matthew 22:15-46; Mark 11:27-33; 12:13-36; Luke 20:1-8

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus questions to trip Him up, but He responded in wisdom.

Luke 2:39-50

Jesus sat in the middle of teachers, listening and asking questions; they were amazed at Him.

Luke 2:51-52

As a youth, Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.

Chapter 3

Eyes

The eyes determine your **direction**. They are where you **focus**. You use your eyes to **watch**.

3.1 Direction

3.1.1 Direction by the Spirit

Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-2

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Acts 10:1-48

Peter was led by the Spirit to visit Cornelius and his oikos.

We are not to call anything unclean which the Lord has called clean.

Acts 13:1-12

The Spirit told leaders in the Antioch church to set aside Barnabas and Paul for the work.

Acts 21:1-14

The Spirit led Paul to go to Jerusalem, even though he received warnings along the way.

3.1.2 Direction by dreams

Matthew 1:20; 2:12-13

Joseph was given direction from God by dreams and he obeyed.

3.1.3 Wise planning

2 Corinthians 1:12-24

Paul's boasting was possible because of the testimony of their conscience.

They behaved in holiness, sincerity of God, and in the grace of God, and not in fleshly wisdom.

Paul's planning regarding the Corinthians was not in fleshly wisdom but in spiritual wisdom.

Jesus established Paul and his team with the Corinthians.

He anointed them, sealed them and gave them the down payment of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

Paul's team were fellow workers for the Corinthians so they could stand firm in the faith.

3.2 Focus

3.2.1 Lamp of the body

Matthew 6:19-34

Do not lay up treasure on earth, but in heaven.

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

No one can serve both God and wealth.

The lamp of the body is the eye.

Don't be anxious for anything.

Seek His Kingdom and these things will be added to you.

Nothing is hidden that will not get revealed, nor secret that will not come to the light.

Luke 8:16-18

Be careful how you hear; to him who has, more will be given; from him who doesn't have, what he has will be taken away.

Luke 11:33-36

When your eye is good (focused), your whole body is full of light.

When your eye is evil (unfocused, focused on wrong), your body is full of darkness.

Luke 12:22-34

It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Sell what you have and give to the needy.

Make purses which don't grow old, treasure in heaven which doesn't fail.

3.3 Watch

3.3.1 Watch and pray

Mark 13:32-37

No one knows when the Son will return but the Father; Jesus told us to watch.

Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

In the garden, Jesus asked his apostles to watch and pray.

Luke 21:34-48

Be watchful all the time and pray, not allowing your heart to be loaded down.

3.3.2 Watch for that day

Luke 12:35-48

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning, like men who watch for their Lord.

The unfaithful servant will be surprised by his Lord's coming.

To whom much is given, much is required; to whom much entrusted, of him more will be asked.

2 Peter 3:1-13

Mockers will come, walking after their own lusts, questioning the coming of the Lord.

The Lord is not slow in His promise, but patient wishing none should perish but repent.

We should pursue holy living and godliness, watching for the day of the Lord.

We look for new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Chapter 4

Mouth

You use your mouth to **pray**. You use your mouth to **speak**. A teacher uses his or her mouth to **teach**.

4.1 Pray

4.1.1 Ask, seek, knock

Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13

Keep asking, and it will be given to you.

Keep seeking, and you will find.

Keep knocking, and it will be opened for you.

If you being evil know how to give good gifts, how much more will the Father give good gifts (the Holy Spirit) to you who ask.

4.1.2 Pray for the Church

Colossians 1:9-14

Paul prayed for the Colossians and for us.

That we would be filled with knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

That we would walk worthy of the Lord to please Him in all respects.

That we would bear fruit in every good work and increase in the knowledge of God.

That we would be strengthened with all power, by the might of His glory.

Thankful that we are fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Thankful that He delivered us out of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.

In the Son of His love we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Paul prayed for the Thessalonians and for us.

That God would count us worthy of our calling.

That God would fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith with power.

That the name of Jesus would be glorified in us, by the grace of God and Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:2

Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray for the apostles.

That the word would spread rapidly.

That they would be delivered from unreasonable and evil men.

4.1.3 Pray as Jesus taught

Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-8

Don't pray like hypocrites who pray to be seen of men.

Don't use vain repetitions; your Father knows what you need before you ask.

Ask the Father to let His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Ask for your daily bread.

When you pray, forgive as you seek forgiveness.

If you forgive others, you will be forgiven; if you don't forgive, you will not be forgiven.

Ask to not be brought into temptation, but delivered from the evil one.

If you are persistent enough, He whom you ask will give you everything you need.

John 17:9

Jesus prayed for those the Father gave Him, His disciples, for they were the Father's.

John 17:15-26

Jesus prayed that His disciples would be sanctified in truth.

Jesus prayed the disciples would be one in Him and the Father, as the Father was in Him.

The honor that the Father gave Jesus, He gave us, so we could be one and made perfect in one.

The Father sent Jesus and loves us as He loves Jesus.

Jesus made known to the disciples the Father's name, that the Father's love and Jesus could be in them.

4.1.4 Persevere in prayer

Luke 18:1-8

Pray and do not give up.

Will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?

Ephesians 6:18-20

Pray at all times in the Spirit, and be watchful in all perseverance.

Colossians 4:2-4

Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Petitions, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks should be made for all men.

Pray for kings so we can live a tranquil and quiet life.

God wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

In every place pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or doubting.

4.2 Speak

4.2.1 Men speak out of their hearts

Matthew 12:31-37; Luke 6:43-45

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven men, not in this age or the one to come.

You will know a tree by its fruit.

An evil person doesn't speak good things, and a good person doesn't speak evil things.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Men will give an account of every idle word they speak in the day of judgment.

By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 5:33-37

Do not swear, but say yes or no; whatever is more than these is evil.

4.2.2 Testify

Luke 24:1-12; 24:36-49; John 20:1-10; 20:19-24

Angels told some women Jesus had risen, and they testified to the apostles, who didn't believe.

Jesus corrected their doubting and told them they were witnesses of these things.

Jesus opened the minds of the disciples that they might understand the Scriptures.

Christ's suffering was necessary that repentance and remission of sin be preached to all nations.

The disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father so they could be clothed in power from on high.

John 3:22-26

John the Baptist testified about Jesus.

Jesus must increase, and we all must decrease; Jesus came from heaven and is above all.

God gives the Spirit without measure.

John 4:1-42

The Samaritan woman at the well testified about Jesus.

Acts 4:19-20; 5:17-42

Peter and John were persecuted by the Jews for testifying about Jesus.

It is right to listen to God rather than men and tell the things you have seen and heard from God.

Acts 21:37-28:31

Paul testified about Jesus wherever he went.

Romans 10:14-21

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Philippians 1:12-30

To live is Christ, to die is gain.

Let your life be worthy of the gospel; stand firm in one Spirit and strive for the faith in nothing frightened by adversaries.

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt, so you can answer each one.

2 Peter 1:16-21

The apostles were eye-witnesses of the majesty of Jesus and they testified of it.

No prophesy ever came by the will of man, but holy men spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

4.3 Teach

4.3.1 Teach against evil doctrine

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Paul told Timothy to teach against seducing spirits and doctrines of demons.

2 John 1:7-13

Many deceivers have gone out in the world, those who don't confess that Jesus came in the flesh.

Watch yourself and don't lose the things you have accomplished.

Whoever transgresses and doesn't remain in the doctrine of Christ doesn't have God.

4.3.2 Teach with authority

Matthew 7:28-29

Jesus taught with authority.

Acts 18:1-23

Disciples should be unafraid and speak and not be silent.

Acts 19:1-22

Paul taught boldly in Ephesus and the Lord did special miracles at his hands.

Because of Paul's work and the work of those with him, the word of the Lord grew and became mighty.

1 Timothy 4:6-16

Command and teach and be a good example.

Be an example in word, way of life, love, spirit, faith and purity.

Pay attention to yourself and your teaching, for in doing this you will save yourself and those who hear you.

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Preach the word, in season and out of season, correct, rebuke.

Be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Titus 3:9-11

Shun foolish questions and disputes about the Law.

Avoid a factious man after the first and second warning.

4.3.3 Teach with integrity

Luke 1:1-4

Luke the physician laid out Luke and Acts, the story of Christianity, accurately from the beginning.

Acts 14:1-18

Paul and Barnabas taught the word of His grace and the Lord granted signs and wonders.

Romans 2:17-24

Teach with integrity; live what you teach.

Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul preached the unspeakable riches of Christ to the Gentiles.

The manifold wisdom of God is made known to principalities and powers in the heavens through the Church.

Colossians 1:24-29

Proclaim Jesus, admonishing and teaching every man so you might present every man perfect in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

*Do not teach out of uncleanness, error or deception.
Speak not to please men, but God, who tests your heart.*

1 Timothy 1:3-7

*Command men not to teach a different doctrine.
The goal of this command is love out of a pure heart, a good conscience and sincere faith.*

2 Timothy 1:13-17

Hold to the pattern of sound words in the faith and love that is in Christ.

2 Timothy 2:14-18; 2:20-26

*Don't argue about words, to the subverting of those who hear.
Diligently show yourself approved as one who handles the Word of Truth accurately.
Flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
Do not quarrel, but be gentle toward all, able to teach, patient, in gentleness correcting those who oppose you.*

1 Timothy 6:3-5

*If anyone teaches a different doctrine, he is conceited, knows nothing, and is obsessed with arguments, disputes and word battles.
Withdraw from people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth who suppose godliness is a means of gain.*

Titus 2:1-10

*Teach things which fit sound doctrine.
In all things, show yourself an example of good works.
In teaching, show integrity, seriousness, incorruptibility and soundness of speech.*

James 3:1-18

Let not many be teachers, knowing they receive heavier judgment.

Whoever doesn't stumble in word is perfect, able to bridle the whole body.

The tongue is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

The wise and understanding should show by his good conduct that his deeds are done in the gentleness of wisdom.

The wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, without hypocrisy.

Chapter 5

Shoulders

Shoulders are how you carry the load as you **serve** others.

5.1 Serve

5.1.1 Authority of those who serve

2 Corinthians 10:1-18

The weapons of servant-leaders are not of the flesh, but mighty to the casting down of strongholds.

The weapons of servant-leaders cast down imaginations and every high thing exalted against the knowledge of God.

The weapons of servant-leaders bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

If you boast, boast in the Lord; not him who commends himself is approved, but him whom the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 13:1-10

Examine yourself in the faith, test yourself; if Jesus is not in you, you are disqualified.

Servant-leaders pray that those they work with do no evil.

Servant-leaders rejoice when they are weak and those they serve are strong.

Use your authority as a servant-leader to see people become perfect in Jesus.

