

The Catholic Faith in Scripture

NOTE: All quotes should be read in context

1. Evangelization/Apologetics (apologia)

	1 Peter 3:15-16	¹⁵ but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
	2 Tim 2:23-25	²³ Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth.
Unity	John 17:20-23 (Unity)	²⁰ "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.
	Rom 15:5-6 [Unity]	May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony* with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, ^e ⁶ that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
	1 Cor 1:10	¹⁰ I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. (see also Rom 16:17-18)
	1 Cor 12:13,27	¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
	Eph 4:1-6	¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.
	Mark 9:38-40 [Unity today?]	"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. (see Num 11:25-29 Moses, 70 elders, and Eldad and Medad prophesying: "Would that all... were prophets.")
	Matt 7:21	²¹ "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
	Acts 19:2-3	² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."
	1 Cor 10:16-17	¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
	John 6:54	⁴ he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

2. Old Testament Priesthood/Authority

	Gen 26:5	⁵ because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. ⁶
	2 Chron 19:11	¹¹ And behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the governor of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters; and the Levites will serve you as officers.
	Deut 17:8-12	⁸ "If any case arises requiring decision between one kind of homicide and another, one kind of legal right and another, or one kind of assault and another, any case within your towns which is too difficult for you, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God will choose, ⁹ and coming to the Levitical priests, and to the judge who is in office in those days, you shall consult them, and they shall declare to you the decision. ¹⁰ Then you shall do according to what they declare to you from that place which the LORD will choose; and you shall be careful to do according to all that they direct you; ¹¹ according to the instructions which they give you, and according to the decision which they pronounce to you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the verdict which they declare to you, either to the right hand or to the left. ¹² The man who acts presumptuously, by not obeying the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die; so you shall purge the evil from Israel.
	Mal 2: 6-7	⁶ True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. ⁷ For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
	Num 27:18-23	¹⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; ¹⁹ cause him to stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. ²⁰ You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. ²¹ And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation." ²² And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; he took Joshua and caused him to stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation, ²³ and he laid his hands upon him, and commissioned him as the LORD directed through Moses.
	Deut 34:9	⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the people of Israel obeyed him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
	Matt 23:1-3	¹ Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, ² "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat ³ so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.

3. Authority of the Church (New Testament)

	1 Tim 3:15	¹⁵ if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.
	Matt 28:18-20	¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

John 17:18	¹⁸ As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
Mark 6:7,13	⁷ And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.
Matt 10:1	¹ And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity.
Matt 7:24-25	²⁴ “Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; ²⁵ and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.
Matt 16:18-19	¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
Matt 18:18	¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Luke 10:16	¹⁶ “He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”
Matt 10:40	⁴⁰ He who receives you receives me, and he who rejects me receives him who sent me.
John 13:20	Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”
John 20:21-23	²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
John 14:18,26	¹⁸ “I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
John 16:12-14	¹² I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
Luke 22:29	²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,
Matt 18:17	¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
1 Thes 5:12-13	¹² But we beseech you, brethren, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
Heb 13:17	¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.
1 Peter 5:1-3,5	¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. ² Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, ³ not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. ⁵ Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
Acts 20:28	Keep watch... over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood
Jer 3:15 O.T. authoritative priesthood	I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently. [also Jer 23:4]
Eph 4:11-14	¹¹ And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.
Eph 2:19-20	¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.
Rev 21:14	¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
John 14:16, 18	¹⁸ “I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.
Matt 28:20	²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.
1 Cor 12:27-28	²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues.
Col 1:18	¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.
Acts 1:17,20	¹⁷ For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘His office let another take.’ (<i>Office of Apostle</i>)
1 Tim 3:2	² Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher
Acts 14:23	²³ They appointed presbyters for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.
Titus 1:5-7	⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you, ⁶ if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of being profligate or insubordinate. ⁷ For a bishop, as God’s steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain
1 Tim 4:14	¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you.
Phil 1:1	¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
Acts 15:22,28	²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things (<i>first Church council</i>)

Bishops & Presbyters

4. Church, Sacred Tradition & Scripture vs Sola Scriptura

2 Peter 1:19-21	¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (<i>also see 1 Thes 2:13</i>)
Heb 5:11-13	¹¹ About this we have much to say which is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need some one to teach you again the first principles of God’s word. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³ for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child.

	2 Peter 3:16	¹⁶ speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.
	2 Tim 3:10,14-17 (Sola?)	¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness... ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (does not teach Scripture Alone, also see James 1:4 below)
	James 1:4	And let perseverance be perfect , so that you may be perfect and complete , lacking in nothing (like Scripture does in 2 Tim 3:16 , ["perseverance" also makes you not only " complete ", but " perfect " as well!)
	1 Jn 2:20-21, 24,26-27	²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁶ I write this to you about those who would deceive you; ²⁷ but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.
	1 Tim 3:15 <i>Pillar of Truth</i>	¹⁵ if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth.
	Eph 3:10	¹⁰ that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.
Sacred Tradition	2 Thes 2:15	So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter. (<i>Sacred Tradition</i>)
	Acts 16:32 <i>Spoken word</i>	³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house.
	1 Thes 1:5	For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and [with] much conviction.
	Mk 16:20	But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
	Rom 10:17	¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. (<i>see Acts 16:32</i>)
	Rom 10:14-18	But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard ? And how can they hear without someone to preach ? And how can people preach unless they are sent ?... for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what was heard from us ?" Thus faith comes from what is heard , and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, did they not hear? Certainly they did; for " Their voice has gone forth to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
	2 Tim 1:13-14 <i>guard with Holy Spirit</i>	¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; ¹⁴ guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.
	2 Tim 2:2	² and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
	1 Tim 6:20	²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge
	1 Thes 2:13	¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.
2 Tim 3:14	continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it	
1 Thes 1:5	our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.	
1 Pet 1:23-24	²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,	
2 Cor 3:2-3	² You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; ³ and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. <i>2 Cor 3:2-6</i>	
1 Cor 4:16-17	¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ Therefore I sent to you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.	
Phil 4:9	⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.	
Good Tradition	2 Thes 3:6	⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is living in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. (<i>GOOD TRADITION ie. Sacred</i>)
	1 Cor 11:1-2	¹ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. ² I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you. (<i>GOOD TRADITION ie. Sacred</i>) (<i>see Mark 7:9 & Matt 15:3 for bad tradition of men</i>)
bad tradition	Mark 7:9	⁹ And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God, in order to keep your tradition! (<i>BAD TRADITION... see Good Tradition above</i>) (<i>see Matt 15:3 & 2 Thes 2:15</i>)
	Acts 15:24	Since we have heard that some persons from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions
	1 John 2:3-5, 24-27	The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments... But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with him... Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father... The anointing that you received from him remains in you, so that you do not need anyone to teach you. But his anointing teaches you about everything and is true and not false; just as it taught you, remain in him.
	John 14:26 <i>Holy Spirit</i>	²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
	John 16:12-14 <i>Holy Spirit</i>	¹² "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
	Matt 16 & 18	The complete chapters (<i>binding & loosing</i>)
	Acts 15:22,28	²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things

