

The True Gospel Message and the Secret of Effective Prayer

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Foreword

First, read the verses on this page, then the full version of the Ten Commandments of God that follows. Next, read the summary entirely, without searching for the corresponding texts to the references. Then, read the section on repentance.

Afterwards, you can consult all the texts corresponding to the references in the rest of the document, or find them in an online or paper Bible. Take care to read the reference texts for any subject of doubt for you. The table of contents will help you navigate more easily.

In any case, take the time to read the summary before deciding what to do next.

The Greatest Commandments According to Jesus Christ and Some Complements

Mark 12:29-31: "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And **thou shalt love the Lord thy God** with all thy **heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy **mind**, and with all thy **strength**: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye **first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 7:12: "Therefore **all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them**: for this is the law and the prophets."

Proverbs 28:9: "He that **turneth** away his ear from hearing the law, even his **prayer** shall be **abomination**."

Matthew 11:28: "**Come unto me**, all ye that **labour and are heavy laden**, and I will give you rest."

Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; **he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted**, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord**."

Romans 5:7-8: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we **were** yet sinners, **Christ died** for us."

The Ten Commandments of God (Exodus 20:3-17)

1. **Thou shalt have no other gods** before me.
2. **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
3. Thou **shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain**; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
4. **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
5. **Honour thy father and thy mother**: that **thy days may be long upon the land** which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt **not kill**.
7. Thou shalt not commit **adultery**.
8. Thou shalt **not steal**.
9. Thou shalt not **bear false witness** against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt **not covet** thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, **nor any thing** that is thy neighbour's.

Deuteronomy 30:11-16

"For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, **neither is it far off...** See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it."

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God **exists** (Romans 1:18-20; Psalm 19:1; Hebrews 3:4). He loves **us**: John 3:16 "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.**" Romans 5:7-8 "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **But God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Denying** God and turning away from Him are among the greatest sins (Romans 1:28-32; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Exodus 20:3-7).

Man in his natural state is **a sinner, a slave to sin**. He cannot free himself (1 John 1:8-10; John 8:34; Romans 3:23; Romans 7:18-20; Romans 1:28-32). Despite his will, he remains attached to sin. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). It brings about wickedness, disasters, and other curses. To avoid all this, blood sacrifices were needed to be forgiven for sins (Hebrews 9:22).

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to free us **from the bondage of sin** and to give us access to **eternal life** (John 8:31-36; John 3:16; Revelation 5:8-9; Romans 8:2; John 1:12-13; 1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; John 15:22; Isaiah 49:6; 1 John 3:5-10). He died for us on the cross so that His blood would purify the sins of all who sincerely **repent** after committing them and who also forgive those who have offended them (Hebrews 9:12; 1 John 2:2; Matthew 6:14-15). This is a grace that God has given us for our salvation and not the result of our works (Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:21; Romans 5:10).

To benefit from this, one must **believe** in Jesus Christ, **repent** of their old sinful life, be **baptised** in water, and be **born** again (John 20:31; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; John 3:3; John 3:5; Luke 7:30; Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:5). We must invite Jesus Christ into our lives to become our master (Revelation 3:20; John 13:13; Romans 14:11).

Before being baptised, one must have **believed** and repented. **Baptism is a voluntary act that marks our commitment to God and our entry into Christian life** (1 Peter 3:21; Luke 3:3; Acts 2:41). It also helps to destroy satanic, spiritual, or demonic bonds that were in our lives and prepares us for receiving the Holy Spirit of God. It crucifies the flesh of sin, allowing us to walk in newness of life as a child of God, keeping His commandments (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; Hebrews 10:22; Ephesians 5:26; Deuteronomy 7:5). The Christian is **thus freed from sin, dead to sin** (Romans 8:2; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 6:11-13; Romans 6:22; 1 John 5:2-4; 2 Timothy 2:19).

Once you become a Christian, you must start your spiritual birth by appropriating and applying the following words:

1. **"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness"** (Matthew 6:33),
2. **"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,"**
3. **"And thy neighbour as thyself"** (Matthew 22:37-39), and

4. "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12; Exodus 20:3-17; Matthew 7:12).

Next, you **should** develop the **knowledge** of God through a Bible reading plan, or listening for those who cannot read (Matthew 4:4; Hosea 4:6; Hosea 6:6; John 15:7; John 6:63; Psalm 119:105; Jeremiah 29:13; Isaiah 48:17-18; 2 Peter 3:18) **and walk in keeping God's commandments**. This is what shows that you are a Christian and that you will have **salvation, blessings, and success** (Luke 8:21; 1 John 3:10; Matthew 7:18-23; John 14:21; John 8:11; 1 John 5:2-4; Proverbs 28:9; Joshua 1:8; Revelation 12:17). Remember that Jesus Christ came to free you from sin. Let's meditate on what Jesus Himself says:

Matthew 7:21-23: "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**. 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? and then will i profess unto them, i never knew you: depart from me, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY.**"