God gives servant-leaders authority for building up those they serve, not for tearing down.

Galatians 1:6-24

Paul used his authority to correct the Galatians because they received a false gospel.

The authority of servant-leaders does not depend on man, but on revelation from God.

Galatians 2:1-10

Give no place in subjection to legalistic people, not for a minute, that the truth of the gospel might continue with those you serve.

Remember the poor.

5.1.2 Bear burdens

Romans 15:1-7

The strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak and not please themselves.

Each should please his neighbor for that which is good, to build him up.

Christ didn't please Himself.

Accept one another, as Christ accepted you, to the glory of God.

Galatians 6:1-10

The spiritual should restore someone caught in a fault with a spirit of gentleness.

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

A man deceives himself when he thinks himself something and he is nothing.

Each man will have to carry his own load.

Don't be deceived, God is not mocked; whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.

He who sows to the flesh will from the flesh reap corruption.

He who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Don't be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season if we don't give up.

5.1.3 The Greatest is Servant of all

Matthew 20:20-28

Jesus said whoever desires to be great should be a servant.

If a man wants to be first, he should be the last of all and servant of all.

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many.

Mark 9:33-37

The least among you will be great.

5.1.4 Jesus modeled serving

John 13:1-11

Jesus knew His time to depart had come; having loved His own, He loved them to the end.

Jesus knew God had given all things into His hands and He came from God and returned to God.

Jesus poured water into a basin, washed the disciple's feet and dried them with a towel.

John 13:12-20

The disciples called Him Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for so He was.

If He washed their feet, they ought to wash one another's feet.

Jesus gave the disciples an example that they should do as He had done.

A servant is not greater than his Lord, nor he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

Philippians 2:5-11

Have the same mind in yourself as Jesus, who existed in the form of God but emptied Himself to serve.

Jesus humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

The Father exalted Jesus, giving Him a name above all names.

At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow; those in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

Every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

5.1.5 Overseers and Servants

1 Timothy 3:1-1

An elder (bishop) should have good character and a good reputation.

An overseer (bishop) should have a good testimony among those who are outside.

A servant (deacon) should have good character and a good reputation.

Let servants (deacons) be tested and let them serve if they are blameless.

The wife of a servant (deacon) should have good character and a good reputation.

The servants who serve well gain good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Jesus.

An elder must hold to the faithful word according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in sound doctrine.

Titus 1:1-9

Elders are God's stewards and must be blameless.

1Peter 5:1-4

Elders are to shepherd the flock, exercise oversight and be good examples.

When the Chief Shepherd is revealed, elders will receive the crown of glory that doesn't fade away.

5.1.6 Submit to those who serve

1Corinthians 16:10-12

Paul told the Corinthians to support Timothy as he did the work of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:15-18

The household of Stephanas, the first fruits of Achaia, set themselves to serve the saints.

The household of Stephanas refreshed the spirits of those they served. Acknowledge and submit to people such as the household of Stephanas.

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Titus served the churches, and Paul told the Church to show the proof of their love to him.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Respect and honor those who labor among you for their work's sake.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Young people should be subject to the older ones.

Clothe yourselves with humility and submit to one another.

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Humble yourself under God's hand, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your worries on Him, because He cares for you.

5.1.7 Serve God's people

Acts 20:7-12

In Troas Paul preached late into the night as he would leave for Jerusalem the next day.

A boy fell asleep and fell from a window and died; Paul raised him from the dead.

They brought the boy in alive and Paul continued speaking until the morning.

Colossians 4:7-19

Epaphras always strove with great zeal for the Colossians in prayer.

Epaphras prayed for the churches that they would stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Honor widows who are widows indeed.

1 Timothy 5:1-25

Anyone who doesn't provide for his own household has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Elders who rule well should be counted worthy of double honor, especially if they labor in the word.

If an elder sins, rebuke him in front of all that they may fear.

Do these things without prejudice, doing nothing from partiality.

Lay hands hastily on no one; don't participate in their sins, keep yourself pure.

Chapter 6

Heart

You have **faith** with your heart. You show **forgiveness** from the heart. You **love** from the heart. You hold those in closest **relationship** to you to your heart. From the heart comes **righteousness** and **salvation**.

6.1 Faith

6.1.1 Faith Commanded

Matthew 3:12-19

Jesus said not to fear; we are valuable to the Father.

Hebrews 3:12-19

Don't have an evil heart of unbelief, falling away from the living God. Exhort one another daily lest anyone be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

We are partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence firm to the end.

Hebrews 4:1-13

Fear lest perhaps you come short of a promise to enter His rest.

We who believe enter God's rest.

Those who had the good news preached to them failed because of disobedience.

There remains a sabbath rest for God's people; give diligence to enter that rest.

The word of God is living and active, piercing to the dividing of soul and spirit.

The word of God is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 6:13-20

Having patiently endured, Abraham obtained the promise.

Hebrews 11:1-40

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen.

By faith, the universe was framed by the word of God, so that what is seen is made out of things which are invisible.

A great company of faith came before us as examples.

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

He who comes to God must believe He exists, and is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

By faith, men and women of God subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises.

6.1.2 Lack of faith

Matthew 8:24-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

A storm came up on the sea while Jesus and the disciples were crossing.

The disciples feared for their lives; Jesus called them men of little faith.

Matthew 13:54-58

Jesus was rejected by His own countrymen and could do only a few mighty works there.

Mark 16:12-14; John 20:25-29

Jesus corrected the unbelief of the disciples.

Luke 1:18-22

Zacharias was struck mute until his wife gave birth to John because of his unbelief.

James 1:5-7

Ask for wisdom but do it without doubting; the unbelieving man will receive nothing from the Lord.

If any lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives liberally and without reproach.

Ask in faith, without doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed.

6.1.3 Faith modeled by Jesus

Matthew 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14; 11:20-24

By faith, Jesus cursed a fig tree and it withered away.

When His disciples asked about the fig tree, Jesus said to have faith and do not doubt.

All things you ask in prayer believing, you will receive.

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21

Peter walked on water but became afraid and started to sink; Jesus corrected his lack of faith.

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42

Jesus rebuked the unbelieving generation for their lack of faith.

Jesus told a man to believe; he said he did believe, but asked the Lord to help his unbelief; Jesus helped him.

Casting out demons takes faith, and sometimes prayer and fasting.

6.1.4 Faith displayed by people around Jesus

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

A centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant, and Jesus was willing to come with him.

The centurion told Jesus just to speak and it would happen; Jesus marveled at his faith.

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

A Canaanite woman pursued Jesus in faith for her daughter, pleading with Him.

She refused to become offended when Jesus compared her to a dog; Jesus healed her daughter.

Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Jesus healed and forgave a paralytic, telling him his faith had healed him.

Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

A woman with an issue of blood pushed herself through a crowd and touched Jesus; she was healed.

Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead after He told Jairus to just believe.

John 4:43-54

Jesus told a nobleman from Capernaum his son lived, and he believed Him.

6.2 Forgiveness

6.2.1 Authority to forgive

2 Corinthians 2:1-8; 2:10-11

Forgive and comfort the punished person, and confirm your love for him.

Paul had the authority to forgive and did so that the devil couldn't gain advantage over the Church.

6.2.2 We are commanded to forgive others

Matthew 18:21-35; Mark 11:25-26

*Jesus told His disciples to forgive 7*70 times, not just 7 times.*

In the parable of debt, the king forgave inordinate debt of a servant.

The servant refused to forgive a fellow servant who owed him a pittance.

Fellow servants were grieved and told their Lord about it.

The Lord had the evil servant sold, he and his family, until he paid back every cent.

In the same way, the Father will not forgive us if we do not forgive others.

Luke 17:1-10

It is not possible that no occasion of stumbling will come.

Woe to him through whom occasion of stumbling comes.

If your brother sins against you, rebuke him.

If your brother repents, forgive him, even if he does this 7 times.

At this, the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith.

All we need to obey the Lord is mustard seed faith.

When you have done what is commanded, consider yourself an unworthy servant.

Luke 7:36-50

A sinful woman came and wept over the feet of Jesus, washing them with tears and drying them with her hair.

She kissed His feet and anointed them with oil.

To whom much is forgiven, the same love much; to whom little is forgiven, the same love little.

Jesus forgave the sinful woman, saying her sins were forgiven and her faith had saved her.

6.3 Love

6.3.1 Love Commanded

John 13:31-35; John 15:12-13

The Father glorified Jesus, and was glorified in Jesus.

Jesus gave a new commandment, that we should love one another.

Just as we love Jesus, we should love one another.

Everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus if we love one another.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friend.

Galatians 5:13-15

We are called to freedom, but we should not use it as gain for the flesh, but through love, serve one another.

The whole law is fulfilled in loving our neighbor.

If we bite and devour one another, we might consume each other.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitate God, as beloved children; walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us.

Philippians 2:1-4

We are called to exhort in Christ, console in love, fellowship in the Spirit, and have tender mercies and compassion.

We are called to be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord and one mind.

Do nothing in rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourself.

Don't just look to your own things, but also to the things of others.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

We are taught by God to love one another, and we should abound more and more in it.

1 John 2:7-11

If you hate your brother, you are in darkness; if you love others, you walk in the light.

He who loves his brother is in the light and has no occasion for stumbling in him.

He who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness.

1 John 4:7-21

Love one another, for everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God loved us and sent His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

If God loved us in this way, we ought also to love one another.

If we love one another God remains in us and His love is perfected in us.

We know we remain in Him and He in us because He has given His Spirit.

God is love; he who remains in love remains in God and God remains in Him.

As Jesus is, so are we in the world; there is no fear in love, perfect love casts out fear.

Fear has punishment; he who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love Him because He first loved us.

If you claim to love God but don't love your brother, you lie.

He who doesn't love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he hasn't seen.

2 John 1:4-6

Follow the command which we had from the beginning that we love one another.

This is love, that we walk according to the commandments of Jesus.

6.3.2 Love for Jesus

John 20:11-18

Mary showed her love for Jesus when she went to the tomb to prepare His body for burial.

Mary found the body of Jesus gone, and she stood outside the tomb weeping.

She told the disciples she saw the Lord and He had spoken to her.

1 Corinthians 16:19-24

Paul said that anyone who didn't love Jesus, let him be cursed. Come, Lord.

6.3.3 What it means to love

Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36

Love your enemy, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you.

Be children of your Father in heaven, who does good to all.

Even tax collectors and sinners love those who love them.

The Father is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Be perfect and merciful as your Father in Heaven is perfect and merciful.

If someone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other.

As you would like people to do to you, do so to them.

Lend expecting nothing back, and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High.

Luke 10:25-37

Love the Lord with all your heart and love others as yourself, and you will live.