John 5:39-40	³⁹ You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.
1 John 4:6	⁶ We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
2 Thes 2:1-2	¹ ...we beg you, brethren, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited, either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. (<i>certainty of canon of scripture</i>)
1 Tim 6:3-5	Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing... From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain.
Gal 1:6-8	⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.
Rom 6:16	although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted.
John 21:25	²⁵ But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.
John 20:30	³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book
Matt 11:13-14	¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John; ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. (<i>Revelation/prophesy did not end in 425 BC as claimed for the Jewish/Protestant Old Testament canon of Council of Jamnia ~100 AD</i>)
The Septuagint	<i>The Septuagint is the original Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament and was the Old Testament used by Jesus, the Apostles, and the Early Church and it contains the same 46 books as the Catholic Old Testament.</i>
Jewish O.T. Canon	<i>The Sadducees/Jewish High Priesthood, which was the authority of the Old Covenant, accepted only the first 5 books of the Old Testament (the Torah) and rejected all other Old Testament books (ie. the Jews did not have a fixed Old Testament list of books at the time of Jesus)</i>

5. Peter & the Papacy

John 1:42	⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). (<i>see Gen 49:24</i>)
Matt 7:24-26 <i>House on Rock</i>	²⁴ “Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; ²⁵ and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand
Matt 16:15-19	¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
Is 22:19-22	¹⁹ I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. ²⁰ In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, ²¹ and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.
Luke 22:31-32	³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.”
John 21:15-17	¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.
John 20:4-6	⁴ They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; ⁵ and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying,
Lk 24:34	³⁴ who said, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”
Acts 1:15-26 <i>(Apostolic Succession: Judas’ Office)</i>	¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶ “Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. ... ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it;’ and ‘His office let another take.’ ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles. (<i>Judas’ Office filled</i>)
Matt 10:2	² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother (<i>Note: Peter is listed as the ‘first’ (protos) Apostle, even though not chosen 1st, and Judas is listed last; Peter heads all lists of Apostles except one</i>)
1 Cor 15:5-9	⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (<i>Note order of listing: Peter is first, James later, and Paul is last because he is “the least of the Apostles” [see also Matt 10:2-4]</i>)
Acts 15:6-12 <i>(Peter Silences 1st Council)</i>	⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter rose and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God who knows the heart bore witness to them, giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us; ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, but cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now therefore why do you make trial of God by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” ¹² And all the assembly kept silence; and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. (<i>Peter speaks at first council, silences all and settles debate</i>)

Acts 2:14,38,41	¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <i>(Peter gives first sermon/converts 3000)</i>
Acts 3:6-7	⁶ But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <i>(Peter performs first healing)</i>
Acts 5:15-16	¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
Acts 5:1-5	<i>(Ananias and Sapphira lie to Holy Spirit/Peter & Church authority)</i>
Acts 9:36-41	³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <i>(first raising of dead by apostles [Peter])</i>
Acts 10 & 11	The complete chapters <i>(Peter admits the Gentiles)</i>
New Testament	<i>(Peter heads all lists, obvious leader of Church in Gospels and Acts, mentioned 191 times [vs. 48 times for John])</i>
Gal 2:11-14 (discipline VS Doctrine)	when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong. For, until some people came from James, ² he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to draw back and separated himself, because he was afraid of the circumcised. And the rest of the Jews ³ [also] acted hypocritically along with him, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹ But when I saw that they were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all, “If you, though a Jew, are living like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? <i>(St Paul confronts Peter on a discipline, not a doctrinal matter, and so does not contradict principles of Papal infallibility)</i>
Gal 1:18-19	¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother.
1 Pet 5:13	¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. <i>(Peter writing from Rome)</i>
Acts 14:23	²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. <i>(Apostolic Succession – also see Acts 1:15-26, Judas’s Office filled)</i>
Early Church Fathers	See Quotes

6. Faith and Good (Grace) Works vs Faith Alone

Faith	2 Tim 1:9	He saved us & called us to a holy life not according to our works but according to his own design & the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus
	Acts 15:5,11	⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up, and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.” ¹¹ But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”
	Heb 11:6	⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
Grace & Good Works	James 2:19	¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder.
	John 15:5-6	⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
	1 Cor 15:10	¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me.
	Rom 3:28	²⁸ For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law. <i>(Martin Luther added the word ‘alone’[sola] to this verse of Sacred Scripture, and Gal 2:16) (Also note “works of the LAW”= circumcision and 613 commands of the Law of Moses not the 10 Commandments – see Gal 5:3-4 below)</i>
	Romans 2:28-29	For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. ²⁹ He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal. His praise is not from men but from God.
	Gal 5:3-4	³ I testify again to every man who receives circumcision that he is bound to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <i>(circumcision/works of the Law versus justification by grace)</i>
	Romans 6:14-15	you are not under the law but under grace
	James 2:24 works	²⁴ You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.
	James 2:26	²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.
	James 2:14,17-18	¹⁴ What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸ But some one will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.
	Eph 2:8-10 God works	⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God- ⁹ not because of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Faith working in Love	Hebrews 11:31	By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient
	James 2:25	was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?”
	Gal 5:6	⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love.

Faith, Love, Commandments	1 John 5:1-3, 11-13	Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome... And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.
	1 John 3:23-24 <i>believe AND love</i>	²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us. (see <i>John 3:16,36; John 5:24,29</i>)
	1 John 2:3-6	³ And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶ he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
	2 John 1:9	⁹ Any one who goes ahead and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God; he who abides in the doctrine has both the Father and the Son.
	1 Cor 13:2,13	² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ¹³ So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
	1 John 5:3 <i>Love of God</i>	³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.
	Romans 13:8-10	love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, [namely] "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.
	John 14:21	²¹ He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." (see <i>Matt 19:16-17 below</i>)
	John 15:9-10	⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
	2 John 1:5-6	⁵ And now I beg you, lady, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we follow his commandments; this is the commandment, as you have heard from the beginning, that you follow love.
Matt 22:36-40	³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."	
Matt 5:17	¹⁷ "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them.	
Gal 5:14	¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."	
Obedience	Rom 16:25-26 <i>Obedience of Faith</i>	²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith
	John 3:36	³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him. (<i>ie. believing is not enough, must obey too</i>)
	Heb 5:8-9	⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
	Acts 5:32	³² "the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."
	Rom 6:16	¹⁶ Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
	Luke 6:46	"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"
	Acts 10:34-35	God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
	Mat 25:40	"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."
	Col 3:17	And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
	Col 1:28-29	It is he [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me.
God works	Rev 14:13	"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."
	John 15:5	⁵ ... apart from me you can do nothing.
	1 Cor 15:10	¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. (<i>good works by grace</i>)
	Eph 2:10	¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
	John 3:21	²¹ But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.
	Matt 5:16	¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
	1 Cor 12:5-6	⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.
	1 Cor 3:7-9	⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
	Phil 2:12-13	¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
	John 14:10-12	¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.
1 Cor 3:11,13-14	¹¹ For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹³ each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.	
2 Tim 2:21	²¹ If any one purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work.	
Titus 1:16	¹⁶ They profess to know God, but they deny him by their deeds; they are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good deed.	

