

Genesis 2:18 And **the LORD God** said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt **not bear false witness** against thy neighbour.

Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt **not lie with mankind**, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Leviticus 19:31 Regard **not them that have familiar spirits** (*contacting the dead*), neither seek after **wizards**, to be defiled by them: **I am the LORD your God**.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word **in my name**, which I have **not** commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, **even that prophet shall die**.²¹ And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which **the LORD** hath not spoken?²² **When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which **the LORD** hath not spoken**, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: **thou shalt not be afraid of him**.

1 Chronicles 10:13-14 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against **the LORD**, even against **the word of the LORD**, which he kept **not**, **and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it**;¹⁴ And enquired **not** of **the LORD**: **therefore he slew him**, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise **thy name** for thy lovingkindness and for **thy truth**: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name**.

Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have **familiar spirits**, and unto **wizards that peep, and that mutter**: should not a people seek unto **their God**? for the living to the dead?

Matthew 5:13-16 **Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?** it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven**.

Matthew 5:17-22 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: **I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil**.¹⁸ **For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled**.¹⁹ **Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven**.²⁰ **For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven**.²¹ Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt **not kill**; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:²² **But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (empty, worthless), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool (stupid), shall be in danger of hell fire**.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 7:13-23 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. ²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 8:11-12 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 10:22, 37-39 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 12:31-32, 36-37 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. ³² And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. ³⁶ But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 13:19-23 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. ²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; ²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. ²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. ²³ But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 18:3-6 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. ⁶ But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 19:6, 16-23 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.** ¹⁶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, **what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?** ¹⁷ **And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** ¹⁸ He saith unto him, Which? **Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,** ¹⁹ **Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** ²⁰ The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? ²¹ **Jesus said** unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, **and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.** ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. ²³ **Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 22: 11-14 And when **the king** came in to see the guests, he saw there **a man** which had **not** on a wedding garment: ¹² And **he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless. ¹³ **Then said the king** to the servants, **Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** ¹⁴ **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

Matthew 24:4-5; 9-13, 23-26 And **Jesus answered and said** unto them, Take heed that **no man deceive you.** ⁵ **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** ⁹ Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ **And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.** ¹¹ **And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** ¹² And because **iniquity** shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.** ¹³ **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.** ²³ **Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.** ²⁴ **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.** ²⁵ **Behold, I have told you before.** ²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, **Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.**

Matthew 25:29-30, 37-46 For unto **every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance:** but from **him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.** ³⁰ **And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, **Lord,** when saw we **thee** an **hungred**, and fed **thee**? or **thirsty**, and gave **thee** drink? ³⁸ When saw we **thee** a **stranger**, and took **thee** in? or **naked**, and clothed **thee**? ³⁹ Or when saw we **thee** **sick**, or in **prison**, and came unto **thee**? ⁴⁰ And **the King shall answer and say** unto them, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.** ⁴¹ Then shall **he say** also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:** ⁴² For **I** was an **hungred**, and ye gave **me no meat:** **I** was **thirsty**, and ye gave **me no drink:** ⁴³ **I** was a **stranger**, and ye **took me not in:** **naked**, and ye **clothed me not:** **sick**, and in **prison**, and ye **visited me not.** ⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer **him**, saying, **Lord,** when saw we **thee** an **hungred**, or **athirst**, or a **stranger**, or **naked**, or **sick**, or in **prison**, and did not minister unto **thee**? ⁴⁵ Then shall **he answer** them, saying, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.** ⁴⁶ **And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

Matthew 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Luke 10:27-28, 30-37 And he answering said, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.** ²⁸ And **he said**

unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.** ³⁰ **And Jesus answering said,** A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, **he had compassion on him,** ³⁴ **And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.** ³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. ³⁶ **Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?** ³⁷ **And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.**

Luke 12:45-47 But and if **that servant** say in his heart, **My lord delayeth his coming;** and shall begin to **beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;** ⁴⁶ **The lord** of that servant **will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.** ⁴⁷ And that servant, which knew **his lord's will,** and **prepared not** himself, **neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**

John 3:3-5, 16 **Jesus answered and said** unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ **Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** ¹⁶ **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

John 8:31-32, 44, 51 **Then said Jesus** to those Jews which **believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;** ³² **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** ⁴⁴ **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.** ⁵¹ **Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.**

John 10:1, 9 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.** ⁹ **I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**

John 14:6 **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** ¹⁵ **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

John 15:9-10 **As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.** ¹⁰ **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**