The Samaritan helped the Jew who was attacked by robbers; go and do likewise.

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

If anyone thinks he knows anything, he doesn't yet know as he ought to know.

If anyone knows God, he is also known by Him.

1 Corinthians 1:8-13

There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and one Lord, Jesus, through whom are all things.

Some eat and their conscience being weak is defiled; food does not commend us to God.

Do not allow this liberty of yours to become a stumbling block for the weak.

If through your knowledge a weak person perishes, you are sinning against your brother.

If you sin against your brother, you sin against Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Spiritual gifts without love are useless.

Love is patient, kind, doesn't envy or brag, is not proud, doesn't seek its own, is not provoked.

Love bears all, believes all, hopes all and endures all.

Love never fails.

Prophecy, tongues and knowledge will be done away with.

We know and prophecy in part, but when the complete has come, the partial will be done away.

Now we know in part, but then we will know fully as we are fully known.

Faith, hope and love remain, but the greatest of these is love.

1 John 3:11-20

This message we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Cain was evil and killed his brother because his deeds were evil and his brother's were righteous.

We have passed out of death and into life because we love the brothers.

He who doesn't love His brother remains in death.

He who hates his brother is a murderer, and no murderer has eternal life.

We know love because Jesus laid down His life for us.

We ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

Love not in word or tongue only, but in deed and truth.

We know that we are of the truth and persuade our hearts before Him.

If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

3 John 1:1-14

You will prosper and be healthy even as your soul prospers.

Don't imitate what is evil, but what is good; he who does good is of God.

6.4 Relationship

6.4.1 Relationships are important

Matthew 5:38-42

The Law says an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Do not resist evil; give to him who asks, and don't turn away him who wants to borrow from you.

Luke 12:49-59

The coming of Jesus caused divisions in households.

If you owe your adversary anything, get it resolved before you stand before the judge and end up in prison.

John 19:25-27

On the cross, Jesus told John that Mary was his mother, and John was her son.

1Timothy 1:3-5

Paul longed to see Timothy and was reminded of his sincere faith.

6.4.2 Oikos (household) relationships

Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-12

The Law said whoever put away his wife should give her a writing of divorce.

Whoever divorces his wife except for fornication makes her an adulteress.

Whoever marries a woman who is put away commits adultery.

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

It is good for a man not to touch a woman (this was Paul's opinion).

Because of fornication, let each man have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.

Married people should give to each other the affection (sexual attention) due.

The wife has authority over the husband's body, and the husband over the wife's body.

Husbands and wives should not deprive each other (sexually) except for short periods for prayer and fasting.

Spouses should come back together so Satan doesn't tempt them for their lack of self-control.

If people don't have self-control, let them marry; it is better to marry than to burn.

The married should not leave their spouses; if they do, they should remain unmarried.

If an unbeliever wants to stay in a marriage, do not make them leave (Paul's opinion).

If an unbeliever wants to leave a marriage, do not stop them.

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

The unmarried should remain that way (Paul's opinion).

A person is bound to their spouse as long as they live.

Single disciples can marry whomever they desire, only in the Lord.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

We are the temple of the living God; He is our God, and we are His people.

We should come out from among them, touch no unclean thing, and God will receive us.

God will be to us a Father, and we will be sons and daughters.

Ephesians 5:22-33

The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church.

Wife, submit to your husband as the Church submits to Jesus.

Husband, love your wife as Christ loves the Church, and don't be bitter towards her.

Husband, love your wife, and wife, respect your husband.

Jesus gave Himself for the Church, to sanctify and cleanse it by the word, holy, without spot, wrinkle, or defect.

Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents and honor them.

Fathers, don't provoke your children, but nurture them, so they won't be discouraged.

Servants (employees), obey your masters (employers) as Christ.

Servants (employees), don't just work hard when someone is watching, but with singleness of heart as unto the Lord.

Colossians 3:18-25

Work heartily as for the Lord and not for men; from Him you will receive the reward.

Masters (employers), don't threaten your servants (employees).

Masters (employers), give up threatening; He is Lord of both of you, and He has no partiality.

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Women adorn yourselves with modesty, propriety, and good works appropriate to godliness.

Women should learn in quietness and full submission.

Paul did not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man.

Women will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love and sanctification, with sobriety.

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Those with believing masters (bosses) should not despise them, but rather serve them, because they are believing and beloved.

1 Peter 3:1-7

A woman's beauty should be the hidden beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, precious to God.

Husbands give honor to wives as the weaker vessel and joint heirs of grace.

Husband, your prayers will be hindered if you don't honor your wife.

6.4.3 Relationship with the Church

Romans 16:1-16

Paul commended people who served the Church.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Paul corrected the Corinthians for having divisions.

Jesus took bread, broke it, and said it was His body which was broken for us.

Jesus took the cup and said it was the new covenant in His blood.

When you eat or drink, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Whoever eats or drinks in a way unworthy is guilty of the body and blood of Jesus.

Each man should examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

When you come together as a Church, wait for one another.

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*Live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Be perfected, comforted, and of the same mind.*

1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

*Let your brothers and sisters be your glory, hope and joy before the
Lord at His coming.*

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

*Pray that the Church will stand fast in the Lord.
Pray the Lord to make the Church increase and abound in love toward
one another.
Pray the Lord to establish the Church blameless in holiness before
the Father.*

James 5:12-20

*If you are sick, call the elders to pray and anoint you with oil in the
name of the Lord.
Confess your offenses to one another and pray for one another that
you may be healed.
The prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise
him up.
He who turns a sinner will save a soul from death and cover a mul-
titude of sin.*

6.5 Righteousness

6.5.1 Righteousness by faith

Romans 4:1-25

*Abraham was not justified by his works.
Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
The promise that Abraham's offspring should be heirs was not through
law but the righteousness of faith.
If those of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise of
no effect.
The Law produces wrath; where there is no law, there is no disobe-
dience.*

It's of faith that it may be by grace that the promise may be sure to all the offspring.

God gives life to the dead and calls the things which are not as though they were.

Without hope, Abraham in hope believed, that he might be the father of many nations.

Looking to the promises of God, he didn't waver through unbelief.

Abraham was fully assured that what God had promised He was able to perform.

Jesus was delivered for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 10:1-4

The Gentiles who did not follow after it attained the righteousness of faith.

The Jews sought to establish their own righteousness and did not submit to God's.

Christ is the fulfillment of the law to everyone who believes.

Galatians 2:11-21

A man is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus.

We believe in Christ that we might be justified by faith in Christ.

No flesh will be justified by the works of the Law.

Through the law we die to the law that we might live to God.

We are crucified with Christ, and it is no longer we who live, but Christ lives in us.

The life we live in the flesh, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loves us and gave Himself up for us.

Don't reject God's grace; if righteousness is from the Law, Christ died for nothing.

Philippians 3:1-6

We are the circumcision who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.

6.5.2 Importance of Church discipline

Matthew 18:15-20

*If your brother sins, confront him alone; if he listens and repents,
you gain him back.*

If he doesn't listen to you, take two or more with you.

If he doesn't listen to two or more, tell it to the Church.

If he doesn't listen to the Church, treat him as an unbeliever.

*What you bind on earth is bound in heaven; what you loose on earth
is loosed in heaven.*

*If two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be
done by My Father.*

*Where two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus, there
He is in your midst.*

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

*If there is sin which separates from God, mourn that who did it might
be removed from you.*

*Deliver the sinner to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the
spirit might be saved in the day of Jesus.*

*Have no company with sinners claiming Christianity who practice
evil.*

We do not judge unbelievers, but those in the Church.

Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

6.5.3 Righteousness demonstrated

Matthew 2:1-2; 2:9-11

*When Jesus was born, wise men from the east sought Him so they
could worship Him.*

Luke 2:21-24

Joseph and Mary followed the Law in presenting Jesus to God.

John 19:38-42

*Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus buried Jesus in an unused
tomb.*

6.5.4 None are righteous

Romans 2:1-16

If you judge another but practice the same things, you will not escape the judgment of God.

The goodness (kindness) of God leads you to repentance.

By your hardness and unrepentant heart, you treasure up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath.

There is no partiality with God; the doers of the Law will be justified, not just hearers.

God will judge the secrets of men according to the gospel.

Romans 3:1-31

Both Jews and Greeks are under sin.

There is none righteous, none who does good.

By the works of the Law, no flesh will be justified in His sight.

Through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Apart from the Law, a righteousness through faith in Jesus on all who believe has been revealed.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Jesus.

God sent Jesus as an atoning sacrifice through faith in His blood.

God is just and the justifier of him who has faith in Jesus.

Men are justified by faith apart from works of the law; through faith, we establish the law.

Paul said to imitate him and take note of those who walk that way; we have he and his team as an example.

Philippians 3:17-21

Many walk as enemies of the cross of Jesus, whose end is destruction.

The god of many is their belly, and they think only about worldly things.

Jesus will change our bodies to be conformed to His body.

6.5.5 Personal righteousness

Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them.

Unless your personal righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21-26

The ancients said not to murder, and whoever murders is in danger of judgment.

If you are angry with your brother without a cause, you have committed murder in your heart.

Whoever calls his brother a fool will be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27-30

The ancients would say not to commit adultery.

Everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her commits adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye or your right hand causes you to stumble, get rid of them.

It is better that one of your members perish than that your whole body be cast into Gehenna.

Mark 7:14-23

Nothing from outside defiles a man, but what proceeds from inside him defiles a man.

Out of the heart proceeds wickedness that defiles a man and separates him from God.

Acts 15:1-35

Jews started teaching that people should be circumcised or they could not be saved.

Paul and Barnabas stood against these false teachers.

God testified of the Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit like He did the Jerusalem Church.

God made no distinction, cleansing the hearts of Gentiles.

The Jews are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus as the Gentiles are.

6.5.6 Self righteous

Luke 8:9-17

People who are convinced of their own righteousness and despise all others will not be forgiven.

A tax collector who cried out for mercy was forgiven, not a Pharisee who thought himself righteous.

He who exalts himself will be humbled; he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Those who don't receive the kingdom as little children will not enter into it.

Romans 2:25-29

The circumcision of the heart, in the spirit and not the letter, is valuable.

6.5.7 Unrighteous

Matthew 7:15-20

Herod the Great was evil, killing the children of Bethlehem to try to kill Jesus.

Matthew 14:1-13; Luke 3:18-20; 9:7-10; Acts 12:1-4

Herod the Tetrarch was evil, killing John the Baptist.

Matthew 12:1-30

The Pharisees were evil, opposing Jesus because He did not submit to their legalism.

Matthew 13:24-30

Evil people will be sowed into the assembly of God's people by the devil.

Matthew 16:1-4; Mark 3:28-30; 12:1-11; 12:38-40; Luke 11:14-26; 11:37-54

The Jewish leaders opposed Jesus because He threatened their power.