	1 John 2:17	But whoever does the will of God remains forever.
Works of the Law	1 Peter 4:10-11	As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ
	Rom 2:13	¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.
	Gal 3:5	⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?
	Gal 2:16	¹⁶ yet who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. (see also Rom 3:28) (works of the law = circumcision and Jewish ceremonial law)
	Gal 3:10	¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them." (see Gal 6:13)
	Gal 5:18-21	¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
	Gal 5:3-6,14 &6:2	³ I testify again to every man who receives circumcision that he is bound to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
Jesus: keep commandments	Matt 19:16-17 Jesus	¹⁶ And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."
	Mark 10:17-19	¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father & mother.'" (also Luke 18:18-21)
	1 John 2:3-6	And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected.
	Gen 26:3-5	I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven... and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves: because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. "
	Keep the Commandments	See 1 John 23-6 below and 1 John 5:3, John 14:21 and John 15:9-10 above regarding the necessity to keep the commandments to receive eternal life
Judge (Judged by Good Works)	Rev 2:23	I am the searcher of hearts and minds and that I will give each of you what your works deserve.
	John 5:29	the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.
	Rom 2:6-10 Judged by works	⁶ For he will render to every man according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.
	Rev 22:12	¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done.
	Rev 20:12-13	¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and all were judged by what they had done.
	1 Corinthians 4:3-5	it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <i>4 I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.</i> <i>5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.</i>
	2 Cor 5:10	For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.
	Gal 6:9	⁹ And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.
	Matt 16:26-27	²⁶ For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷ For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.
	Rev 19:7-8	⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
	Luke 18:29-30	²⁹ And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no man who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not receive manifold more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."
	Acts 10:35	in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.
	Matt 5:20	²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
	Knowing the Lord	1 Mac 2:51-61
Luke 3:9		⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."
1 John 2:3-6		³ And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶ he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
Matt 7:21-23		²¹ "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'
Luke 6:46-48		⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Every one who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock; and when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it had been well built.
Col 1:28-29	It is he [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me.	
Heb 10:36	For you have need of endurance , so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised.	

Be perfect/holiness	1 Thes 4:3	"This is the will of God, your sanctification"
	Matt 5:48	You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
	1 Thes 5:23	May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
	1 Thes 3:13	may the Lord... strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. [Amen.]
	1 Peter 1:16-18	since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.
	Heb 12:14	Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
	Rom 6:16-17	if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted.
	1 Cor 1:8	He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus [Christ]
	Mark 16:16	¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
	Col 1:13-14	his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
John 6:54	⁵⁴ he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.	

7. Assurance of Salvation?

Sheep and Goats	1 Cor 4:3-5	³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴ I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.
	2 Peter 2:20-21	²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.
	John 15:5-6	⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
	Rom 11:21-23	²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.
	1 Cor 9:27	²⁷ but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.
	Phil 2:12	¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
	Phil 3:11-13	¹¹ that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead
	1 Peter 1:17	¹⁷ And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.
	1 Cor 15:1-2	¹ Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -unless you believed in vain.
	Heb 10:36-39	For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised. "For yet a little while, and the coming one shall come and shall not tarry; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and keep their souls.
	Matt 24:12-13	¹² And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end will be saved.
	Col 1:21-23	²¹ And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you persevere in the faith, firmly grounded, stable, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, am a minister.
	Gal 6:9	⁹ Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.
	Luke 8:13	¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.
	Gal 5:4	⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.
	Heb 6:4-6	⁴ For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they then commit apostasy, since they crucify the Son of God on their own account and hold him up to contempt.
	Heb 3:13-14	¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end
	Matt 25:32-46	Sheep and goats. (all are believers, but those who do not do good works are sent to eternal punishment)
	1 Tim 1:18-19	¹⁸ This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith
	Acts 11:21-24	a great number who believed turned to the Lord... he [Barnabas] rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart
1 John 2:24-25	²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.	

2 John 1:9	⁹ Any one who goes ahead and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God; he who abides in the doctrine has both the Father and the Son.
1 John 2:3-6	³ And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶ he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
Matt 7:21	²¹ "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
John 3:36	³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him. (<i>ie. believing is not enough, must obey too</i>)
2 Tim 2:12	¹² if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;
John 15:2,6	² Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
1 John 5:16-17 (Mortal Sin)	¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.
James 5:19-20	¹⁹ My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
Heb 10:26	²⁶ For if we sin deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
2 Peter 1:10-11	Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; 11 so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
1 Cor 5:2,11; 6:9-10	² And you are inflated with pride. Should you not rather have been sorrowful? The one who did this deed should be expelled from your midst... ¹¹ But I now write to you not to associate with anyone named a brother, if he is immoral, greedy, an idolater, a slanderer, a drunkard, or a robber, not even to eat with such a person... ⁹ Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.
Gal 5:18-21	¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
1 John 3:15	¹⁵ Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
Rev 2:10	¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

8. Eternal Life vs Faith Alone

John 3:36	³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him. (<i>see John 3:16 and John 3:21 for comparison</i>)
John 6:40	⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 6:54	⁵⁴ he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
Mark 16:16	¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
Matt 19:29	²⁹ And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.
John 5:29	²⁹ and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. (<i>see John 5:24 for comparison</i>)
1 Peter 3:21	²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

9. Baptism/Born Again

Mark 16:16	¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
Matt 3:16	¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him;
John 3:3-5	³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
Matt 28:18-20	¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
Titus 3:5-7	⁵ he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, ⁶ which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.
Col 2:12-14	In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
1 Cor 6:11	¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (<i>note order</i>)
1 Peter 3:18-21	¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Rom 6:3-5	³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
Gal 3:27	²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
1 Cor 12:13	¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
Eph 4:4-6	⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.
Acts 2:38-39	³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.” (see also Matt 19:14, “Let the little children come to me”)
Luke 18:15-17	¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”
Mark 10:13-16	¹³ And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.
1 Cor 1:16	¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.)
Acts 16:15,33	(baptizing the whole household)
Acts 22:16	“why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name” [St Paul’s conversion]
Luke 9:47-48	⁴⁷ But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, ⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”
1 Cor 7:14	¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is consecrated through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is consecrated through her husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy.
Acts 19:1-6	Paul traveled... to Ephesus where he found some disciples. 2He said to them, “Did you receive the holy Spirit when you became believers?” They answered him, “We have never even heard that there is a holy Spirit.” 3He said, “How were you baptized?” They replied, “With the baptism of John.” 4Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. [NOTE: Holy Spirit comes with Baptism, not just believing]
Acts 19:4-6 Baptism and Confirmation	4Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied
Matt 7:21-23	²¹ “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’
Acts 5:32	³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”
1 John 2:3-4	³ And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He who says “I know him” but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him
Gal 6:15	¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.
Eph 2:1-3	And you he made alive, when you were dead... we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
Heb 9:28	so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him. [Rapture??? Jesus comes only twice NOT 3 times or more!!!]
Ezekiel 36:25-27	I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. [Baptism can be by sprinkling or immersion]
New Testament	(in new covenant baptism replaces circumcision for membership/adoption into God’s family/chosen people) (see Gal 5:6)