Do not believe that being numerous in sin will save you, for in Noah's time, only 8 people were saved on the whole earth, and the rest perished (1 Peter 3:20; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-30). Do not believe those who say that because we are under grace, we are free to live in sin, as if forgiven, denying the liberation of Jesus Christ, for a life of sin leads to destruction (Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:20; Revelation 22:15; Hebrews 10:26-27; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 6:11-13; Romans 6:16; Romans 6:18; Romans 6:22; Revelation 21:7; Luke 1:75; Ephesians 5:5; Galatians 5:19-22; James 1:22; John 14:21; Luke 11:27-28; Matthew 7:26; Matthew 19:17; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Acts 8:20-22; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:27-30; Romans 8:13-14; Romans 2:13; Acts 26:20; Ephesians 5:8; James 2:14-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; Romans 14:12; Ephesians 6:10-18). However, Jesus says: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Walking with Jesus **Christ gives you salvation, eternal life, divine protection**, deliverance, grace, and many other **blessings** (Matthew 11:28; 1 Peter 5:7; Deuteronomy 11:26-28; John 14:21; 1 Peter 3:10-12; Joshua 1:8; Matthew 6:25-34; Psalm 27:2-3; Psalm 23; Psalm 91; 1 Chronicles 29:12; Isaiah 53:3-12; Acts 10:43). Beware of false pastors and prophets who promise you wealth, marriage, miracles, etc., in exchange for your money; they are generally authentic sorcerers and fraudsters.

God's promise is based on repentance and obedience, which opens the door to all His blessings. Many prayers outside this framework are useless (Proverbs 28:9; Deuteronomy 30:15), for disobedience opens the door to God's wrath, curses, and makes one vulnerable to the devil and witchcraft (Deuteronomy 30:15; Numbers 23:20-23; Deuteronomy 13:1-3; Deuteronomy 13:6-11). The times are evil; disasters, deaths, accidents, and wars remind us of this. We must repent and invite Jesus Christ into our lives, and the best time if you have not yet done so is now (2 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 9:20)! He is not a fable but a living being with whom you can engage and experience a true relationship, to speak of what you live and not what you have been told (John 4:42).

Note that repentance is not merely asking for forgiveness with words. Repentance involves 5 steps: confessing one's sins to God, sincere **regret** for those sins, sincerely asking for

forgiveness, committing to **abandon** them (not to repeat), and if possible, repairing the damage caused by the fault. One cannot always repent of the same faults, as this indicates that one is not doing what is necessary to abandon them, does not truly regret them, or is still a slave to sin. Yet Jesus Christ came to set us free. If we are still slaves, our relationship with Jesus Christ is questionable (Romans 8:13-14; John 8:34-36; Romans 8:1-17; Proverbs 28:13; 2 Chronicles 7:14-15).

Stop all forms of spiritism, idolatry, magic, witchcraft, and stop listening to or consulting horoscopes or astrologers (Deuteronomy 18:10-14; Leviticus 20:6). Stop bowing before statues of all kinds or addressing prayers to anyone other than God (**no prayers to Mary, saints, ancestors, spirits, or others**) (1 Timothy 2:5; Exodus 20:3-6; Deuteronomy 18:10-14; 2 Corinthians 6:15-17; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Matthew 12:46-49; Luke 11:27-28; Jeremiah 44:17-18; Jeremiah 44:25-28; Matthew 6:7-15; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1; John 14:23).

Get rid of statues of Jesus, Mary, or other religious statues (Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 7:25-26; Deuteronomy 7:5; Deuteronomy 12:3; 2 Kings 18:4; Deuteronomy 16:22; Deuteronomy 4:15-19; Romans 1:22-24; Acts 19:24-26). Get rid of crosses, even those without statues. It is wood; it is not our God.

It is a form of idolatry, as many were crucified before and after Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 29:17; Deuteronomy 28:64). Burn everything you have that is supposed to have spiritual powers, all talismans or other items from magicians, traditionalists, sorcerers, etc. (Deuteronomy 7:25-26).

Release the chains by which you have spiritually bound people, open the locks in which you have confined people, renounce any spiritual pacts you have made... You must absolutely do this if you believe in God and Jesus Christ and wish to be with Him (Isaiah 58:6-12).

If you have remained in a life of sin, if you are distant from Jesus Christ, now is the time to come to Him, for the end is near. Do not put it off until tomorrow. There is a repentance prayer at the end of this document to help you.

NOTE: The texts of the references mentioned above can be consulted further in this document. **To quickly find the corresponding verses online, use "Bible Gateway,"** which you can access through the following link and replace the word "statue" in the search box with the desired expression: [Bible Gateway](#). You can copy an entire block of references, paste it into the search box, and run the search to see all the corresponding verses, which you can view by scrolling through the results.

If you use the Jerusalem Bible, stick to the 1950 edition. Generally, avoid using any Bible edition published after 1950 (including Louis Segond 1985, Parole de Vie, Parole Vivante...), as there are many modifications in the verses that sometimes change their meaning completely, leading to a new interpretation given in that revision, which can significantly deviate from the original meaning.

For more information, here is the link to the webpage where you can access all social networks for more teachings on Christianity: page <https://telegra.ph/Liens-vers-mes-publications-chretiennes-10-08>. You will find how to access resources for clarifications on what is here or to deepen your knowledge on other aspects of Christianity, particularly on the new birth.

Salvation and Promises in Christ

John 3:16: "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."

Romans 5:7-8: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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."

Matthew 11:28: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Isaiah 53:4: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

Matthew 8:17: "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

What to Do to Obtain the Salvation of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:41: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

John 3:5: "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."