The Jewish leaders were outwardly righteous but corrupt and evil inside.

The Jewish leaders met at night unlawfully to accuse Jesus falsely.

The Jewish leaders manipulated Pilate and the multitude and bribed people to kill Jesus.

Mark 14:10-11; 14:18-21; 14:43-50

Judas was evil because he betrayed Jesus and didn't repent.

Acts 5:1-11

Ananias and Sapphira were evil because they lied to the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

The unrighteous who live in sins leading to death will not inherit God's Kingdom.

Fornicators, idolators, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, slanderers, and extortioners will not inherit God's Kingdom.

Do not be deceived about the unrighteous not inheriting God's Kingdom.

Such were some of you, but you were washed, sanctified and justified.

Flee fornication - our body is the temple of the Lord and fornication defiles that temple.

We are not our own; we were bought with a price.

We should glorify God in our body and in our spirit.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

Use the Law correctly; it is not for the good, but for the unrighteous.

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Godliness with contentment is great gain.

We brought nothing into the world and will take nothing out of it.

If we have food and clothing, we should be content.

Those who pursue wealth fall into temptation and harmful lusts which bring ruin and destruction.

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

2 Timothy 3:1-9

In the last days, men will be lovers of themselves and lovers of money.

Men will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

Men will hold a form of godliness but deny its power; turn away from these.

These will oppose the truth, men corrupted of mind and rejected concerning the faith.

Titus 1:10-16

There are unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, whose mouths must be stopped.

One of their prophets said Cretans are liars, evil beasts and idle gluttons; this is true.

Reprove them sharply that they will be sound in faith, not paying attention to fables and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

To the pure, all things are pure; to the defiled, nothing is pure. Some profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him. Some are abominable, disobedient and unfit for any good work.

1 Peter 2:1-22

Many will follow the immoral ways of false prophets; so the truth will be maligned.

Their destruction will not slumber.

The Lord will punish the unrighteous in the day of judgment.

Those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement and despise authority are unrighteous.

They revel in daytime in their deceit while they feast with you and can't cease from sin.

It would be better for them to not have known the way of righteousness and turn back.

6.6 Salvation

6.6.1 Salvation is by grace through faith

Romans 1:5-7

Paul received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among the nations.

Romans 11:1-36

There are a remnant of Jews according to grace, and hence no longer of works.

What the Jews sought they did not obtain, except the chosen ones; the rest were hardened.

God was severe toward those who fell, but toward the chosen He was good.

The gifts and callings of God are irrevocable; He will save Israel.

God bound all to disobedience so He might have mercy on all.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

We are sanctified in Jesus, called to be saints with all who call on the name of Jesus.

The grace of God was given to us in Jesus.

In everything we are enriched in Jesus, that we come behind in no spiritual gift.

God is faithful, and through Him we are called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus.

Ephesians 1:1-14

The Father has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Jesus.

The Father chose us to be holy and without defect before Him in love.

The Father adopted us as children through Jesus, by the good pleasure of His desire.

By the glory of the Father's grace, He freely gave us favor in the beloved.

We have our redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, by the Father's grace.

The Father made His grace abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

In Jesus we were assigned an inheritance.

In Him we believed and were sealed with the promised Spirit, who is the pledge of our inheritance.

Ephesians 2:1-22

We were made alive when we were dead in transgressions and sins.

Satan is the spirit who works in the children of disobedience, the children of wrath.

But God, rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ; by grace we have been saved.

God made us to sit with Him in heavenly places so by grace He could show His kindness toward us.

By grace we have been saved through faith, not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.

We were separate from Christ, but now He has made us near in the blood of Jesus.

Jesus came and preached peace; through Him we have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

We are the household of God, built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus being the cornerstone.

We are fitted together, growing into a holy temple in the Lord, a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Titus 2:11-15

The grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.

Jesus gave Himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people for His possession, zealous for good works.

Hebrews 12:14-29

Follow after peace and sanctification, without which no man will see the Lord.

Let's have grace, through which we serve God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Jesus died and rose again; in the same way, we will be caught up in the air to be with the Lord forever.

Colossians 1:3-8

We have heard and know the grace of God in truth.

Colossians 2:1-7

God wants us knit together in love, gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding.

All treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in the Father and Jesus.

As we received the Lord Jesus, we should walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, established in faith, even as we were taught.

Colossians 2:16-23

Let no one judge you in eating, drinking, or with respect to a holiday.

Hold firmly to the Head, from whom all the body being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth.

We died with Christ from the elements of the world; do not subject yourself to ordinances about things which perish with use.

These appear wise in self-imposed worship, humility and severity to the body, but have no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since you have such a High Priest, Jesus, hold tightly to your confession.

Draw near with boldness to the throne of grace and receive mercy and find grace for help in time of need.

1 John 2:18-29

We have an anointing from the Holy One, and we have all knowledge. Jesus promised us eternal life.

Remain in Him so when He appears, we may have boldness and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

6.6.2 Salvation comes from Jesus

Luke 2:8-14

Jesus was born in the City of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Acts 4:1-14

There is salvation in no other name under heaven than Jesus, whereby we might be saved.

The apostles were bold and healed a man; the Jewish leaders recognized they had been with Jesus.

Romans 5:1-21

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus, through whom we also have our access by faith into grace in which we stand.

Suffering produces perseverance, which produces proven character, which produces hope.

Hope doesn't disappoint, because God's love is poured in our hearts by the Spirit.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

God commends His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Being justified by His blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through Him.

If while enemies we were reconciled, much more will we be saved by His life.

Those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through Jesus.

Romans 10:5-13

If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

With the heart one believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation.

Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 15:8-13

Christ was made a servant of the Jews to confirm the promises given to the fathers.

The God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace in believing by the power of the Holy Spirit.

6.6.3 Jesus saves from sin

Romans 6:1-23

We died to sin, being baptized into the death of Jesus and raised in newness of life; we should live in sin no longer.

If we are united with Him in the likeness of His death, we will be part of His resurrection.

Our old man was crucified with Him that the body of sin might be done away with, that we would no longer be in bondage to sin.

He who has died has been freed from sin; if we died with Christ, we will live with Him, as He dies no more.

The death Jesus died, He died to sin one time, but the life He lives, He lives to God.

Consider yourself to be dead to sin but alive to God in Jesus.

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies nor present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness.

Sin will not have dominion over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

Being made free from sin and having become servants of God, you have your fruit of sanctification and the result of eternal life.

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:1-25

We were made dead to the law so we could be joined to Christ, who was raised from the dead.

The Father joined us to Christ so we could produce fruit to God.

In the flesh, sinful passions through the law worked in our members to produce death.

Now we serve in newness of the spirit, not oldness of the letter.

The law is holy and spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin.

I don't do what I desire to do, but what I hate I do.

In my flesh dwells no good thing.

The law of my members wars against the law in my mind and brings me into captivity to sin.

Thank God, Jesus Christ our Lord will deliver me from this body of death.

Romans 8:1-39

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death.

He condemned sin in the flesh, that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

The mind of the flesh is death, being hostile to God; the mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God; if the Spirit dwells in you, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit.

If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit.

As many who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; the Spirit testifies that we are children of God and heirs.

The Spirit helps our weaknesses, for we don't know how to pray; He Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which can't be uttered.

All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ.

Galatians 1:1-5

Jesus gave Himself for our sin, that He might deliver us out of this present evil age.

Ephesians 4:17-32

We should no longer walk as the rest of the world walks; we didn't learn Christ that way.

They become callous and give themselves up to lust to work all uncleanness with greediness.

We should put away our former manner of life, be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and put on the new man, created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Don't grieve the Holy Spirit, but put off bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, slander, and malice.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 1:21-23

In times past we were alienated and enemies in our minds in evil deeds.

He reconciled us in the body of His flesh through death, to present us holy, without defect, and blameless before Him.

We need to continue in faith, grounded and steadfast, not moved away from the hope of the gospel.

Colossians 2:11-15

In Jesus we were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of sins of the flesh.

We were dead through trespasses; He made us alive with Him having forgiven our trespasses.

He nailed the handwriting of ordinances against us to the cross.

He stripped principalities and powers, making a show of them openly, triumphing over them.

Colossians 3:5-17

Put to death your members: fornication, uncleanness, depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Because of evil behavior, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.

Put off the old man and put on the new, who is renewed in the image of Jesus.

Above all virtues, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself sanctify you completely.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be completely blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Titus 3:3-8

We once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures.

He saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured on us richly.

1 Peter 1:1-25

The Father caused us to be born again to a living hope.

Prepare your minds for action; be sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus.

As children of obedience, just as He who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your behavior.

You were redeemed, not with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Jesus.

We were born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God.

1 John 5:1-21

Do not sin; if anyone sins we have a Counselor with the Father, Jesus the righteous.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world.

Anyone who claims to be in Him ought to walk as He walked.

This is how we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

God's love has been perfected in whoever keeps His word.

Whoever is born of God overcomes the world; this victory is our faith.

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son; he who has the Son has life.

If we ask anything according to His will, He listens to us, and we know we have what we asked of Him.

Whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but keeps himself and the evil one doesn't touch him.

1 John 3:1-10

When He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.

Everyone who hopes to see Jesus purifies himself even as He is pure.

He was revealed to take away our sins, and no sin is in Him; whoever remains in Him doesn't sin.

Whoever sins hasn't seen Him and doesn't know Him.

He who does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

For this the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because His seed remains in him.

Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who doesn't love his brother.

Chapter 7

Hand

Hands allow you to work so you can have **gifts** to give.

7.1 Gifts

7.1.1 Give Generously

Matthew 6:1-4

Do not do your charitable giving before men, to be seen by them.

When you do merciful deeds, don't sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do; do them in secret.

Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

A poor widow gave more than all others, because she gave out of her lack all she had.

Luke 6:37-38

Don't judge and you won't be judged; don't condemn and you won't be condemned.

Set free and you will be set free; give and it will be given to you, the same measure measured back to you.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

On the first day of the week, each one save for giving as he may prosper.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Abound in giving as you abound in everything.

*Know the grace of Jesus, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes
He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

*He who supplies seed for the sower and bread will supply your seed
for sowing.*

You will be enriched in everything to all generosity.

Philippians 4:10-20

*We need to learn to be content in whatever state we are in, to be
filled and hungry, to abound and be in need.*

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

*God will supply every need according to His riches in glory in Christ
Jesus.*

1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Charge the rich to not be arrogant nor have their hopes in riches,
but on the living God who provides them everything.*

*The rich should do good, be rich in good works, be ready to distribute,
willing to share.*

7.1.2 Spiritual Gifts

Romans 1:8-15

*Paul longed to see the Romans to impart to them a spiritual gift,
that they would be established.*

Romans 12:3-13

*Don't think more highly of yourself than you ought; think reasonably
as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.*

*As we have many members in our bodies, and each member has a
different function, so is the body of Christ.*

Each has gifts, differing according to the grace given to us.