10. Eucharist

John 3:16	¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (See Gen 22:15, Lk 1:72-73 & 1 Jn 4:10)
John 15:13	¹³ Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Exodus 12	Passover (whole chapter)
Gen 4:2-4	² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,
Gen 14:18	¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. (see Heb 5:10, & 7:3-17)
Jerusalem Talmud	“40 years before the destruction of the Temple, the western light went out, the crimson thread remained crimson, and the lot for the Lord always came up in the left hand.” (Jacob Neusner, The Yerushalmi, p.156-157; also Yoma 39b)
John 2:7-9	⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom
Heb 5:8-10	⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. (see Heb 7 also)
Deut 30:19	¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live
Malachi 1:10-11	¹⁰ Oh, that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire upon my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Sirach 15:14-17	God in the beginning created human beings and made them subject to their own free choice. If you choose, you can keep the commandments... Set before you are fire and water; to whatever you choose, stretch out your hand. Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them.
John 6	The complete chapter (<i>especially Jn 6:47-59</i>)
John 5:47	⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"
John 6:40	⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
Ex 12:8,11 <i>Passover</i>	⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's passover.
1 Cor 5:7-8	⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
John 1:29	²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
Luke 1:37	³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."
John 6:51	⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."
John 6:52	⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
John 6:53	⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;
John 6:54-57	⁵⁴ he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. (<i>eats=chews/gnaws</i>)
John 6:56 and John 15:6 <i>(Abide)</i>	⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.
Mark 7:18-19 <i>all food clean</i>	¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters, not his heart but his stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) (<i>Repeals Levitical food laws</i>)
Col 2:16-17	efore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are what is to come"
1 Cor 8:8-9	⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. (<i>see Acts 15:20,29, Mk 7:18-19, Lev 17</i>)
Heb 7:11-12	¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. (<i>also see Lev 17:10 & Mark 7:17-19, repeals Levitical Law</i>)
1 Cor 2:12-15 <i>flesh vs spirit</i>	¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. ¹⁴ The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. (<i>See Jn 6:63 note: THE flesh NOT Jesus' flesh</i>)
John 6:43-44	⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.
John 6:61-62	⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before?"
John 6:66	⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"
Mark 14:22-24 <i>Last Supper</i>	²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.
1 Cor 10:14-17	¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, shun the worship of idols. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible men; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (<i>unity</i>)
1 Cor 11:23-30 <i>Discern Body</i>	²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.
Matt 26:26-28 <i>Last Supper</i>	²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Luke 22:17-20	¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
Luke 24:30-35 <i>Emmaus</i>	³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.
Matt 9:28	²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."

Gen 22:16-18	"I swear by my very self that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command."
John 1:29	²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
Rev 4:1-2, 5:5-6 <i>Lamb slain</i>	¹ After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth (See also Rev 13:8-10)
Isaiah 53:7, 10	Old Testament Messiah foreshadowed: like a lamb that is led to the slaughter... he makes himself an offering for sin
Heb 7:3,17	³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, and has neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest for ever... ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."
Heb 7:17-26	"Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek"... The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "Thou art a priest for ever." This makes Jesus the surety of a better covenant... he holds his priesthood permanently [note: a priest offers sacrifice], because he continues for ever... he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (i.e. Jesus is always offering sacrifice for us). For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless
Hebrews 8:1-3	we have such a high priest, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up. Now every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus the necessity for this one also to have something to offer.
1 Peter 2:4-5	let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
Matt 28:20	²⁰ teaching all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
John 15:18	¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.
Matt 16:5-8, 11-12	⁵ When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ⁷ And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread." ⁸ But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? ¹¹ How is it that you fail to perceive that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ¹² Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (<i>food used symbolically, but symbolism clearly explained by Jesus</i>)
John 4:31-34	(<i>food used symbolically, but symbolism clearly explained by Jesus</i>)
Gen 49:10-11	¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes
Early Church Fathers	See Quotes (All Early Church Fathers believed in the Real Presence. Martin Luther did too.)
Jewish Todah	<i>Jewish Todah = Thank Offering = Eucharist (Greek = Thanksgiving; verb of "Todah" is "Judah">to give thanks)</i> <i>Early Rabbinic Teaching (Mishnah): only the Thank Offering (Todah) would remain with the coming of the Messiah</i>
1 Kings 8:1,6,10-13	Then Solomon assembled the elders of to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion... Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim... And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. 12 Then Solomon said, "The LORD has set the sun in the heavens, but has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. 13 I have built thee an exalted house, a place for thee to dwell in for ever. " [foreshadows Jesus' greater NT fulfillment of this by His dwelling in the Tabernacle today, and justification for Eucharistic Adoration}.
Ezekiel 36:25-27	I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them.
Ezekiel 37:23-28	I will cleanse them so that they will be my people, and I will be their God. David... shall be king over them; they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my ordinances, observe my statutes, and keep them. They shall live... with David my servant as their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them. I will multiply them and put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations shall know that I, the LORD, make Israel holy, by putting my sanctuary among them forever.
Mat 28:18,20	Jesus came and said to them... "lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (see 1 Kings 8:10-13 above, God dwelling forever in the house Solomon built for Him in OT times, now fulfilled by Jesus' Real Presence in the Tabernacle today)

11. Divinity of Jesus/Trinity

Col 1:19	¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
Jn 1:1	¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Jn 1:18	¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.
Ex 3:14	¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
Jn 8:58	⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." (see also Ex 3:14 "I AM")
Jn 20:28	²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
Col 2:9	⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
Col 1:15-18	He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.
2 Peter 1:1	¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ

Jn 10:30,33	³⁰ I and the Father are one. ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we stone you but for blasphemy; because you, being a man, make yourself God."
Jn 14:9-10	⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?"
Jn 1:30	³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' (<i>John was conceived before Jesus</i>)
Rev 1:8	⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (<i>God the Father</i>)
Rev 22:13,16	¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁶ "I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star." (<i>Jesus</i>)
Luke 8:39	³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much <u>God</u> has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much <u>Jesus</u> had done for him. (<i>God and Jesus interchanged</i>)
Luke 8:46	⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me."
Mt 1:23	²³ "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).
Lk 1:76	⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways
1 Cor 8:6	yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
Jud 1:25	²⁵ to the only God, our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen now, and for ages to come. Amen.
Gen 1:1	¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Jn 1:2-3	² He was in the beginning with God; ³ all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
Mt 28:19	¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit
Jn 5:17-18	¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working still, and I am working." ¹⁸ This was why the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but also called God his Father, making himself equal with God.
Jn 5:23	²³ that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.
Acts 14:15	¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God who made the heaven and the earth and all that is in them.
Rev 22:8-9	⁸ I John am he who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."
Jn 14:26	²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (<i>compare with Jn 15:26 Jesus will send Holy Spirit</i>)
Jn 15:26	²⁶ But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me
John 17:5	Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.
Acts 5:3-4	³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
2 Cor 3:17	¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
Jn 4:24	²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
Heb 1:1-4	but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs.
Heb 1:4-5, 8-10	⁴ [Jesus] having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ For to what angel did God ever say, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁸ But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom. ⁹ Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades." ¹⁰ And, "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands
Heb 2:7	⁷ Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor,
Heb 2:9	⁹ But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one
Phil 2:6-8	⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Rev 7:14-17	These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb... they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them
Rev 19:10	¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
Deut 6:4-5	⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one (' <i>echad</i> ') Lord; ⁵ and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (<i>'echad' = one, in the original Hebrew text means a unity that can have several parts</i>)
Is 43:10	¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," says the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.
Is 45:22-24	²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' ²⁴ "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed, all who were incensed against him.
Ex 20:2-4	² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth (<i>see also Deut 5:6</i>)
Deut 5:7	⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me.
Gen 1:26	²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."
Isaiah 6:8	I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

Gen 3:22	²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of <u>us</u> , knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever”
Gen 11:7	⁷ Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”
Gen 1:27	²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
Gen 18:1-3	¹ And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth, ³ and said, “My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.
Is 6:3	³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”
Rev 4:8	⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”
Jn 16:13-14	¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (“He”: the Holy Spirit is a person)
1 Jn 5:6-9	⁶ This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. ⁷ And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁸ There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son.
Rev 11:16-17	¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, “We give thanks to thee, Lord God Almighty, who art and who was, that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to reign. (note plural: “who are”)