Matthew 7:21-23: "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. 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? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Are You Ready to Repent?

Matthew 22:37-39: "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 7:12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

Proverbs 28:9: "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

If you believe you need to continue living in sin, it is because you do not believe in Christ, as you do not believe that God can give you through obedience what you think sin gives or will give you. If you believe:

1) there are people whom you are not ready to forgive,

2) there are persons whose will takes priority over God's will in your life (parent, spouse, friend, relative, leader, etc.),

3) you need to live a life of deceit, debauchery, impudence, etc., to get by,

4) you must continue to live in extortion, coercion, demanding money from users that is not your right, theft, hatred, covetousness, envy, disrespect for God's commandments, then you are not ready to repent and be baptized, for repentance involves regret and commitment to abandon.

Why Repent Now if You Haven't Already?

If you think you are a Christian but have remained in a life of sin, you **MUST** repent. Today is the best time, because you know nothing of tomorrow. You might delay until tomorrow and die before, ending up in perdition. *Do not believe that if you are among many living in sin, this will ensure your salvation.* 1 Peter 3:20: "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water." Peter reminds us that during Noah's flood, only 8 people were saved—8. Repent also to detach from curses, enchantments, demons... and allow God's blessings in your life.

Be cautious about blindly trusting your clergy. Matthew 23:13: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Many will be lost because they are more faithful to their clergy than to God. They do not seek the truth, do not seek knowledge, and rely primarily on what their clergy tells them. Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." Proverbs 10:21: "The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom."

Proverbs 3:21-22: "My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck."

Repentance and Invitation of Jesus into Your Life

One does not receive Jesus into their life simply by birth. One also does not receive Jesus into their life merely because they have had water baptism poured over them. Receiving Jesus is a conscious and voluntary commitment. It can occur during a baptism or at other times, AND IT BEGINS WITH REPENTANCE. If you thought you had received Jesus into your life but remained in a life of bondage and servitude to sin, it is very likely that you have never received Him.

The Steps of Repentance

Repentance and forgiveness are among the keys that open access to divine grace and blessings and to a better relationship with God. If you have not repented, now is the opportunity to do so!

Repentance involves 5 steps: 1) Confession of the fault committed, 2) Regret for having committed the sin, 3) Request for forgiveness, 4) Sincere commitment to abandon the sin, and 5) If possible, restitution. Simply asking for forgiveness without intending not to repeat the sin or without deeply regretting the committed fault is not repentance. Likewise, failing to make restitution for the harm caused, where someone is suffering from the damage and where you have the possibility to make restitution, is not repentance. Thus, many people keep asking for forgiveness without repenting. This request for forgiveness IS USELESS. God has not called us merely to ask for forgiveness but to repent (Luke 24:47, Mark 6:12, 2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 9:20-21, 16:9, 16:11).

The Prayer of Repentance

To receive Jesus Christ into your life, you can sincerely say the following prayer:

"Eternal God, I call upon You in the name of Jesus Christ! Thank You for Your love, thank You for Your mercy! I have been distant and rebellious to the salvation You granted me through Your Son Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. My ancestors from my paternal and maternal lines and I have sinned through our disobedience in actions and through our wicked thoughts, turning to other gods, spirits, the dead, magicians, diviners, astrologers, idols, praying to Mary, to angels, to the dead, using statues, practicing impurity, walking away from Your justice and righteousness.

I deeply regret this past of sin and rebellion and I acknowledge that it is wrong. I repent for my sins and those of my ancestors; forgive me, O God! And let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse me from all sin, from all bondage, and from all curses arising from my sins or those of my ancestors. O God! Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

I renounce all covenants I have made that are contrary to Your ways, and all covenants I have been involved in through relatives, parents, or anyone else, and I ask for forgiveness. I also forgive those who have offended me and renounce any idea of personal vengeance against them. I receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, and I commit to follow Him every day of my life. Lord Jesus Christ, Save me, deliver me! Come, Lord Jesus!

I no longer want to live in iniquity, in sin. I desire to live in obedience, in love, righteousness, away from all covetousness, and to keep Your commandments. I know You can give me the ability to do so; give me the strength for it.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I cancel the impact of all bondage, all demonic consecration, and all curses concerning me. I cast out any demon or spirit that would oppress or possess me! I enter into the love of God and the peace of Christ; I love You, O my God! I commit to seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God. O Eternal One, manifest Your presence, grant me Your Holy Spirit, and let Him be my guide. May the Lord Jesus Christ live in me and help me to know You better and serve You, Amen!"

How to Pray and Early Church Preaching

Read this carefully, note that people from various continents are present, including **Africa**, and these people will be part of the early church. Here we see a situation of pilgrimage, as today people from various nations go on pilgrimage to a place. The testimony is therefore global, as is the call. Even the **Arabs** are present.

Prayer Taught by Jesus Christ in Response to the Question "How to Pray"

Matthew 6:9-13 (LSG 1910): ⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name; ¹⁰ Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread; ¹² forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; ¹³ and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!"