Love without hypocrisy, abhor the evil, love the good.

*In love, be tenderly affectionate to one another; in honor, prefer one
another.*

Acts 2:1-12

On Pentecost, they were filled with the Spirit and spoke with tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are various kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are various workings, but the same God who works all in all.

To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the profit of all.

One Spirit produces all the gifts, distributing to each one separately as He desires.

All the members of the body, being many, are one body.

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, and given to drink one Spirit.

All members of the body are important.

God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

You are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Earnestly desire the best gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Follow after love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially prophesy.

He who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, exhortation and consolation.

Since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to abound in building up the Church.

Let all things be done to build each other up.

Let two or three prophets speak, and others discern.

You can prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be exhorted.

The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

God is not the God of confusion, but the God of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Walk worthy of the call with which you were called, with all lowliness, humility, patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

To each of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Gifts are given for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ.

Gifts should be used until we all attain to the unity of the faith, to the knowledge of Jesus, to a full grown man, to the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Speaking the truth in love, we should grow up in all things into Him who is the Head.

The body is fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, by the working of each part.

Christ makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love.

1 Timothy 1:6-12

Stir up the gift of God which is in you.

God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control.

1 Peter 4:7-11

Be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer.

Be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.

As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of God's grace in its various forms.

Chapter 8

Stomach

The stomach is part of a man's core, the seat of his **strength**.

8.1 Strength

8.1.1 Courage

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Watch and stand firm in the faith.

Be courageous and be strong.

Matthew 17:7-8

Let everything you do be done in love.

Stand up and do not be afraid.

8.1.2 God's will

Ephesians 3:14-21

God wants us strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner person.

God wants Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith.

God wants us rooted and grounded in love, and strengthened to comprehend His love.

The Father wants us filled with all the fullness of God.

God is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think according to His power that works in us.

2 Timothy 2:1-7

God wants us strengthened in the grace that is in Jesus.

God wants us to commit the things we have heard to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

God wants us to endure hardship as a good soldier, not entangling ourselves with the affairs of this life.

God wants us to compete as an athlete; we are not crowned unless we compete by the rules.

God wants us to get the first share of the crop as a farmer who labors.

8.1.3 Hold fast

1 Timothy 1:18-20

Paul gave Timothy instructions according to prophecies given to him so by them he might wage a good warfare.

Paul told Timothy to wage a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Flee evil (arguments, strife, the love of money) and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of faith, take hold of eternal life to which you were called.

Keep the command without spot, blameless until His appearing.

1 Timothy 6:20-21

Guard what is committed to you, turning away from vain arguments.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we die with Him, we will live with Him; if we endure, we will reign with Him.

If we deny Him, He will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Do not be quickly shaken in your minds, or troubled; do not let anyone deceive you.

The lawless one will do works of Satan, signs and lying wonders with deception of wickedness for those being lost.

God wants us to love the truth so by it we may be saved.

Those will be judged who don't believe the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness.

8.1.4 Jesus modeled strength

Matthew 21:12-14; Mark 11:15-19; John 2:12-25

Jesus made a whip of cords and threw out of the temple the changers of money and those who sold oxen, sheep and doves.

He did this because they made God's house a den of thieves instead of a house of prayer.

The chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill Him.

The Jews feared Him, because the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

The blind and lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

8.1.5 Stand

Ephesians 6:10-17

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the devil.

Our war is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, world rulers of darkness, and spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places.

Having done all, stand.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, self-controlled and watchful.

Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Withstand the devil, steadfast in your faith.

Chapter 9

Loins

Biblically, a **parent** has fruit from his or her loins.

9.1 Parent

9.1.1 Parents model Christianity

Philippians 3:17

Be imitators of godly men and note those who walk as they do.

Paul admonished the Churches as his beloved children, and he and his team provided a good example.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-16

Be willing to impart to those you serve not just the word, but your own soul as they become dear to you.

Behave yourself as holy, righteous and blameless toward other believers.

Exhort, comfort and implore everyone, as a father, so they can walk worthy of God, who calls them into His Kingdom.

Accept the Scripture not as the word of men, but the word of God, which works in the lives of believers.

Be imitators of godly men and women who provide a good example.

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Paul became father of the Corinthians through the gospel; he begged them to imitate him.

God's kingdom is not in word only, but in power.

Do you want a spiritual authority to come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

Philippians 2:19-24

*Timothy served Paul like a child serves a father in the furtherance
of the gospel.*

Chapter 10

Legs

Legs are how **disciples** fulfill the Great Commission as they go.

10.1 Disciples

10.1.1 Disciples are blessed

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luke 1:23-25

The Lord took away Elizabeth's reproach before men by helping her conceive.

10.1.2 Disciples are called

Luke 1:5-17

Zacharias and Elizabeth were both righteous before God, called to be the parents of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist was called of God to go before Jesus.

Luke 1:5-17

Mary, a virgin pledged to Joseph, was called to be the mother of Jesus.

Behold, the servant of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word.

Luke 1:39-56

Elizabeth called Mary the mother of her Lord.

Luke 1:57-80

Elizabeth tried to call her son John, but family wouldn't have it. Zacharias wrote that his name was John, and his mouth was opened and he prophesied.

Luke 2:25-35; 2:36-38

Simeon and Anna prophesied over Jesus when Joseph and Mary brought Him to the temple.

Jesus was the salvation of Israel who would redeem His people.

John 21:15-22

Peter was called of the Lord to feed His sheep, and Jesus wanted to focus him on that work.

Jesus told Peter to follow Him.

Luke 6:12-16

Jesus prayed all night before He called His disciples.

Acts 1:12-26

While the apostles were waiting to be filled with the Spirit, they drew lots for a replacement for Judas Iscariot.

Romans 9:1-33

Isaac was called, Ishmael was not; Jacob was called, Esau was not.

God has mercy on whom He will have mercy, and compassion on whom He will have compassion.

God calls whom He wills; it is not of him who wills, or of him who runs, but of God who has mercy.

Jews following a law of righteousness didn't arrive at it; they stumbled over the stumbling stone.

10.1.3 Disciples are taught of the Lord

Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus taught His disciples about personal righteousness in the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 16:5-12; Mark 8:14-21; Luke 12:1-7

Jesus warned the disciples about the yeast (doctrine) of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

Mark 9:9-13

Jesus told His disciples that John the Baptist was Elijah who was to come.

Mark 9:30-32; 10:32-34; Luke 9:43-45

Jesus told His disciples of his coming crucifixion in Jerusalem.

Mark 13:24-37; 13:28-31

Jesus taught His disciples what to look for when He returned.

Luke 5:38-39

New wine (life in the Spirit) must be put in new wine skins.

Luke 17:20-37

Jesus taught the disciples that God's kingdom was within them.

He had to suffer and be rejected by that generation.

Whoever seeks to save his life loses it, whoever loses it preserves it.

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus taught the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Their hearts burned within them as He taught them.

John 6:22-66

The crowd sought out Jesus, but not to be with Him, but for His provision.

Jesus taught the multitudes to work for the food which remains to eternal life.

Jesus taught that He was the bread of life, that His body was food indeed and His blood drink indeed.

Jesus came from heaven to do the Father's will, that all He sent Jesus should not perish but have eternal life, and He would raise them up.

Jesus is the living bread who came down from heaven; if anyone eats it he would live forever.

Anyone who eats the flesh of Jesus and drinks His blood lives in Him, and He in them.

As Jesus lives because of the Father, so we live because of Jesus.

The Spirit gives life, the flesh profits nothing; the words of Jesus are spirit and life.

John 17:14

Jesus gave the disciples the Father's words, and the world hated them.

10.1.4 Disciples are tested

Matthew 4:2-10; Luke 4:3-13

Jesus was tempted by the devil (diablo, Gk for accuser) and he fought it off with the word.

Mark 13:1-23; Luke 21:5-33

Many would come in His name saying they were Him, and would lead many astray.

Wars and rumors of wars should not trouble us, because these things must happen.

The gospel will be preached to all nations.

When delivered up, don't be anxious or premeditate what to say; the Spirit will speak through you.

Disciples will be hated by all men for His sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved.

Watch; Jesus told us of these things beforehand.

Mark 14:26-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38

The disciples were all scattered, like sheep, and stumbled because of Him.

Satan asked Jesus for the disciples that he might sift them as wheat.

Jesus told Peter to establish his brothers after he turned (repented).

Peter said he would die before he denied Him; all the disciples said the same.

Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18; 18:25-27

Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times while Jesus was in the courtyard of the High Priest.

Luke 7:18-23

Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in Jesus.

10.1.5 Disciples bear fruit

Matthew 13:1-23; Luke 8:4-15

In the parable of the farmer and the seed, the seed is the word of God.

Not understanding (not doing) the word will make you unproductive.

If you are shallow in the word, you will stumble when persecution or oppression comes.

The cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches choke the word and make you unproductive.

If you come to Jesus, hear the word and do not do it, you are foolish.

If you come to Jesus, hear the word and do it, you have good soil and produce fruit, thirty, sixty or a hundred fold.

Luke 19:11-27

Parable of the minas; the Master gave his servants resources (gifts) and told them to conduct business until he came.

Those servants who bore fruit were blessed by the Master and given more responsibility.

To everyone who has, more will be given; to those who don't have, even what they have will be taken away.

Jesus is the true vine; every branch in Him which doesn't bear fruit, the Father takes away.

John 15:1-11

Every branch that bears fruit the Father prunes so it can bear more fruit.

The disciples were pruned because of the word Jesus spoke to them.

Remain in Jesus and He in you, so you will bear much fruit.

Whoever doesn't remain in Jesus is thrown out, withered and thrown into the fire.

If we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we will ask what we desire, and it will be done for us.

The Father is glorified if we bear much fruit; thus we will be His disciples.

As the Father loves Jesus, Jesus loves us; we should remain in His love.

If we keep His commandments, we remain in His love.

John 15:14-27

Disciples are friends of Jesus if they do what He said.

Jesus made known to His disciples everything He heard from the Father.

He chose the disciples, that they should go and bear fruit, and that their fruit should remain.

Whatever disciples ask of the Father in the name of Jesus, He will give it to them.

The Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent will testify about Him, and disciples will testify about Him.

10.1.6 Disciples confess Him before men

Matthew 10:32-42

Whoever confesses Jesus before men, He will confess before the Father in heaven.

Whoever denies Jesus before men, He will deny before the Father in heaven.