12. Mary

Gen 3:15	I will put enmity between you & <u>the woman</u> , and between your seed & <u>her seed</u> ; he/she shall bruise your <u>head</u> & you shall bruise his <u>heel</u>
John 13:16-20	“The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me.”... “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
1 John 3:6-11	No one who remains in him sins... Whoever sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is begotten by God commits sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot sin because he is begotten by God. In this way, the children of God and the children of the devil are made plain; no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God, nor anyone who does not love his brother... Whoever does not love remains in death.
1 John 5:18	any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24	May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.
Jude 1:24-25	Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever
<i>Psalms 81:7</i>	O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived
Eph 2:1-3	And you he made alive, when you were dead... we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
Eph 3:3-10	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him . He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
Rom 9:11	[Jacob and Esau were unborn babies as a time when they] "had done nothing either good or bad" (Rom. 9:11)
Is 7:14	¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.
Matt 1:23	²³ “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us).
Luke 1:43	⁴³ And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
Gal 4:4-5	⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
Luke 1:28	²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (see John 1:14)
Luke 1:34	³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I have no husband?”
Luke 1:35	³⁵ And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
Judges 4:21 & 5:24	²¹ Jael... got a tent peg and... When Sisera was in a deep sleep... she approached him stealthily and drove the peg through his temple and down into the ground, and he died... ²⁴ “Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women most blessed. (“headcrushing”: see also Judith 13:6-18, Judith/Holofernes; Judges 9:53 Abimelech/woman crushes head with millstone)
Judith 13:6-18	[beheaded Holofernes, Assyrian general] Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God... who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our enemies.
Luke 1:41-43	⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (see Judges 5:24)
Luke 1:47-49	⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
Matt 5:48	⁴⁸ You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Jude 1:24-25	To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of his glory, ²⁵ to the only God, our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord
Heb 12:10,14	¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
Rev 21:27	²⁷ But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.
John 2:3-5	³ When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”
John 19:26-27	²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
Rev 12:17	¹⁷ Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.
Gen 3:20	²⁰ The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

1 Thes 4:17	¹⁷ then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. (<i>bodily assumption</i>)	
Matt 27:52-53	⁵² the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.	
Gen 5:24	²⁴ Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.	
Heb 11:5 <i>Enoch</i>	⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should <u>not see death</u> ; and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was <u>attested as having pleased God</u> .	
2 Kings 2:1,11	¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal... ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.	
1 Maccabees 2:58	Elijah because of great zeal for the Law was taken up into heaven.	
Rev 11:12	¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up hither!" And in the sight of their foes they went up to heaven in a cloud.	
Brethren of Jesus	Matt 13:55	⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (<i>the Greek word for brother can mean relative or friend also</i>)
	Matt 27:56	⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene, and <u>Mary the mother of James and Joseph</u> , and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (<i>St. John's Mother</i>)
	Luke 24:10	¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Jo-anna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles
	Mark 15:40	⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome
	Mark 15:47	⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.
	Mark 16:1	¹ And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
	Matt 27:61	⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. (<i>ie. only 2 other Marys besides Blessed Mother</i>)
	John 19:25	²⁵ So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's <u>sister</u> , Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (<i>see Matt 10:3, "James, the son of Alphaeus" [Alphaeus=Clopas when translated] & see Luke 24:10, "Mary the mother of James"</i>)
	Matt 10:3	³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him (<i>see Lk 24:10</i>)
	Isaiah 66:22	Listen, an uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, rendering recompense to his enemies! Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she was delivered of a son. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?
	Gen 14:14 & Gen 11:27	(<i>Abraham's nephew Lot is called his brother in Gen 14:14 in the original Hebrew, though most English translations dynamically translate "brother" to "nephew" because of the clarification of Gen 11:27</i>) (See also Luke 3:1)
	Gen 8:7; Deut 34:6; 2 Sam 6:23	"until" (<i>Note: the Greek word used for until does not imply any future action, but can be used to apply to events that occurred only up to that point</i>) (<i>see Matt 1:25</i>) (<i>similarly, "before" in Matt 1:18 implies nothing about future events, see John 4:49 for example</i>)
	Rev 11:19	Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
	Rev 12:1	And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars ... [<i>and complete chapter</i>]
	Psalms 132:8	Arise, O Lord, into your resting place: you and the ark which you have sanctified."
	1 Kings 1:16	¹⁶ Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, "What do you desire?"
1 Kings 2:19 Queen Mother	¹⁹ So Bathsheba went to King Solomon, to speak to him on behalf of Adonijah. And the king rose to meet her, and bowed down to her; then he sat on his throne, and had a seat brought for the king's mother; and she sat on his right.	
Luke 2:7	⁷ And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (<i>"first born" is a title given to all first born Jewish males and does not imply any future children</i>)	
Lk 1 vs 2 Sam 6	<i>Note parallel between Ark of Covenant and Blessed Mother</i>	
Luke 20:37-38	³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him." (<i>Dead are alive</i>)	
Rev 8:3-4	³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; ⁴ and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God. (<i>Intercession of the saints</i>) (See also Rev 6:9-11)	
Luke 16:22-23	²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. (<i>Communication/Intercession of "dead" & living</i>)	
James 5:16	¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. (<i>Intercessory prayer effective</i>)	
1 Jn 5:16-17	¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal. (<i>Intercessory prayer effective</i>)	

13. Confession/Reconciliation

John 20:21-23	²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
2 Cor 2:10	¹⁰ Any one whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,
2 Cor 5:18-21	¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
James 5:13-15 <i>anointing sick</i>	¹³ Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:16	¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.
1 John 5:16	¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that.
2 Sam 12:13-14	13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die."
Matt 16 & 18	<i>Complete chapters (binding & loosing)</i>
Early Church Fathers	<i>See St. Cyprian of Carthage #925 in William F. Jurgens, The Faith of the Early Fathers (also see sections 493-494)</i>

14. Purgatory

Rev 21:27	²⁷ But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
2 Mac 12:44-46	⁴⁴ For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. ⁴⁵ But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.
1 Peter 4:6	For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead, that though judged in the flesh like men, they might live in the spirit like God [-a "third place"]
1 Peter 3:18-20	¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. [-a "3rd place"]
Matt 18:32-35	³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; ³³ and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."
Matt 12:32	³² And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.
1 Cor 3:10-17	According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.
Lk 16:22-23, 27-28	²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁷ And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." [-a "third place"]
Phil 2:10	at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth [-a "third place"]
Rev 20: 12-15	¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and all were judged by what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; ¹⁵ and if any one's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
2 Tim 1:16-18	¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me— ¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.
Heb 12:1	¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, (<i>intercession of saints</i>)
Heb 11:39-40	³⁹ And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.
Heb 12:22-23	²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect
Heb 12:5-7,10-11	⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? —"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
2 Sam 12:13-14	¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die."
Micah 7:8-9	⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. ⁹ I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I shall behold his deliverance.
Mal 3:2-4	² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