Peter's Preaching at Pentecost

Acts 2 (Louis Segond 1910): ² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from **every nation** under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their **own language being spoken**. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and **Asia**, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, **Egypt** and the parts of **Libya** near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and **Arabs**—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to

darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was **handed** over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by **nailing** him to the cross. ²⁴ But **God raised** him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ **David said about him:** "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus **to life, and we are all witnesses of it.** ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, **he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.** ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "**Sit at my right hand** ³⁵ **until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.**"

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus**, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 10

¹ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

² A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

³ He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

⁴ And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

⁵ And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

⁶ He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

⁷ And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

⁸ And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

¹⁰ And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

¹² Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

¹³ And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

¹⁵ And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

¹⁶ This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

¹⁸ And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

¹⁹ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

²⁰ Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

²¹ Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

²² And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

²³ Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

²⁴ And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

²⁵ And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

²⁶ But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

²⁸ And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to

keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

²⁹ Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

³⁰ And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

³¹ And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

³² Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

³³ Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

³⁶ The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

³⁷ That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

³⁸ How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

⁴⁰ Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

⁴¹ Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

⁴³ To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

What We Believe to be Sound Christian Doctrine According to Scripture

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Fundamental pillars

1	The acceptance and application of the two greatest commandments (love of God and love of neighbor) and their recognition with the love and justice of God as being the basis and spirit of the entire Bible
2	Recognize Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, only Son of God from the Father
3	To become a Christian: believe in Christ and accept him as Lord and savior, confess him with his mouth, believe in his heart that he has been raised from the dead, repent , be baptized in water , if possible by immersion in pure water (natural and preferably flowing), by an authentic Christian who lives in sanctification and the fear of God, and who himself has been baptised thus
4	Jesus Christ has freed us from sin. He who still lives in sin does not know Christ and is destined to perdition, even if he has a very religious life and talks a lot about Christ. The love of God consists in keeping his commandments. We must walk in righteousness and holiness
5	Accept and apply the Ten Commandments. Maintain wisdom and reflection, develop knowledge of God and his word
6	We must not have any contact, use any service of magician, soothsayer, astrologer, enchanter, person who consults the dead, sorcerer, marabout, person who consults the spirits. We should not consult horoscopes or any other form of divination, use statues or crosses. We must not make any communication with the dead.
7	Jesus Christ is Son of God. This God of whom he is the Son is our God and is also the God of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not equal to God the father.
8	Do not associate ourselves with any worship of another deity (Allah, Buddha, Mary, Janus, etc.), or with festivals relating to dissolution in Christianity (Christmas, New Year, Easter, Assumption, Ascension). We do, however, recognize the feast of Passover (without s).

	Allah, the divinity of Islam, is not the Lord, the God of Christians.
9	Be quick to forgive, to ask for forgiveness. Avoid judging hastily or based on appearance . Always show love and charity . Seek first God's love and justice
10	When we are in obedience and within the framework of God's promises, we recognize by Faith that he can deliver us from all danger, bring us all that we need despite all adversity, that he is powerful to accomplish his promises, and that it is his favor that we must seek first. We do not, however, dictate how it will do so.

Main beliefs

NB: when CI yes CE is 2, this means that someone can be sincerely committed to Christ and have another opinion on the matter. We then simply consider him to be in error.

Num	CI	CE	Some of our main beliefs
1			I. The fundamental pillars
2	1	1	Our Faith is based on what we read in the Bible first. Everything that God subsequently revealed must be non-contradictory to the written text of the Bible to be admissible.
3	1	1	We must continually develop our knowledge of God, and we must maintain wisdom and reflection
4	1	2	Learning the fundamentals of logic is important so as not to get caught up in false doctrines
5	1	2	All Scripture is built on the foundation of God's love and justice, translated into the two greatest commandments
6	1	1	We reject dogmas or other curious, even stupid, things that should be accepted as mysteries of the Faith, when this is totally opposed to reason.
7	1	2	We consider editions of the Bible after 1910 to be unreliable (current French, mots de vie, parole vivant, TOB, Louis Second 2007, etc.), some of which are real falsifications.
8	1	1	Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the only Son of God from the Father, dead for our sins, resurrected and alive
9	1	2	Jesus Christ is Son of God. This God of whom he is the Son is our God and is also the God of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not his equal.
10	1	1	Jesus Christ came to announce to us repentance and the kingdom of heaven, and this is what he also sent us to preach
11	1	2	To become fully Christian, we must believe in Jesus, confess Him with our mouth, repent, be water baptized in pure water, and walk in righteousness and holiness
12	1	1	Jesus Christ has freed us from sin. He who still lives in sin does not know Christ and is destined to perdition, even if he has a very religious life and talks a lot about Christ. The love of God consists in keeping his commandments.