Acts 4:12 **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Romans 8:9-11, 13-17, 38-39 But ye are **not** in the flesh, **but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have **not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** ¹⁰ **And if Christ be in you,** the body is dead because of sin; but **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. ¹¹ **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your**

mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. ¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 11:20-22 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. **Be not highminded, but fear:** ²¹ For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. ²² Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,** ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 10 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. ⁴ The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. ⁵ Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. ¹⁰ And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

1 Corinthians 15:33-34 **Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.** ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Galatians 5: 19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ **idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**²¹ **Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings,** and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Ephesians 4:25, 29-32 Wherefore **putting away lying, speak** every man **truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.²⁹ **Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**³⁰ **And grieve not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:³² **And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Ephesians 5:5, 21-33 For this ye know, that **no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**²¹ **Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**²² **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.**²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ** is the head of the church: and **he is the saviour of the body.**²⁴ Therefore as **the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**²⁵ **Husbands, love your wives,** even as **Christ** also loved the church, **and gave himself for it;**²⁶ That **he** might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**²⁷ That **he** might present **it to himself** as **a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;** but that it should be **holy and without blemish.**²⁸ So ought **men to love their wives** as their own bodies. He that loveth **his wife** loveth himself.²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as **the Lord the church:**³⁰ For we are **members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**³¹ For this cause shall **a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**³² **This is a great mystery:** but I speak concerning **Christ and the church.**³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular **so love his wife** even as himself; **and the wife** see that **she reverence her husband.**

Colossians 1:22-23 In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**²³ **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,** which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Colossians 2:20-23 Wherefore **if ye be dead with Christ** from the rudiments of the world, **why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,**²¹ (**Touch not; taste not; handle not;**²² Which all are to perish with the using;) **after the commandments and doctrines of men?**²³ Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: **not** in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now **the Lord of peace himself** give you **peace always** by all means. **The Lord** be with you all.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is **one God,** and there is **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**

1 Timothy 4:1-5, 16 Now **the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**² **Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**³ **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,** which **God** hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them **which believe and know the truth.**⁴ For **every creature of God** is good, and **nothing** to be refused, **if** it be received with **thanksgiving:**⁵ For it is sanctified **by the word of God and prayer.**¹⁶ Take heed unto thyself, and **unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

1 Timothy 5:5-8, 12-15 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, **trusteth in God**, and **continueth in supplications and prayers night and day**. ⁶ But **she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth**.

⁷ And these things give in charge, that they may be **blameless**. ⁸ But **if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel**. ¹² **Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith**. ¹³ And withal they learn to be **idle**, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but **tattlers** also and **busybodies**, speaking things which they ought not. ¹⁴ I will therefore that **the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully**. ¹⁵ **For some are already turned aside after Satan**.

2 Timothy 2:12 **If we suffer**, we shall also **reign with him**: **if we deny him, he also will deny us**:

2 Timothy 3:2-5 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come**. ² **For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,** ³ **Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,** ⁴ **Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;** ⁵ **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away**.

2 Timothy 4:5 But **watch** thou in all things, **endure afflictions**, do the work of **an evangelist**, **make full proof of thy ministry**.

Hebrews 2:1-3 Therefore **we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip**. ² **For if the word** spoken **by angels** was stedfast, **and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;** ³ **How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;**

Hebrews 3:12-14 **Take heed**, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God**. ¹³ But **exhort** one another daily, while it is called Today; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**. ¹⁴ **For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

Hebrews 6:4-8, 12 **For it is impossible** for those **who were** once enlightened, **and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,** ⁵ **And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,** ⁶ **if they shall fall away**, to renew them again unto **repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves **the Son of God** afresh, and **put him** to an open shame. ⁷ For the earth which **drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs** meet for them by whom it is dressed, **receiveth blessing from God**: ⁸ But **that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned**. ¹² **That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises**.

Hebrews 10:26-31, 38-39 **For if we sin wilfully** after that we have received **the knowledge of the truth**, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ **But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries**. ²⁸ He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹ **Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?** ³⁰ For we know **him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people**. ³¹ **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God**. ³⁸ Now **the just shall live by faith**:

but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹ But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 2:8-14 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. ¹¹ For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. ¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 Peter 3:1-7 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; ² While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. ³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴ But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. ⁵ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: ⁶ Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. ⁷ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

2 Peter 2:1-22 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. ⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ⁵ And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; ⁷ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: ⁸ (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) ⁹ The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: ¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. ¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. ¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; ¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with

covetous practices; cursed children:¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;¹⁶ But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.²⁰ For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.²¹ For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.²² But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 2:3-6, 22-23 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.⁴ He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.⁵ But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.⁶ He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.²² Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 3:4, 10-11, 14-18, 22-24 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.¹⁰ In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.²³ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.²⁴ And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 4:1, 10-12, 18 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

3 John 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves **in the love of God**, looking for **the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ** **unto eternal life**.