15. Suffering and Evil

1 John 4:16,18	God is love
Luke 9:23	²³ And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
Rom 8:16-17	¹⁶ it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.
Rom 8:18	I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
1 Peter 4:13	¹³ But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-13	Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.
1 Peter 5:10	¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you.
Heb 5:8-9	⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him
Heb 2:18	¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.
Col 1:24	²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church
1 Cor 12:12-13, 27	¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
2 Cor 4:8-11	We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. [also see Gal 2:19-20]
2 Cor 4:16-18	Therefore, we are not discouraged. . . although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Cor 1: 3-5	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
2 Cor 5:2	For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation
1 Cor 2:9	"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him
1 Peter 1:6-7	In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
1 Pet 2:19-24	¹⁹ For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
1 Pet 4:1	¹ Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same thought, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin
1 Peter 4:19	As a result, those who suffer in accord with God's will hand their souls over to a faithful creator as they do good.
James 1:2-4	Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
CCC 1505	By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.
Rom. 8:28	Rom. 8:28 "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"
1 Cor 10:13	¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

16. Those Who Have Died Are Still Alive/Intercessory Prayer

Matt 27:52-53	⁵² the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
Luke 23:43	⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Mark 12:26-27	²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong." (<i>prayer to saints, who are alive [see Lk 20:37-38 below] not dead, does not violate Dt 18:11</i>)
Matt 22:32	³² 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living."
Luke 20:37-38	³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him."
Luke 16:22-23, 27-28	²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' (<i>dead can communicate/intercede for the living</i>)
Luke 20:35-36	³⁵ but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
Rev 6:9-11	⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; ¹⁰ they cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (<i>saints are alive in heaven and interceding</i>)
Col 1:12	¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
Heb 12:1	¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us
Mark 9:4	⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. (<i>see Lk 1:22 visions are real and sent by God</i>)
1 Peter 4:6	⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead, that though judged in the flesh like men, they might live in the spirit like God.
1 Peter 3:18-20	¹⁸ Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit. ¹⁹ In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who had once been disobedient

Heb 12:22-24	²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel.
Rev 11:16	¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God (<i>dead are alive in heaven</i>) (see Phil 2:10, Acts 20:36 & Ps 95:6-7 regarding kneeling)
Rev 5:8	⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints
Rev 8:3-4	³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; ⁴ and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God.
Tobit 12:11-15	when you and your daughter-in-law Sarah prayed, I brought a reminder of your prayer before the Holy One... I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Holy One.”
Romans 8:26-27	the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words... the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God -nowhere does the Bible give explicit instruction to pray to the Holy Spirit. But given that Paul says that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, it is appropriate to do so. The same goes for the saints in Rev 5:6 and 8:3-4
Num 14:19-20	¹⁹ Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray thee, according to the greatness of thy steadfast love, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.” ²⁰ Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word
1 Tim 2:1	¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men
1 Thes 3:12-13	so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.
James 5:16	¹⁶ The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful
Col 4:2-4	² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; ³ and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison, ⁴ that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.
1 Jn 5:16	¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that.
Rom 12:5	⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
Wisdom 3:1-6	But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
Sirach 48:13-14	Nothing was beyond his power; and from where he lay buried, his body prophesied. In life he performed wonders, and after death, marvelous deeds.
2 Mac 12:44-46	⁴⁴ For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. ⁴⁵ But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.
2 Maccabees 15:11-15	he cheered them all by relating a dream, a sort of vision,[a] which was worthy of belief. What he saw was this: Oni’as, who had been high priest, a noble and good man, of modest bearing and gentle manner, one who spoke fittingly and had been trained from childhood in all that belongs to excellence, was praying with outstretched hands for the whole body of the Jews. 13 Then likewise a man appeared, distinguished by his gray hair and dignity, and of marvelous majesty and authority. 14 And Oni’as spoke, saying, “This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people and the holy city, Jeremiah, the prophet of God.”
Heb 11:39-40	³⁹ And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

17. Holy Objects/Sacramentals

Acts 19:11-12	¹¹ And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.
Acts 5:15-16	¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
2 Kings 13:20-21	²⁰ So Elisha died, and they buried him... as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Elisha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood on his feet.
Ex 20:3-5,23	³ “You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ²³ You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. (<i>Forbids creating images for worship, not making them [see Ex 25:18]</i>)
Ex 25:18	¹⁸ And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat.
1 Kings 6:23	²³ In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olivewood, each ten cubits high.
Num 21:8	⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”
1 Kings 6:22	²² And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold. (<i>See John 12:3-8; Judas & the poor</i>)

18. Creation

Gen 1:1	¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Gen 1:3-5; Gen 1:14-19; & Rev 21:22-24	(<i>God as the source of light-no contradiction</i>)
Gen 1:31	³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.
Gen 1:26	²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

Rom 1:19-21	¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; ²¹ for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened.
Wisdom 13:5	⁵ For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.
Psalms 90:4	⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
2 Peter 3:8	⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
2 Macc 7:22-23,28-29	²² “I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. ²³ Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws.” ²⁸ I beseech you, my child, to look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being. ²⁹ Do not fear this butcher, but prove worthy of your brothers. Accept death, so that in God’s mercy I may get you back again with your brothers.”

19. Call No Man Father/Priesthood/Celibacy

Eph 3:14-15	I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity [fatherhood] in heaven and earth is named.
Matthew 23:2-12	“The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. ³ Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation ‘Rabbi.’ As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites...”
Malachi 1:6	A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name.
1 Cor 4:15	¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (See Matt 23:9; refers to not equating anyone to God the Father – doesn’t forbid the calling of anyone “father” in an earthly sense – see Philemon 1:10 also)
Philemon 1:10	¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment.
Ex 20:12	¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
Mk 10:19	¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’
Lk 16:24	²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’
Heb 12:7,9	⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?
Acts 7:2	² And Stephen said: “Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran
Rom 4:16-17	¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
1 Jn 2:13-14	¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
Heb 1:1	¹ In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;
John 8:56	⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad.”
Ex 13:2,12	² “Consecrate to me all the first-born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ¹² you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstlings of your cattle that are males shall be the LORD’s.
Gen 14:18	¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.
Heb 5:8-10	⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.
Heb 5:1-4	¹ For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God , just as Aaron was.
Eph 4:11	¹¹ And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers
Rev 14:4	⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are chaste; it is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes; these have been redeemed from mankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb,
Rev 1:5-6	⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
Matt 19:12	¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it.”
1 Cor 7:7	⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.
1 Cor 7: 32-33,35	³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; ³³ but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.
1 Cor 7:38	³⁸ So that he who marries his betrothed does well; and he who refrains from marriage will do better.
1 Tim 3:2	² Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher
Titus 1:5-7	⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you, ⁶ if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of being profligate or insubordinate. ⁷ For a bishop, as God’s steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain (<i>male priesthood</i>)

Acts 14:23	²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed.
1 Tim 4:14	Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate.
Rom 10:14-15	¹⁴ But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!"
Acts 15:24	²⁴ Since we have heard that some persons from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions
Luke 22:14-15,19	¹⁴ And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Matt 26:20,26-28	²⁰ When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples; ²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

20. Marriage/Divorce

Gen 2:24-25	²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.
Gen 1:28	²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."
Gen 3:20	²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
Gen 4:1	¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."
Gen 5:4	⁴ The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years; and he had other sons and daughters.
Heb 13:4	⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous.
Mark 10:2-9, 11-12	² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." ⁵ But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
Matt 5:27-28	²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Matt 19:3-9	³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman, commits adultery."
Luke 16:18	¹⁸ "Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.
Romans 7:2-3	a married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.
1 Cor 7:10-11	¹⁰ To the married I give charge, not I but the Lord, that the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, let her remain single or else be reconciled to her husband)—and that the husband should not divorce his wife.
1 Cor 7:39	³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If the husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
1 Cor 6:9	⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts
Eph 5:25,28-33	²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁸ Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the church, ³³ however, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.
Titus 2:1-8	But as for you, teach what befits sound doctrine... train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited.
1 Cor 6:15-16	¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh."
1 Cor 7:12-16	¹² To the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is consecrated through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is consecrated through her husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner desires to separate, let it be so; in such a case the brother or sister is not bound. For God has called us to peace. ¹⁶ Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?
Mal 2:13-16	¹³ And this again you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor at your hand. ¹⁴ You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Has not the one God made and sustained for us the spirit of life? And what does he desire? Godly offspring. So take heed to yourselves, and let none be faithless to the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ "For I hate divorce, says the LORD the God of Israel, and covering one's garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So take heed to yourselves and do not be faithless."