13	1	1	He who believes in Jesus Christ recognizes that Jesus Christ gives him the strength to walk according to the commandments, this is not an ability he had without Christ
14	1	1	We must seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God
15	1	1	We must live in respect and on the foundation of the two greatest commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and this is the second, which is similar to it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
16	1	1	We must not address prayers to Mary, to angels, to saints, to ancestors, to the dead. This is disobedience and the creation of another god
17	1	1	We must not make or use any statue for religious purposes, this is a serious transgression
18	1	2	We must not use a physical cross or any cross-shaped work that would be a testimony or manifestation of our Faith in Jesus, this is idolatry. Nor should we make the sign of the cross over ourselves.
19	1	1	We must always be willing to forgive those who have offended us, show love, mercy, gratitude, keep the ten commandments
20	1	1	We must not have any contact, use any service of magician, soothsayer, astrologer, enchanter, person who consults the dead, sorcerer, marabout, person who consults the spirits. We should not consult horoscopes or any other form of divination. We must not make any communication with the dead.
21	1	1	We must not make a blood sacrifice
22	1	1	We must not practice spiritualism, nor use fetishes or objects supposed to protect us spiritually, or do "shielding"
23	1	1	We must not live in injustice or iniquity just because our sins would be forgiven. This is the path to perdition
24	1	1	We must show our love for God and build our wealth for God, not just petition Him.
25	1	2	there are false dreams and we do not necessarily see in each dream a message from God
26	1	1	We are saved by Faith, but this Faith is manifested and accompanied by the works of Faith, and keeps us from the works of perdition. So, if we are still in sin, in the works of perdition, it is because we do not have Faith
27	1	1	We are justified by grace. However, it does not give us the right to live in sin, because he who lives in sin annuls grace towards him and is destined to perdition. We cannot repent and continue in a life of sin
28	1	1	Repentance involves 1) confession of the sin committed, 2) regret for having committed said sin, 3) asking for forgiveness, 4) sincere commitment to abandon it, and 5) a few times if possible the repair.
29	1	1	We recognize that we are led by the Spirit of God when we walk in love, righteousness, and keeping God's commandments, as well as when our heart is God's.

30	1	2	Through water baptism and keeping the commandments, each of us becomes a temple of the living God
31	1	2	Water baptism prepares us to receive the Spirit of God, but this is not necessarily simultaneous
32	1	2	God distributes spiritual gifts as He pleases. Speaking in tongues is not a "required gift" to prove that one has received the Spirit of God. Not every Christian is obligated to manifest spiritual gifts
33	1	2	We do not say amen to those who speak in tongues without anyone interpreting and without us understanding.
34	1	2	The Lord's Supper must be taken by baptised, repentant people, and must not have any leftovers saved for later. It is best to take it once a year at Easter
35	1	2	The only holiday that could be recognized as Christian is the Passover feast where the Lord's Supper is shared, celebrated on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. It has nothing to do with the Easter festival celebrated by various denominations, and which would be the resurrection of Jesus.
36	1	1	If we don't walk in God's ways, we either haven't had salvation at all, or we can lose it.
37	1	2	Water baptism alone does not represent new birth, it also requires birth of spirit
38	1	1	Faith is total trust in God and his promises. A firm assurance of things hoped for, a demonstration of things not seen.
39	1	1	Vengeance belongs to God, we must not take revenge ourselves
40	1	2	Believing in Jesus is what saves, not "believing about Jesus"
41	1	2	The baptism of the Holy Spirit is given by Jesus Christ Himself, and is therefore not the baptism He commanded His disciples to give. It is not enough to say that you believe in Jesus Christ to claim to have been baptized with the Holy Spirit
42	1	2	The reception of the Holy Spirit, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Spirit are three distinct things
43	1	1	7 pillars are important for a Christian life of victory over curses and evil forces, and for a life of blessings: 1) repentance 2) water baptism in water 3) sanctification 4) birth of the Spirit 5) Faith 6) putting off 7) putting on the armor of God
44	1	2	We must maintain the observance of the weekly Sabbath, preferably on Saturday, while taking into account the imperative needs
45	1	2	We do not make the sign of the cross over ourselves
46	1	2	Anyone who believes and repents can be baptized in water the same day. No need for months of teaching and observation
47	1	2	Children capable of knowledge and intelligence can be baptized, not babies.
48	1	1	Homosexuals have no part in the Kingdom of God
49	1	2	Islam is an antichrist and does not have the same God as Christianity
50	1	2	Catholicism is more likely antichrist and baal worship than anything else
51	1	1	There are many people who sincerely seek God in Catholicism, Islam and all denominations in error, and as much as possible we must help them return to the truth, and always show them unconditionally our love.

52	1	1	We do not consult horoscopes (product of astrologers)
53	1	2	There are many false supposedly Christian religions, which generally break at least one of the pillars of Christianity, to lead people to perdition.
54	1	2	Before appropriating a promise from the Bible as applying to yourself, you must ensure that you are the dentinary, because certain promises are intended only for those to whom you were speaking at the time of the promise and not for all
55	1	2	There is no opposition between Faith and reason, and becoming a Christian is not becoming a moron
56			Hebrews 6:1-2 recalls some essential foundations of Christian doctrine
57	1	1	The believer must be trained to avoid basic errors of logic, the foundation on which many false teachings are built.
58	1	2	We cannot force God's help to come in the form of miracles. We must take our medicines if we are sick, while praying
59	1	1	Christianity is not an invitation to laziness, the Christian must be a model worker
60	1	1	Whatever our situation, we must be able to show love for our neighbors and for those in need through charity, services rendered, generosity, assistance to the extent of our possibilities.
61	1	1	We do not sell anointing oil and recommend that people do not purchase it. If we want to use oil, take oil provided by the one who needs it (not called anointing) and use it.
62	1	1	The pastor must not take authority over a home in place of the husband
	1	1	He who seems to have spiritual gifts, but who lives in iniquity, fornication, adultery, sin may have another origin of his gifts than the Spirit of God.
	1	1	We must be led by the Spirit of God, not just say we have it.
	1	1	We should be concerned about being "rich unto God" and building treasures in heaven
	1	1	The apparent answering of one's prayers is not proof that one's denomination or doctrine or conduct is right.
	1	1	Miracles performed by someone are not proof that he is not a false prophet or a false pastor. Test it according to the rules for recognis ing false prophets and false pastors
64	1	2	1. Tithing has nothing to do with Christianity. In Christianity, everyone participates in the assistance intended for the saints, through their offerings and their liberalities, without any constraint and with joy.
65	1	2	Christmas has nothing to do with Christianity, just like the Assumption
66	1	2	Many seemingly Christian denominations are also falsifications of Christianity or antichrists