He who loves his family more than he loves Jesus isn't worthy of Jesus.

He who doesn't take his cross and follow Him isn't worthy of Him.

He who seeks his life will lose it, he who loses his life for Jesus will find it.

Whoever receives a disciple, receives Jesus; whoever receives Jesus, receives the Father who sent Him.

Luke 12:8-9

Everyone who confesses Jesus before men, He will confess before the angels of God.

10.1.7 Disciples Face Persecution

Matthew 10:16-28

Jesus sent His disciples out as sheep among wolves.

Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Beware of men; they will deliver you up to be scourged.

When persecuted, don't be anxious about what to say; it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit.

You will be hated by all men for the sake of Jesus.

A disciple should be like his Teacher and Lord.

If they called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more you of His household.

Mark 15:21

The Romans compelled Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear the cross of Jesus.

Luke 6:1-5

The Pharisees persecuted Jesus because He didn't "uphold" the Sabbath per their traditions.

Luke 6:24-26

Woe when men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

John 16:1-6

Those who persecute disciples do so because they do not know the Father or Jesus.

John 16:16-33

On the day the disciples saw Jesus again, they should ask of the Father in His name, and He would give to them.

Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

The disciples would be scattered, everyone to their own place, and leave Jesus alone.

In the world you will have trouble, but Jesus overcame the world.

Acts 12:5-17

Herod put Peter in prison, but the Churches prayed, and an angel set him free.

Acts 13:43-52

Paul preached in a synagogue in Pisidian Antioch and many followed Paul and Barnabas.

The Jews there were jealous of Paul and Barnabas and persecuted them.

As many as were appointed to eternal life believed, and the Lord's word was spread through that region.

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Acts 14:19-20

In Lystra a multitude stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him dead.

Acts 19:23-41

In Ephesus, a silversmith who made idols stirred up persecution against Paul because Paul was so successful.

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

The Father comforts us in our afflictions so we can comfort others; as suffering abounds, so comfort abounds.

Paul and his team had a sentence of death in them, that they should not trust in themselves, but in God who raised the dead.

2 Timothy 4:9-15

Alexander the coppersmith did much evil to Paul, greatly opposing them; the Lord would repay him according to his deeds.

2 Timothy 4:16-22

No one but the Lord stood beside Paul at his first defense; the Lord strengthened him.

Paul was delivered out of the mouth of the lion; the Lord delivered him from every evil work.

10.1.8 Disciples fast

Matthew 6:16-18

Jesus told His disciples that when they fast, don't be like hypocrites and have sad faces.

Don't fast to be seen of men, but to be seen of the Father, who will reward you in secret.

Matthew 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-35

Jesus said His disciples couldn't fast while He was with them, but they would fast when He was taken away from them.

10.1.9 Disciples find rest in Jesus

Matthew 11:28-30

*Jesus said come to Him, all who labored and were heavily burdened,
and He would give them rest.*

*Jesus is gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls.*

His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

Mark 6:30-32

Jesus took the disciples to a deserted place to rest.

10.1.10 Disciples follow Jesus

Matthew 8:19-23; Luke 9:57-62; Luke 9:61-62

Jesus corrected those who weren't sincere about following Him.

*No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for God's
Kingdom.*

When he got into a boat, the disciples of Jesus followed Him.

Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30

*Jesus told a youth to sell everything and give to the poor and he
would have treasure in heaven, then follow Him.*

Jesus said a rich man would only enter into heaven with difficulty.

The disciples left all to follow Him.

*Those who left houses, family and lands for His sake would receive
a hundred times and inherit eternal life.*

Many will be last who are now first, and first who are now last.

Luke 10:38-42

Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and heard His word.

*Martha was anxiously working but Mary chose the good part, and it
would not be taken away from her.*

John 6:67-71

*Jesus asked His disciples if they wanted to leave Him, but Peter said
they could go to no one else.*

*Jesus has the words of life and the disciples of Jesus believe He is
the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Acts 9:1-9

Jesus corrected Saul for persecuting Him; Saul persecuted the followers of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Knowing the fear of the Lord, Paul and his team persuaded men.

Paul and his team did not commend themselves as those who boast in appearance and not in heart; the love of Christ constrained them.

One died for all, therefore all died; we should no longer live to ourselves, but to Him who for our sakes died and rose again.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away, and all things have become new.

God gave Paul and his team the ministry of reconciliation; they were ambassadors for Christ.

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

10.1.11 Disciples lose their lives for Jesus

Matthew 16:21-28; 17:22-23; Mark 8:31-38

Anyone who desires to come after Jesus should deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him.

Whoever desires to save their lives will lose it, but whoever loses their life for His sake will find it.

Luke 14:25-35

Anyone who doesn't disregard his own family and his own life can't be the disciple of Jesus.

Whoever doesn't bear his own cross and come after Him can't be His disciple.

As Christians, we need to count the cost of serving Jesus.

Whoever doesn't renounce all he has can't be His disciple.

Salt is good, but if it has become flat and tasteless, it is thrown out.

10.1.12 Disciples make disciples

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-20

*All authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth.
 Having gone, therefore, make disciples of all nations.
 Baptize disciples in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy
 Spirit.
 Teach disciples to observe all Jesus commanded us.
 Jesus promised to be with disciple-making disciples even to the end
 of the age.*

Acts 14:21-28

*Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel and made many disciples.
 They appointed elders, prayed, fasted and commended them to the
 Lord.
 God opened a door of faith to the nations for Paul and Barnabas.*

10.1.13 Disciples obey the Lord

Matthew 1:18-19; 1:24-25; 2:14-15; 2:19-23

*Joseph, the husband of Mary, received direction from the Lord in
 dreams and obeyed.*

Matthew 3:13-15

*Jesus went to be baptized of John the Baptist; John resisted, but
 Jesus commanded it, and John obeyed.*

Matthew 4:18-22

*Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John while they worked with
 their fathers; they left their nets and followed Him immediately.*

Matthew 5:13-16

*We are the salt of the world; if we lose our saltiness, we are good for
 nothing but to be thrown away.*

*We are the light of the world; a light should be put out where it gives
 light to everyone.*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good
 works, and glorify your Father.*

Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46-49

Not everyone who calls Jesus Lord will enter Heaven, but he who does the will of the Father.

Many will say they worked miracles in His name, but He will tell them to depart, workers of iniquity; He never knew them.

The man who comes to Jesus, hears His words and does them is wise, building his house on a rock.

The man who comes to Jesus, hears His words and does not do them is foolish, building his house on sand.

Matthew 11:7-24; Luke 7:24-35

John the Baptist is the greatest of those born of women, but a person in the kingdom is greater than he.

Wisdom is justified of her children.

Matthew 21:1-7

Jesus told two disciples to retrieve a donkey and her colt; they obeyed and He entered Jerusalem triumphantly, fulfilling Scripture.

Luke 5:4-11

Simon obeyed Jesus and caught a great multitude of fish; he was terrified, but Jesus said to follow Him and he would catch men.

Luke 11:27-32

Those who hear God's word and do it are blessed.

Acts 9:10-18

The Lord told Ananias to pray for Saul and tell him he was a chosen vessel; he didn't want to, but he obeyed.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Moses and the children were baptized in the sea and cloud, but God was not pleased with their disobedience; they were examples to us.

Let him who thinks he stands be careful lest he fall.

God will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may endure it.

2 Corinthians 2:9

Paul wanted to know the proof of the Corinthians, whether they were obedient in all things.

Ephesians 5:3-7

Do not let fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking or jesting be mentioned among you.

No fornicator, unclean or covetous person has any inheritance in God's Kingdom.

Because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.

Philippians 2:12-18

Continue to obey as you always do, working out your salvation with fear and trembling.

God works in you to will and work for His good pleasure.

Be blameless and harmless, children of God without defect in a perverse generation, among whom you are lights in the world, holding up the word of life.

Titus 3:1-2

Be in subjection to (secular) rulers and authorities; be obedient, showing all humility to all men.

Be obedient and ready for every good work, speak evil of no one, and do not be contentious.

Philemon 1:1-25

Paul was confident that Philemon would obey him in his request.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Pay attention to what you heard; do not neglect such a great salvation.

Our salvation was confirmed with signs and wonders, works of power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His will.

Hebrews 6:9-12

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the labor you did in serving the saints.

Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

James 1:9-27

Putting away filthiness and wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not just hearers.

1Peter 4:12-19

Judgment begins in the household of God.

You who suffer according to the will of God, entrust your souls to Him as a faithful Creator.

10.1.14 Disciples provide for others

Matthew 14:14-21; 15:29-39; Mark 6:33-44; 8:1-10; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-15

Jesus had compassion on the multitude and healed their sick.

Jesus told His disciples to feed a multitude of people three times; Jesus multiplied food and fed them.

Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56; 8:22-26

People brought to Jesus their sick and begged Him to heal them; He did.

Matthew 20:1-16

Those who come first will bear the heat and labor of the day; the first will be last and the last first.

Many are called but few are chosen.

Mark 9:38-41

Jesus told His disciples not to stop people from doing miracles in His name.

10.1.15 Disciples put off hypocrisy

Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 6:39-42

Don't judge and you won't be judged.

Whatever measure you use in judging will be measured to you.

Don't point to a speck in your brother's eye when you have a beam in your own.

Remove the beam from your eye so you can see to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

10.1.16 Disciples run to win

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

In a race, only one wins, so run that you can win.

Those strive in the games to win a corruptible crown, we an incorruptible.

Beat your body and bring it into subjection so after you preach to others you will not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 6:1-13

Do not receive the grace of God in vain; now is the acceptable time and the day of salvation.

Give no occasion of stumbling in anything, but commend yourselves as servants of God.

Philippians 3:7-16

Consider those things which are gain as loss for Christ; suffer the loss of all things that you might know Him.

Pursue the righteousness which is by faith in Jesus, that which is from God by faith.

Press on to take hold of that for which you were taken hold of by Christ.

Press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-12

Lay aside every sin which entangles you and run with perseverance the race set before you.

Look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.

Don't grow weary; you have not resisted to blood, striving against sin.

10.1.17 Disciples see God's kingdom

Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:27-36

Jesus said some standing there would not taste death until they saw the Kingdom of heaven come in power.

Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John, and His face shone like the sun.

The Father said Jesus was His son and they should listen to Him.

10.1.18 Disciples serve Jesus

Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11

Mary came to the tomb with others to prepare the body of Jesus for burial.

Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-23

Jesus told His disciples where to prepare for the passover and they obeyed.

Mark 15:37-47

When Jesus died on the cross, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

The centurion who crucified Jesus, when he saw how he died, said He was surely the Son of God.

Many women who followed Jesus and served Him watched from afar as He died.

Joseph boldly asked Pilate for the body of Jesus after He died and buried Him in a new tomb.