21. Human Person at Conception/Contraception

2 Kings 24:1-4	[the spilling of innocent blood and God's punishment] This befell Judah... for the sins Manasseh had committed... especially because of the innocent blood he shed; he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD would not forgive.
Gen 1:28	²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (also Gen 9:1)
Mal 2:14-15	¹⁴ You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Has not the one God made and sustained for us the spirit of life? And what does he desire? Godly offspring. So take heed to yourselves, and let none be faithless to the wife of his youth.
Gen 4:1	¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."
Ps 139:13-16	¹³ For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are thy works! Thou knowest me right well; ¹⁵ my frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
Jer 1:5	⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Lk 1:41	⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
Lk 1:44	⁴⁴ For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.
Lk 19:44	⁴⁴ and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."
Ps 127:3-5	³ Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. ⁵ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
Gen 38	<i>Onan & Tamar (Er) – Judah – Perez – Davidic line (see Deut 25:5-10: Note penalty for breaking this Levitical law is <u>not</u> death, but Onan is killed for this action</i>
Ecclesiastes 11:5	<i>Just as you do not know how the life breath enters the human frame in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who is working in everything</i>
Gal 5:20, Rev 9:21, Rev 21:8	<i>Pharmakeia/pharmakos (Greek) - abortifacient /contraceptive/potions</i>
Martin Luther/ John Calvin	<i>Quotes <u>strongly</u> condemning contraception (& interpreting Gen 38 as forbidding contraception)</i>

22. Miscellaneous

Rom 5:5	⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
Gal 4:6	⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
Rev 11:16	¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God
Luke 1:37	³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."
Col 1:19-20	¹⁹ For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
Rom 11:33-35	³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"
Ex 25:22 (images on earth)	²² There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you of all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.
James 5:16	¹⁶ The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.
Is 43:10	¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," says the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.
Num 14:19-23 (intercession)	¹⁹ Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray thee, according to the greatness of thy steadfast love, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." ²⁰ Then the Lord said, "I have pardoned, according to your word; ²¹ but truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, ²² none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the proof these ten times and have not hearkened to my voice, ²³ shall see the land which I swore to give to their fathers; and none of those who despised me shall see it.
2 Sam 12:13-14	¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die."
1 Tim 2:10	For the love of money is the root of all evil.
Rom 8:15-16	For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba,* Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God
Wis 11:24-25	²⁴ For thou lovest all things that exist, and hast loathing for none of the things which thou hast made, for thou wouldst not have made anything if thou hadst hated it ²⁵ How would anything have endured if thou hadst not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by thee have been preserved?
Acts 17:22-23	²² So Paul, standing in the middle of the Are-opagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.
Gen 2:3(Sabbath)	³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation.
Heb 4:9	⁹ So then, there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God
Acts 20:7	⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and he prolonged his speech until midnight.
Rev 1:10	¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet
Acts 2:46	⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts
Heb 10:25	²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Colossians 2:16-17	having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands... Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath. These are only a shadow of what is to come... If with Christ you died... why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations
Gal 2:9-10	but now that you have come to know God... how can you turn back again to the weak and destitute elemental powers? Do you want to be slaves to them all over again? ¹⁰ You are observing days, months, seasons, and years. I am afraid... I have labored for you in vain.

Sunday/Sabbath

	1 Cor 8:8-9	1 Cor 8:8-9 Now food will not bring us closer to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. But make sure that this liberty of yours in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak.
	Romans 14:1-3, 20-21	Welcome anyone who is weak in faith... One person believes that one may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. The one who eats must not despise the one who abstains, and the one who abstains must not pass judgment on the one who eats... Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.
	Jn 20:19	¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
	Heb 1:1	¹ In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;
	Mark 13:22	²² False Christs and false prophets will arise and show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.
	2 Tim 3:2-5	² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people.
	Rev 13:18 (Nero)	¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let him who has understanding reckon the number of the beast, for it is a human number, its number is six hundred and sixty-six.
	Rev 11:8	⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which is allegorically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. (ie. Jerusalem)
	Rev 17:9	⁹ This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated ("7 hills": not Vatican – ancient Rome across Tiber R. has the "7 hills")
	1 Tim 2:4	[God] ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
	2 Peter 3:9	⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
	1 Cor 12:12-13, 27	¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
	Rom 11:21 & 23	²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²³ And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.
	Gal 1:9, 12	⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed. ¹² For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
	2 Macc 7:22-23, 28-29	²² "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. ²³ Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws." ²⁸ I beseech you, my child, to look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being. ²⁹ Do not fear this butcher, but prove worthy of your brothers. Accept death, so that in God's mercy I may get you back again with your brothers."
	Heb 12:14	¹⁴ Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
	Matt 5:48 (be perfect)	⁴⁸ You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (see Rev 21:27)
	1 Thes 5:17 (pray always)	¹⁷ pray constantly
	Rev 21:27	²⁷ But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
	Mark 7:15, 18-19 (Food)	¹⁵ there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him." ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters, not his heart but his stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)
	Rom 14:13-14, 20-21	¹³ Then let us no more pass judgment on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for any one who thinks it unclean. ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for any one to make others fall by what he eats; ²¹ it is right not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother stumble.
	Mark 10:4-6	⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." ⁵ But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
	Gen 1:31	³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.
	2 Cor 5:1-2	¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling
	Heb 11:6	⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
	Matt 5:17-18	¹⁷ "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.
Test	Dt 8:2-6	And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out upon you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him.
Test	Rev 2:0	Do not be afraid of anything that you are going to suffer. Indeed, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested
Test	Judith 8:24-28	"let us give thanks to the Lord our God for putting us to the test as he did our ancestors. how he dealt with Abraham, and how he tested Isaac, and all that happened to Jacob... He has not tested us with fire, as he did them, to try their hearts, nor is he taking vengeance on us. But the Lord chastises those who are close to him in order to admonish them."
Test	Psalm 11:5-7	The Lord tests the righteous & the wicked, hates those who love violence. The Lord is just & loves just deeds; the upright will see his face
Test	1 Peter 1:6-7	In this you rejoice, [b] though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
Test	Luke 16:15-17 (Law)	¹⁵ But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶ "The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.