67	1	1	We must show peace, love and gentleness to Muslims, Catholics and all people in religions that do not lead to salvation. We must pray for them and present the truth to them whenever possible
68	2	2	Among the Cameroonians, there are Israelites, but not everyone is necessarily Israelite. It is the same in general among blacks.
69	2	1	The one who became a Christian being a virgin must do what is necessary to arrive at her marriage as a virgin.
70	2	2	We are free to eat any food that is edible, but we recommend observing the dietary laws of the Torah, not for reasons of purity or impurity, but simply for reasons of health and dietetics.
71	2	2	Polygamy is not prohibited by the Bible
72	1	1	We do not try to conform to what people have usually taught, but to what seems to us to be true in regard to the scriptures, the facts, the revelations and the principles governing the understanding of the scriptures,
73	2	2	It is important to get rid of locks, rings, chains, perfumes, varnishes, music or inappropriate readings. These things in themselves are not necessarily sin, but lead to sin, or even the company of demons or disease, or curses.
74	2	2	The spouses are considered married as soon as the dowry has taken place
75	1	1	Adultery must be avoided like the plague, as must impudence

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References

[Existence, Love of God, and Major Sins](#)

God **Exists** (Romans 1:18-20; Psalm 19:1; Hebrews 3:4). He **loves** us: John 3:16 "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.**" Rom 5:7-8 "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁷ But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet **sinner**s, **Christ died** for us." Denying God and turning away from Him are among the greatest sins (Romans 1:28-32; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Exodus 20:3-7).

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness

of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²¹ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Psalm 19:1

¹⁹ To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Hebrews 3:4

⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

John 3:16

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.

Romans 5:7-8

⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 1:28-32

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰ When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Exodus 20:3-7

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. ⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

The Natural Man is a Sinner, a Slave to Sin

The natural man is a **sinner**, a **slave to sin**. He cannot free himself alone (1 John 1:8-10; John

8:34; Romans 3:23; Romans 7:18-20; Romans 1:28-32). Despite his will, he remains bound to sin. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). It leads to wickedness, disasters, and other curses. To avoid this, blood sacrifices were necessary for the forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 9:22).

1 John 1:8-10

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

John 8:34

³⁰ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Romans 3:23

²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 7:18-20

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. ¹⁹ For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. ²⁰ Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Romans 1:28-32

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 9:22

²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Jesus Christ Frees Us from the Slavery of Sin and Grants Us Access to Eternal Life

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to free us from the **slavery of sin** and to grant us access to **eternal life** (John 8:31-36; John 3:16; Revelation 5:8-9; Romans 8:2; John 1:12-13; 1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; John 15:22; Isaiah 49:6; 1 John 3:5-10). He died for us on the cross so that His blood might serve to purify the sins of all who sincerely repent after committing them and who also forgive those who have offended them (Hebrews 9:12; 1 John 2:2; Matthew 6:14-15). It is a grace that God has given us for our salvation and not the result of our works (Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 1:21; Romans 5:10).

John 8:31-36

³¹ 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. ³³ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? ³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. ³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 3:16

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.

Revelation 5:8-9

⁸ And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down **before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. ⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

Romans 8:2

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

John 1:12-13

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12

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

John 15:22

²² If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

Isaiah 49:6

⁶ He said: It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

1 John 3:5-10

⁵ And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

⁶ Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

⁷ Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹ Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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.

Hebrews 9:12

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

1 John 2:2

² And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Matthew 6:14-15

¹⁴ 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.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Colossians 1:21

²¹ And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works**, yet now hath he reconciled

Romans 5:10

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

How to Benefit from the Grace of Jesus Christ

To benefit from this grace, one must **believe** in Jesus Christ, **repent** of their former sinful life, be **baptised** in water, and be **born** again (John 20:31; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; John 3:3; John 3:5; Luke 7:30; Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:5). We must invite Jesus Christ into our lives to become our Lord (Revelation 3:20; John 13:13; Romans 14:11).

Before being baptised, one must first believe and repent. **Baptism is a voluntary act that signifies our commitment to God and our entrance into Christian life** (1 Peter 3:21; Luke 3:3; Acts 2:41). It also serves to break any satanic, spiritual, or demonic bonds in our lives and prepares us to receive the Holy Spirit of God. It crucifies the sinful flesh to enable us to walk in newness of life as children of God, adhering to His commandments (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; Hebrews 10:22; Ephesians 5:26; Deuteronomy 7:5). The Christian

is **thus freed from sin, dead to sin** (Romans 8:2; Romans 6:1-2; Romans 6:11-13; Romans 6:22; 1 John 5:2-4; 2 Timothy 2:19).

John 20:31

³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Mark 16:16

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

John 3:3

³ 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.

John 3:5

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.