10.1.19 Disciples step out in faith

Mark 6:1-6

The people in the country of Jesus were offended at him and didn't believe; He couldn't do great works there.

John 2:1-11

Mary believed that Jesus could help when the wedding party ran out of wine; He did.

10.1.20 Disciples value people

Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-13; Luke 8:26-39

Jesus valued the Decapolis demoniac more than a herd of thousands of swine.

Luke 9:51-56

Jesus would not allow His disciples to call fire on the Samaritans though they rejected Him.

The Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11

Though Paul disagreed, Barnabas valued Mark enough to split with Paul.

Paul later admitted that Mark was useful for ministry.

Acts 27:1-44

Paul valued the people on a ship and prayed for them; God granted his prayer and spared them.

Ephesians 6:21-24; Philippians 2:25-30

Paul sent representatives to Churches to know how they were doing.

10.1.21 Disciples will be with Jesus

Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21

The real family of Jesus are disciples who do the will of the Father.

John 14:1-4

Don't let your heart be troubled; believe in the Father and believe in Jesus.

Jesus will come again and receive His disciples to Himself so we can be with Him.

John 14:12-31

He who believes in Jesus will do greater works than He did because He went to the Father.

If we ask anything in His name, He will do it, that the Father might be glorified in the Son.

Jesus gave us the Counselor, to be with us forever; the Spirit of Truth whom the world can't receive.

Jesus did not leave His disciples as orphans; the Spirit teaches us all things, and reminds us of what Jesus said.

Chapter 11

Feet

Feet are used by God's soldiers to carry out the **strategy** of God's kingdom as they **walk** the earth.

11.1 Strategy

11.1.1 Reach all the world

Acts 1:8; 8:1-40

Jesus told the disciples that they would build the Church from Jerusalem, to Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world.

After Stephen was martyred, the disciples, except for the apostles, were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.

Those who were scattered abroad went around preaching the word, doing miracles, and building God's kingdom.

Acts 17:1-34; 20:1-6; 20:17-38

The Bereans received the word with all readiness of mind and examined the Scriptures daily.

The disciples did not shrink from declaring to people, teaching them publicly and from house to house.

The disciples testified of repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus throughout the known world.

11.1.2 Lay a solid foundation

Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-26

Peter told Jesus He was the Christ, the Son of God; flesh and blood did not reveal this, but the Father in heaven.

He was Peter (petros, little stone) and on this rock (petra, bedrock) Jesus built His Church.

This revelation of the identity of Jesus is the foundation of His Church (assembly).

The gates of Hell will not prevail against His Church (assembly).

Jesus gave us the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Whatever we bind on earth will have been bound in heaven.

Whatever we release (loose) on earth shall have been released (loosed) in heaven.

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, and Jesus revealed to him who He was.

Jesus said a man must be born again or he will not see God's Kingdom.

A man must be born of water and of the Spirit or he will not see God's Kingdom.

What is born of flesh is flesh, what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

God didn't send His son to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

Light came into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, for their works were evil.

He who does evil hates light, and doesn't come to it, lest their works be exposed.

He who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed to have been done in God.

Acts 2:40-47

Peter preached repentance on the day of Pentecost and 3000 people were saved.

The disciples continued in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer.

The Lord added to the Church (assembly) day by day those who were being saved.

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

The Corinthians were fleshly, like babes, and not spiritual; they had to be fed milk and couldn't take solid food.

Neither he who plants nor he who waters is important, but God who gives the increase.

Paul laid a foundation in the Corinthians, Jesus Himself, and expected them to build on that and grow.

No one can lay any other foundation than Jesus.

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Cleanse yourself from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation, with no regret.

The sorrow of the world produces death.

2 Timothy 2:19

God's firm foundation stands on two things: God knows those who are His, and everyone who names the name of the Lord should depart from unrighteousness.

Hebrews 5:11-14; Hebrews 6:1-8

The believers spoken to in Hebrews should be teachers, but they need milk, not solid food.

They needed to have someone teach them the rudiments of the first principles of the revelations of God.

Everyone who lives on milk is not experienced in the word of righteousness.

Solid food is for the adult who by use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

The writer of Hebrews wanted to leave teaching foundations and go on to perfection.

Christian foundation: (1) repentance from dead works, (2) faith toward God, (3) the teaching of baptisms, (4) laying on of hands, (5) resurrection of the dead and (6) eternal judgment.

Land which receives the rain and produces fruit is blessed.

Land that only produces thorns and thistles is rejected, near being cursed; its end is to be burned.

11.1.3 Use healing and miracles

Matthew 4:23-25; 9:35-38; 20:29-34; Mark 7:31-37; Luke 4:31-41; 7:11-17; John 5:1-1

Jesus healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Because Jesus did miracles, great multitudes followed Him and heard His teaching.

Jesus had compassion on the sick and oppressed and healed based on their request.

Mark 5:14-20

Jesus told the Gadarene demoniac to go tell his people what God did for him; he told them what Jesus did for him.

John 9:1-7

Jesus healed a man blind from birth; Jesus did the works of the Father who sent Him while it was day.

The night is coming when no one can work; Jesus is the light of the world.

John 11:1-45

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead; He is the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in Jesus will still live, even if he dies.

John 20:30-31

Jesus did many signs so people would believe He is the Christ, the Son of God, and might have life in His name.

Acts 5:12-16

The apostles did many signs and wonders among the people.

Acts 9:26-43

Peter prayed, God raised Tabatha, and many in that region believed in the Lord.

Acts 16:1-40

Paul and Silas did miracles in Philippi, and a jailer and his household (oikos) were saved.

Paul told the jailer to believe, he and his household, and they would be saved.

The jailer was baptized with his household, and they rejoiced greatly.

Acts 28:1-16

On an island called Malta after a ship wreck, Paul did many miracles and healed people.

Romans 15:14-33

Grace is given to us by God, that we should be servants of Christ; we should boast only in Christ.

Christ worked signs and wonders by the Spirit through Paul for the obedience of the Gentiles.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Paul didn't come to the Corinthians with excellence of speech or wisdom.

Paul determined to know nothing among them but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

His speech and preaching were not in persuasive words of human wisdom.

Paul demonstrated the Spirit's power, that their faith would not be in the wisdom of men but the power of God.

11.1.4 Bring the Kingdom of God

Matthew 13:31-32

The Kingdom of Heaven is small like a mustard seed, but it becomes a tree when it is grown.

Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:18-22

The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast which leavens bread.

Matthew 13:44-50

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure which a person sells everything to gain.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet where the good are kept and the bad are thrown into the furnace.

Angels will separate the good from the evil and cast the evil into the furnace; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to people who are like little children. Anyone who does not receive God's Kingdom like a little child will not enter into it.

Mark 4:26-29

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a seed which grows, even though you don't know how.

Luke 8:1-3

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Revelation 4:1-22:21

There will be no end to the increase of Christ's government.

11.1.5 Strategy of Jesus

Matthew 20:17-19

Jesus told the disciples He would be mocked, scourged and crucified, and rise on the third day.

Matthew 21:8-11; 21:15-16

Jesus entered Jerusalem to a crowd singing and shouting about the Son of David.

Matthew 22:1-14

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who made a marriage feast for His son.

The King sends his servants into the streets to bring them all in.

The King saw a man without wedding clothes at the wedding feast.

The King had the man bound and cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and grinding of teeth.

Many are called, but few are chosen.

11.1.6 Prepare the way

Matthew 3:3-6; 17:9-13; 21:23-46; Mark 1:1-8; John 1:19-51

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus.

11.1.7 Repent

Matthew 3:1-2; 3:7-12; Luke 3:1-17

John the Baptist: repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15

Jesus: repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Jesus: repent and believe the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

*The healthy need no physician, but the sick do; sinners need Jesus;
He came to call sinners to repentance.*

Luke 13:1-9

*Jesus taught the people that if they didn't repent, they would perish
as other sinners had perished.*

*Parable of the fig tree: the Master came seeking fruit on it, but found
none; he said cut it down.*

*The Gardner said give it time; if it produced fruit, fine, but if not,
they could cut it down.*

Acts 2:13-39; 3:1-26

*Peter preached, the multitude were pierced to the heart; Peter said
repent, be baptized and they would receive the Holy Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

*The Thessalonians had turned to God from idols, to serve a living
and true God.*

Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come.

11.1.8 Seek the lost

Matthew 18:11-14

*Jesus came to seek the lost, like the shepherd in the parable of 100
sheep.*

*It is not the will of the Father in heaven that one of these little ones
should perish.*

Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44

Jesus came so he could preach in all the towns of Israel.

Mark 3:13-19

*Jesus called his disciples and appointed the twelve that He might send
them out to preach.*

*Jesus gave his disciples authority to heal sicknesses and to cast out
demons.*

Luke 15:3-32

In the parable of the prodigal son, the father had compassion and took the young man back gladly.

In this parable, the brother was jealous at how well the prodigal was treated.

The young man who turned back to his father was dead and is alive; he was lost and is found.

Matthew 10:1-15; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-12

Jesus sent the twelve and the seventy out two by two.

Jesus said whatever city (village) they came to to seek out a worthy oikos and stay there.

Don't go from house to house, but stay in the worthy oikos.

Eat and drink whatever is set before you, preach the gospel and heal the sick.

If they don't receive you, shake the dust off your feet on the way out of the village.

Heal the sick and tell them God's kingdom has come near to them.

Romans 1:16-32

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

In the gospel is revealed God's righteousness by faith.

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against those who suppress the truth.

Knowing God, they didn't glorify Him, became vain, their heart was darkened and they became fools.

God gave them up to a reprobate mind to do what is not fitting.

They knew the ordinance of God, that those who did those are worthy of death, but they did them and approved others who did them.

11.2 Walk

11.2.1 Walk Harmlessly

Mark 9:42-49

Jesus said whoever causes a little one to stumble would be better off cast into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck.

It is better to enter life lame or maimed than to be whole and cast into unquenchable fire.

Romans 14:1-26

*Accept one who is weak in faith and do not dispute over opinions.
Some have faith to eat all things, but the weak in faith eat only
vegetables.
No one lives to himself, no one dies to himself; we live and die to
the Lord.
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
To the Lord every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess to
God.
Don't destroy with your food him for whom Christ died and don't let
your good be slandered.
Follow after peace and the things by which we may build one another
up.
It is good not to do anything by which your brother stumbles, is
offended or is made weak.
One who partakes doubting is condemned, because whatever is not of
faith is sin.
God is able to establish you according to the gospel and preaching of
Christ.
God made the gospel known for obedience of faith to all the nations.*

1 Corinthians 10:14-33

*Let no one seek his own, but each his neighbor's good.
Give no occasion for stumbling, whether to Jews, Greeks or the
Church.
Please (accommodate) all men in all things, seeking the profit of the
many that they may be saved.*

11.2.2 Walk in God's will

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary who gave birth to Jesus there,
fulfilling Scripture.*

Revelation 3:1-22

*For the Churches in Revelation, Jesus prescribed the cure: repen-
tance, for the most part.
He who overcomes will eat from the tree of life which is in the Par-
adise of God.*

He who overcomes won't be harmed by the second death.