Revelation 19:6 And I heard as it were **the voice of a great multitude**, and **as the voice of many waters**, and **as the voice of mighty thunders**, saying, **Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**.

Revelation 21:7-8 **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.** **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Revelation 22:13-15 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.** ¹⁴ **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.** ¹⁵ **For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

Revelation 22:18-19 **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:** ¹⁹ **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**

THE 7 LETTERS OF JESUS TO THE CHURCHES – Revelation 2-3

Christ is looking for churches everywhere that are loving, suffering, pure, truthful, life, missionary and on fire. Every letter ends with **"To him that overcometh"** which shows that **churches can disappear and Christians can be lost.**

ENDURE AND PERSEVERE till the end.

EPHESUS – Loyal but loveless

They left their first love = their love for brothers and sisters

Cure = Remember: how it was when you did have that love

Repent: turn around

Resume: do the things you did at first

Great goddess Diana Acts 19 -- Woman (with child) worship has always been there.

They had self-appointed apostles.

⁷ **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

SMYRNA – It suffered through Roman persecutions

Jesus had nothing against them, all their suffering were external, yet Jesus calls them the richest.

It is the only church left till today

They lost their money and reputation for following Jesus. Now Jesus says they will lose their freedom →

Prison, Martyrdom

Jesus says "Don't be afraid" meaning don't be afraid now, even though you know it's coming.

You can't be trusting and be afraid at the same time.

The second death = fear Him who can throw body and soul into hell

We can learn: Suffering is part of Christianity even till death.

¹¹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of **the second death**.

PERGAMOS – A compromised worldly church's seat: Zeus statue surrounded with smoke

The doctrine of Balaam = idolatry and immorality

The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes = some type of false gospel

Justifying sin in the name of culture

We can learn: No compromising, a pure church that stands for good teaching and right behaviour.

¹⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.**

THYATIRA – A corrupt church

Same problem as Pergamos: Compromise with society, letting the world into the church

Jezebel was a self-appointed prophetess = a most dangerous person in a church

She claimed to be teaching deeper truths, Jesus said they are actually from satan

A claim to go beyond Scripture, a claim to go beyond the Gospel, a claim to go beyond Christ into something more is always to be suspect

She was teaching compromise with the standards of the world around her

She was teaching that sexual intercourse is a spiritual experience and not to me limited to marriage

She was teaching that for mature Christians sex with anyone is a spiritual experience

What she was saying is that sin is not serious in Saints, that God can overlook things in Saints that He would send a sinner to hell for. She was encouraging compromise and misleading.

In the O.T. Jezebel was the daughter of the King of Tyre and he called her Jezebel because that word in Phoenician language means Primrose, but in Hebrew this means "garbage" – Queen garbage.

She brought with her a foul fertility cult of 850 prophets of Baal. She turned Ahab into a murderer.

Jesus said her banqueting couch will become a sick bed. I've given her time to repent and she refuses, that's it. But for the men who got involved, there is till hope to repent.

Rev. 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

A church should be constantly reminded of- and mentioning Jesus' coming back.

HOLD ON FAST UNTIL I COME BACK.

²⁶ **And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:** ²⁷ **And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.** ²⁸ **And I will give him the morning star.** ²⁹ **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

SARDIS – Dynamic but dying

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God

5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth (seven angels to observe in the world and report back what they find)

They are independent and self-sufficient (not good), pride

Be watchful: keep preaching Jesus is coming back—only as a thief for those who are not watching

⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,

Exodus 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my **book**.

Psalms 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the **book** of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

Philippians 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the **book** of life.

⁵ **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.** ⁶ **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

PHILADELPHIA – Small but significant

hast kept my word, and hast not denied My name

thou hast kept the word of My patience

They were loyal, faithful and steadfast

Jesus promises them three things:

Influence: An open door
On their enemies

Increase

Immunity: Jesus will give them special care and protection in the hour of trial that was coming.

¹² **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.** ¹³ **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

LAODICEA – Crowded but Christless

The beginning of the creation of God: means Jesus is the source of the creation of God, He was there in the very beginning to be part of creating the world (He is the creator and not the creation)

They are insipid or self-satisfied

They are independent and self-sufficient (not good), pride, they were rich and this can be a trap from the enemy thinking how much God is prospering you.

They are neither freezing cold or boiling hot.

They are in between respectable, satisfied, complacent

Just content and a religious club

It is enthusiasm that preaches the Gospel:

1 Corinthians 9:16 For though I **preach** the **gospel**, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe** is unto me, **if I preach** not the **gospel!**

They were ignorant, self-deceived

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

poor: no treasures in Heaven.

²¹ **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.** ²² **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**