Luke 7:30

³⁰ But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

Matthew 28:19

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.

Titus 3:5

⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Revelation 3:20

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

John 13:13

¹³ Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

Romans 14:11

¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

1 Peter 3:21

²¹ The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Luke 3:3

3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 2:41

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Romans 6:1-7

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² **God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Galatians 3:27

²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Hebrews 10:22

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Ephesians 5:26

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Deuteronomy 7:5

⁵ But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Romans 8:2

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 6:1-2

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:11-13

¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 6:22

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

1 John 5:2-4

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

2 Timothy 2:19

¹⁹ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

What to Do Once You Become a Christian

Once you become a Christian, you should start your spiritual journey by:

1. **Seeking first the kingdom and righteousness of God** (Matthew 6:33).
2. **Loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind** (Matthew 22:37-38).
3. **Loving your neighbor as yourself** (Matthew 22:39).
4. **Renouncing ungodliness and worldly lusts**, and living soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age (Titus 2:12; Exodus 20:3-17; Matthew 7:12).

Next, you **should** grow in the **knowledge** of God through Bible reading or listening (Matthew 4:4; Hosea 4:6; Hosea 6:6; John 15:7; John 6:63; Psalm 119:105; Jeremiah 29:13; Isaiah 48:17-18; 2 Peter 3:18) **and obeying God's commandments. This demonstrates your Christianity and will bring salvation, blessings, and success** (Luke 8:21; 1 John 3:10; Matthew 7:18-23; John 14:21; John 8:11; 1 John 5:2-4; Proverbs 28:9; Joshua 1:8; Revelation 12:17). Remember, Jesus Christ came to free you from sin.

Consider Jesus' words:

Matthew 7:21-23

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 6:33

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 22:37-39

³⁷ Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 7:12

¹² Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Titus 2:12

¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world,

Exodus 20:3-17

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:4-17

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

⁶ And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

¹³ Thou shalt not kill.

¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.

¹⁵ Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Matthew 7:12

¹² Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Hosea 4:6

⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 6:6

⁶ For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

John 15:7

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 6:63

⁶³ It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Psalms 119:105

¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Isaiah 48:17-18

¹⁷ Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

¹⁸ O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea;

2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

Luke 8:21

²¹ And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

1 John 3:10

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.

Matthew 7:18-23

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.

John 14:21

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 8:11

¹¹ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

1 John 5:2-4

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Proverbs 28:9

⁹ He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Joshua 1:8

⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Revelation 12:17

¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Ne croyez pas que le fait d'être trop nombreux dans le péché sauvera les pécheurs.

Ne croyez pas que le fait d'être trop nombreux dans le péché sauvera, car au temps de Noé, seules huit personnes furent sauvées sur toute la terre, et les autres périrent (1 Pierre 3:20 ; Matthieu 24:37-39 ; Luc 17:26-30). Ne croyez pas ceux qui disent que parce que nous sommes sous la grâce, nous sommes libres de vivre dans le péché, parce que pardonnés,

reniant ainsi l'affranchissement de Jésus-Christ. Car la vie dans le péché mène à la perdition (Matthieu 10:22 ; Marc 13:20 ; Apocalypse 22:15 ; Hébreux 10:26-27 ; Hébreux 12:14 ; Romains 6:1-2 ; Romains 6:11-13 ; Romains 6:16 ; Romains 6:18 ; Romains 6:22 ; Apocalypse 21:7 ; Luc 1:75 ; Éphésiens 5:5 ; Galates 5:19-22 ; Jacques 1:22 ; Jean 14:21 ; Luc 11:27-28 ; Matthieu 7:26 ; Matthieu 19:17 ; 2 Pierre 2:20-22 ; Actes 8:20-22 ; 1 Corinthiens 10:1-13 ; 1 Corinthiens 11:27-30 ; Romains 8:13-14 ; Romains 2:13 ; Actes 26:20 ; Éphésiens 5:8 ; Jacques 2:14-26 ; 1 Thessaloniens 4:3-7 ; 1 Thessaloniens 4:8 ; Romains 14:12 ; Éphésiens 6:10-18).

Or Jésus dit : « **Si donc le Fils vous affranchit, vous serez réellement libres** » (Jean 8:36).

1 Pierre 3:20 :

Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Matthieu 24:37-39 :

³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luc 17:26-30 :

²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷ They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹ But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰ Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Matthieu 10:22 :

²² And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Marc 13:20:

²⁰ And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: **but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.**

Apocalypse 22:15 :

¹⁵ For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Hébreux 10:26-27 :

²⁶ 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.

Hébreux 12:14 :

¹⁴ Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Romains 6:1-2 :

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Romains 6:11-13 :

¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. ¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romains 6:16 :

¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romains 6:18 :

¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romains 6:22 :

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Apocalypse 21:7 :

⁷ He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Luc 1:75 :

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Éphésiens 5:5:

⁵ 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.

Galates 5:19-22 :

¹⁹ 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. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

Jacques 1:22 :

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jean 14:21 :

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Luc 11:27-28 (KJV) :

²⁷ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her

voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. ²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it

²⁷ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked!

²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Matthew 7:26 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.

Matthew 19:17 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.

2 Peter 2:20-22 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.

Acts 8:20-22 ²⁰ But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

²¹ Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

²² Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 ¹ Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

² And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³ And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

⁴ And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

⁵ But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

⁷ Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

⁸ Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

⁹ Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

¹⁰ Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who

will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 ²⁷ Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰ For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Romans 8:13-14 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.