He who overcomes will receive the hidden manna and a white stone on which a new name is written which no one knows but him who receives it.

He who overcomes Jesus will give authority over the nations and the morning star.

He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments, his name will not be blotted from the book of life, and Jesus will confess him before His Father.

He who overcomes Jesus will make a pillar in the temple, will write on him the name of God and the name of the City of God which comes down out of heaven, and the new name of Jesus.

He who overcomes will sit down on the throne of Jesus, as Jesus overcame and sat at His Father's throne.

It is the will of the Lord that we overcome.

11.2.3 Walk in growth

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

Paul encouraged the Thessalonians because their faith and love of each other grew.

1 Peter 2:1-4

Peter said to put away all wickedness, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and evil speaking, and like babies long for the pure milk of the word that by it you may grow.

Taste that the Lord is gracious; come to him as a living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious.

1 John 2:12-14

John wrote to little children — their sins are forgiven and they know the Father.

John wrote to young men and women — they have overcome the evil one, they are strong, and the word of God remains in them.

John wrote to fathers and mothers — they know Him who is from the beginning.

11.2.4 Walk in humility

Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and don't curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep; be of the same mind toward one another.

Don't set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble; don't be wise in your own conceits.

Repay no one evil for evil; respect what is honorable; be at peace with all as much as it lies with you.

Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

Do not think beyond the things which are written, so none is puffed up against one another.

God makes you different, and what you have you received from Him, so don't boast as if you had not received it.

1 Peter 3:8-22

Be like minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted.

Bless that you might inherit a blessing; keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, His ears open to their prayers, but His face is against those who do evil.

Sanctify the Lord God in your heart, always ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear, having a good conscience.

11.2.5 Walk in moral excellence

Galatians 6:11-18

Often people compel legal requirements to make a good impression and not be persecuted for the cross.

Often people who make legal requirements want to boast in the flesh.

Don't boast except in the cross, through which the world is crucified to you and you to the world.

In Christ legal requirements are nothing; a new creation is important.

Those who walk by the new creation rule will have peace and mercy on them.

Philippians 4:8-9

Whatever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy, think on these things.

1 Thesselonians 5:1-11

You are children of light, children of the day; you don't belong to night or darkness.

Do not sleep, as the rest do, but watch and be sober, since you belong to the day.

God didn't appoint you to wrath, but to obtain salvation through Jesus.

2 Peter 1:3-15

God's divine power has granted us all things pertaining to life and godliness.

God granted to us precious promises that we might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Add all diligence, and in faith, supply moral excellence.

In moral excellence, supply knowledge.

In knowledge, supply self-control.

In self-control, supply perseverance.

In perseverance, supply godliness.

In godliness, supply brotherly affection.

In brotherly affection, supply love.

He who lacks these things is blind, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

Be diligent to make your calling and election sure; if you do these things, you will never stumble.

2 Peter 3:14-18

Be diligent to be found in peace, without defect and blameless in His sight.

Beware lest you be carried away with the error of the wicked and fall from your own steadfastness.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

1 John 1:5-10

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness,
we lie and don't tell the truth.*

*If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the
blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.*

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us the
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

11.2.6 Walk in perseverance

James 5:7-11

Be patient until the coming of the Lord.

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Don't grumble against one another, so that you won't be judged.

*Look to the perseverance of Job, and the outcome; the Lord is full of
compassion and mercy.*

1 Peter 4:1-6

*Christ suffered in the flesh; you should arm yourself with the same
mind.*

*When you have suffered you have ceased from sin that you should no
longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men,
but for the will of God.*

*We will all give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and
the dead.*

11.2.7 Walk in the Spirit

Acts 1:4-8

*Wait for the promise of the Father; you will be baptized in the Holy
Spirit not many days hence.*

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and
you will be witnesses of Jesus.*

Acts 4:23-37

*Peter and John responded with boldness when they were hauled before
the Sanhedrin.*

*The apostles prayed, and the place where they were gathered was
shaken.*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

With great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection; great grace was on them all.

Acts 6:1-15; 7:1-60

Stephen, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, performed signs and wonders among the people.

Some disputed with Stephen, but they were unable to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

The people disputing with Stephen used character assassination to stir up the multitude against him.

Romans 12:1-2

Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.

Don't be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing and perfect will of God.

God gave us the down payment of the Spirit; we walk by faith and not by sight.

We make it our aim, whether absent or at home in the body, to be well pleasing to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

We will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive what we did in the body, good or bad.

Galatians 3:1-29; 4:1-31

You did not receive the Spirit by the works of the law, but by hearing of faith.

You cannot complete in the flesh what is begun by the Spirit.

He who supplies the Spirit to us and does miracles among us does it by the hearing of faith.

Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness; those of faith are children of Abraham and blessed with Abraham.

The blessing of Abraham came on the Gentiles through Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Those of the works of the law are under a curse.

We are all children of God through faith in Jesus, baptized into Christ and having put on Christ.

God sent His Son, born to a woman, to redeem us so we could be adopted as children.

Because we are children, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 5:1-12; 5:16-26

Stand firm in the liberty by which Christ made you free; do not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

We through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.

In Christ only faith working through love is important; walk by the Spirit and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh.

If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Those who practice the deeds of the flesh will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control.

Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit, not conceited, not provoking nor envying each other.

Ephesians 5:8-21

We were once darkness, but now we are light in the world.

Walk as children of light; the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness and truth, proving what pleases the Lord.

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but rather reprove them.

All things when they are reproved are revealed by light; everything that reveals is light.

Watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time.

Don't be drunk with wine, which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

Philippians 1:3-11

He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ.

Philippians 4:1-7

Stand firm in the Lord, rejoice in Him always, let your gentleness be known to all men.

In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and petition let your requests be made known to God.

Colossians 3:1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your mind on things that are above, not in the things that are on the earth.

You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ our life is revealed, then you will also be revealed with him in Glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Receive from godly men how you ought to walk to please God, and abound in it more and more.

This is the will of God, your sanctification; God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification and honor.

He who rejects this doesn't reject man, but God, who has given His Spirit to us.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Don't quench the Spirit; don't despise prophecies; test all things; hold firmly to the good; abstain from every form of evil.

Hebrews 13:1-25

Be free from the love of money, content with what you have.

Imitate the faith of your leaders, those who speak the word of God to you.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever; don't be carried away with strange teachings.

May the God of peace who rose Jesus make you complete in every good work to do His will.

1 Peter 2:5-10

As living stones we are built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer sacrifices acceptable to God.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession.

You proclaim the excellence of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Jn 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things that are in the world; if you love the world, the Father's love is not in you.

All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's.

The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.

1 John 3:21-24

Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what is pleasing to Him.

By this we know that He remains in us, by the Spirit which He gave us.

Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God.

1 John 4:1-6

You are of God and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

11.2.8 Walk in the traditions

1 Corinthians 11:1-2

Be imitators of godly men, even as they are of Christ.

Hold firm the traditions, even as they are delivered to you.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

God chose you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or by letter (Scripture).

Jesus will comfort your heart and establish you in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Withdraw yourself from every brother who walks in rebellion and not after the tradition which you received.

Paul told the churches to imitate him and his team, who made a good example for them.

They weren't rebellious, nor did they eat without paying; they labored night and day to be an example.

If anyone is not willing to work, don't let him eat.

Some walk in rebellion, don't work at all and are busybodies.

Those who are that way should work with quietness and eat their own bread.

Don't be weary in doing what is right.

If any man doesn't obey the word, note that man and have no company with him so he might be ashamed.

Don't count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

11.2.9 Walk in unity

Luke 9:49-50

Jesus told his disciples to not forbid someone casting out demons in His name.

Romans 16:17-27

Look out for those who cause divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine, and turn away from them.

These don't serve Jesus, but their own bellies.

By their smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the hearts of the innocent.

Be wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil.

The God of peace will quickly crush Satan under our feet.

1 Corinthians 1:10-31

We should all speak the same thing, and there should be no divisions among us.

We should be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Jesus wasn't divided.

Not many are called wise according to the flesh, not many mighty or noble.

God chose the foolish things, the weak things, the lowly things to put to shame the wise, strong, and fleshly boasting.

Because of the Father we are in Christ, our wisdom from God, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Do not sue your brothers before a secular court rather than before the saints.

You should be wronged or defrauded rather than wrong and defraud your brothers.

11.2.10 Walk in wisdom

Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Lead a quiet life, and do your own business, and work with your own hands.

Walk properly toward those who are outside, and have need of nothing.

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Father wants to give the church a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

The Father wants the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of His calling.

The Father wants us to know the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and His power towards believers.

The Father had the risen Jesus sit at His right hand, above all rule, authority, power, dominion and every other name.

The Father gave Jesus to be head over all things for the Church, His body, the fullness of Him who fills all.

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

As the Lord distributed to each man, as God called each, so let him walk.

Each person should stay in whatever condition he was called and be content where he is.

If a bond-servant could get free they should use it, but otherwise they should be content as they are.

Acts 22:22-30

Paul used his Roman citizenship to keep from being beaten by the Romans in Jerusalem.

Matthew 7:6

Don't give what is holy (non-hypocritical correction in love) to the dogs.

Don't throw pearls (godly correction in love) before swine, lest they trample them, turn and tear you to pieces.

We are the temple of God, and God's Spirit lives in us.

If anyone destroys God's temple, He will destroy him; God's temple is holy.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

If anyone thinks himself wise in the world, let him become a fool that he may be wise.

The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God.

Don't boast of men, for all things are yours (God's people), and you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

11.2.11 Walk under authority

Romans 13:1-14

Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities for conscience sake.

Authorities are ordained by God; whoever resists them resists God and will receive judgment.

Rulers are not a terror to good work, but to evil.

The ruler is (should be) a servant of God for the good of the people.

The ruler is (should be) a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to him who does evil.

Give everyone what you owe; owe nothing but to love one another.

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love fulfills the law.

Throw off the deeds of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Put on the Lord Jesus, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

1 Peter 2:11-25

Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; have good behavior among the nations.

Subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; this is the will of God.

Honor all men; love the brothers; fear God; honor the king.

Servants be in subjection to your masters, not only the good and gentle, but also the wicked.

Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live to righteousness.

By the wounds Jesus suffered we are healed.

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