Romans 2:13 ¹³ For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Acts 26:20 ²⁰ But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Ephesians 5:8 ⁸ For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

James 2:14-26 ¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

¹⁷ **Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

²⁶ **For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

³ For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

⁵ Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

⁶ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the

avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:8

⁸ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

Romans 14:12

¹² So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Would you like me to remember any of these details for future conversations?

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John 14:21 ²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

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Psalms 27:2-3 ² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

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Psalms 91 ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him

will I trust.³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.⁹ Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

1 Chronicles 29:12¹² Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Isaiah 53:3-12³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.⁴ **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.¹⁰ Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Acts 10:43⁴³ To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins

Proverbs 28:9⁹ He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Deuteronomy 30:15¹⁵ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.

Numbers 23:20-23 ²⁰ Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. ²¹ He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. ²² God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. ²³ Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 ¹ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ² And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; ³ Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

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2 Corinthians 6:2 ² (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Revelation 9:20 ²⁰ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

John 4:42 ⁴² And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

What is Repentance

Let it be clear that repentance is not merely asking for forgiveness with lips. Repentance involves five steps: confessing one's sins to God, sincerely regretting those sins, earnestly asking for forgiveness, committing to **abandon** them (not to repeat them), and if possible, making restitution for the damage caused by the fault. Thus, one cannot always repent of the same faults, as it indicates that one is not making the effort to abandon them, does not truly regret them, or is still enslaved by sin. Jesus Christ came to free us. If we are still enslaved, our relationship with Jesus Christ is questionable (Romans 8:13-14; John 8:34-36; Romans 8:1-17; Proverbs 28:13; 2 Chronicles 7:14-15).

Romans 8:13-14 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.

John 8:34-36 ³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. ³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Romans 8:1-17 ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God: ⁹ 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. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

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Acts 26:20 ²⁰ But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Proverbs 28:13 ¹³ He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: **but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**

One must not only confess but also forsake.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, **and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,** and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

Stop all forms of spiritism, idolatry, magic, divination Cease all forms of spiritism, idolatry, magic, witchcraft, and stop listening to or consulting horoscopes or astrologers

(Deuteronomy 18:10-14; Leviticus 20:6). Stop bowing down to statues of any kind or praying to anyone other than God (**no prayers to Mary, saints, ancestors, spirits, or others**) (1 Timothy 2:5; Exodus 20:3-6; Deuteronomy 18:10-14; 2 Corinthians 6:15-17; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Matthew 12:46-49; Luke 11:27-28; Jeremiah 44:17-18; Jeremiah 44:25-28; Matthew 6:7-15; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1; John 14:23).

Deuteronomy 18:10-14 ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, ¹¹ Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. ¹² For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. ¹³ Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. ¹⁴ For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

Leviticus 20:6 ⁶ And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

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

Exodus 20:3-6 ³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: ⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

2 Corinthians 6:15-17 ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

1 Chronicles 10:13 ¹³ 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 inquire of it;

Matthew 12:46-49 ⁴⁶ While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. ⁴⁷ Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. ⁴⁸ But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? ⁴⁹ And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

Luke 11:27-28 ²⁷ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. ²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Jeremiah 44:17-18 ¹⁷ But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. ¹⁸ But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

Jeremiah 44:25-28 ²⁵ Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. ²⁶ Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the Lord, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth. ²⁷ Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. ²⁸ Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

Matthew 6:7-15 ⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. ⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. ¹⁴ 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.

Ephesians 2:18 ¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Hebrews 7:25 ²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1 ¹ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous.

John 14:23 ²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Get Rid of Statues and Break Spiritual Chains

Get rid of statues of Jesus, Mary, or other religious statues (Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 7:25-26; Deuteronomy 7:5; Deuteronomy 12:3; 2 Kings 18:4; Deuteronomy 16:22; Deuteronomy 4:15-19; Romans 1:22-24; Acts 19:24-26). Get rid of crosses, even those without statues. They are wood and not our God, representing a form of idolatry, as many were crucified before and after Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 29:17; Deuteronomy 28:64). Burn all items that are supposed to have spiritual powers, any talismans or objects from magicians, traditionalists, sorcerers, etc. (Deuteronomy 7:25-26).

Break the chains by which you have spiritually bound others, open the locks in which you have imprisoned others, renounce all spiritual pacts you have made. This is absolutely necessary if you believe in God and Jesus Christ and wish to be with Him (Isaiah 58:6-12).

Exodus 20:4-6 ⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: ⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:25-26 ²⁵ The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. ²⁶ Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

Deuteronomy 7:5 ⁵ But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deuteronomy 12:3 ³ And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

2 Kings 18:4 ⁴ He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

Deuteronomy 16:22 ²² Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the Lord thy God hateth.

Deuteronomy 4:15-19 ¹⁵ Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: ¹⁶ Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, ¹⁸ The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹ And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Romans 1:22-24 ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. ²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Acts 19:24-26 ²⁴ For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; ²⁵ Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. ²⁶ Moreover ye see and hear that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul

hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

Deuteronomy 29:17¹⁷ And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:

Deuteronomy 28:64⁶⁴ And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Revelation 22:15¹⁵ For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Isaiah 58:6-12⁶ Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?⁸ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.⁹ Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;¹⁰ And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

¹¹ And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.¹² And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.