Dt 30: 15, 19-20	¹⁵ “See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”	
Ezekiel 20 (the Law)	<i>(the Law/breaking the Law and punishment)</i>	
Ezekiel 36:16-38	²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <i>replace hearts of stone</i>	
Jer 31:33-34	³³ But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”	
Heb 2:14-15,17-18	¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.	
Eph 1:7	⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace	
1 Jn 4:7-10	⁷ Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.	
Heb 9:15	¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.	
Rom 2:15	¹⁵ They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them	
Gal 5:14	¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”	
Rom 13:8-10	⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.	
Matt 22:37-40	³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”	
Tithing	Mal 3:7-12 (tithing)	⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How are we robbing thee?’ In your tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.
	(Suyyuu)	Sirach 35:6-15 (tithing)
Suyyuu	James 5:3-5	you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries, your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, Your gold & silver have rusted, & their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; & the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury & in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter
	2 Cor 9:5-15 (tithing)	⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren to go on to you before me, and arrange in advance for this gift you have promised, so that it may be ready not as an exaction but as a willing gift. ⁶ The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, <u>for God loves a cheerful giver.</u> ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything <u>and may provide in abundance for every good work.</u> ⁹ As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.” ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ <u>You will be enriched in every way for great generosity,</u> which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; ¹² for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God; ¹³ <u>Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience</u> in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, <u>and by the generosity of your contribution</u> for them and for all others; ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
Mk 2:26, Lk 3:2, 1 Sam 21:2-7 Jn 18:13, 19, 24	<i>Jewish High Priesthood shared by Father and Son – no contradictions – see CCC 105-107 – Ahimelech & Abiathar (son), & Annas & Caiaphas (son-in-law)</i>	
Matt 20:26-28	²⁶ It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”	
Ex 20:20 (Testing and fear of God)	²⁰ And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin.”	
Heb 2:18 (Testing and suffering)	¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.	

1 Cor 10:13	¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
Rom 8:16-17 (Suffering)	¹⁶ it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.
Col 1:24	²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church
1 Pet 2:21-22	²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips.
Matt 16:24	²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
1 Tim 2:15	¹⁵ Yet woman will be saved through bearing children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.
Rom 1:18-32 (Homosexuality)	²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error. (see balance of verses)
1 Cor 6:9-10	⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.
Gal 6:1-2	¹ Brothers, even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself, so that you also may not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Matt 18:15,17	¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
James 5:19-20	¹⁹ My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
Col 3:16	¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
1 Cor 10:12-13	¹² Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
Luke 17:1-4	¹ And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung round his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Take heed to yourselves; if your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him; ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."
John 4:22	²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
Mat 16:28	"Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
Mat 13:24, 37-39	"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. . . "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.
Mat 13:47-48	the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.
Matt 12:28	²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
Luke 17:20-21	²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; ²¹ nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."
Luke 10:11	¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'
Luke 22:29	²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom
Matt 13:40-42	⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.
Luke 16:16	¹⁶ "The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently.
Rom 11:25-26, 28-29	²⁵ Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob" ²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God, for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.
2 John 1:7	those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh; such is the deceitful one and the antichrist.
Hebrews 9:26-28 [Rapture]	But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
1 John 4:2-3	This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God , and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that, as you heard, is to come, but in fact is already in the world. (i.e. the antichrist will deny that Jesus came in the flesh → the Catholic Church will NEVER do that!!!)
Baruch 5:1-3	put on forever the splendor of glory from God: Wrapped in the mantle of justice from God, place on your head the diadem of the glory of the Eternal One.
Mat 6:20-21	But store up treasures in heaven. . . For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be
Heb 2:17-18	therefore, he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.
Phil 2:9-11	God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Psalms 49:6-11	Truly no man can ransom himself, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of his life is costly, he cannot buy life without end
Ex 13:2 (First Born)	² "Consecrate to me all the first-born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."
Ex 32:28 (Levites)	²⁸ And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

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Body of Christ	Luke 16:17 <i>(The Law)</i>	¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.
	Deut 4:29	you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.
	1 Cor 12:12-27 [Body of Christ]	For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body... As it is, there are many parts, yet one body... that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another... If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
	Romans 12:5	For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, 5so we, though many, are one body in Christ* and individually parts of one another.
	Lk 6:37-38	“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back”
	Mt 7:1-2	Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.
	Mt 6:15	The Lord’s Prayer: Unless you forgive, neither will your Father forgive you
	Mt 18:32-35	“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”
	Heb 12:5-11	My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him... For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”... He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful... later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
	Sir 10:15	God plucks up the roots of the proud and plants the lowly in their place
God build	Mat 13:58	Jesus: did no miracles “because of their lack of faith”
	1 Kings 8:22-30	Solomon: “you keep your covenant of mercy with your servants who are faithful to you with their whole heart”
	Hebrews 2:18	Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.
	Psalms 127:1-3	If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil. In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat: when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber. Certainly sons are a gift from the LORD, the fruit of the womb, a reward.
	Joshua 1:9	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
	Acts 5:31-32	God exalted him at his right hand* as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him.”
	Mat 24:12	and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold.
	Wisdom 18:14-15	For when peaceful stillness encompassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful word from heaven’s royal throne leapt into the doomed land
	Rev 21:22-23	²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. (see Gen 1:3-5 & 1:14-17) – light/no contradiction

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The Teachings of the Early Church Fathers

1. Early Church Fathers on Apostolic Succession, Authority and the Church

St. Clement of Rome (~ 80 AD)

"The Apostles received the Gospel for us from the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ was sent from God. Christ, therefore is from God and the Apostles are from Christ. Both, accordingly, came in proper order by the will of God Preaching, accordingly, throughout the country and the cities, they appointed their first-fruits, after testing them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons of those who should believe."

St. Cyprian (~ 250 AD)

"Our Lord, whose precepts and admonitions we ought to observe, describing the honour of a bishop and the order of His Church, speaks in the Gospel, and says to Peter: 'I say unto you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock will I build my Church:.....(Mt. 16:16-18) Thence, through the changes of times and successions, the ordering of bishops and the plan of the Church flow onwards; so that the Church is controlled by these same rulers. Since this, then, is founded on the divine law, I marvel that some, with daring temerity, have chosen to write to me as if they wrote in the name of the Church; when the Church is established in the bishop and the clergy, and all who stand fast in the faith."

St. Clement of Rome (~ 80 AD)

"Our Apostles also knew, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that there would be contention over the bishop's office. So, for this cause, having received complete foreknowledge, they appointed the above mentioned men, and afterwards gave them a permanent character, so that, as they died, other approved men should succeed to their ministry. Those, therefore, who were appointed by the Apostles or afterwards by other eminent men, with the consent of the whole Church, and who ministered blamelessly to the flock of Christ in humility, peaceably and nobly, being commended for many years by all-- these men we consider are not justly deposed from their ministry."

St. Ignatius of Antioch (~ 110 AD)

"In the same way all should respect the deacons as they would Jesus Christ, just as they respect the bishop as representing the Father and the priests as the council of God and the college of the Apostles. Apart from these there is nothing that can be called a Church."

St. Ignatius of Antioch (~ 110 AD)

"(Shun schisms, as the source of troubles.) Let all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ did the Father, and the priests, as you would the Apostles. Reverence the deacons as you would the command of God. Apart from the bishop, let no one perform any of the functions that pertain to the Church. Let that Eucharist be held valid which is offered by the bishop or by one to whom the bishop has committed this charge. Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful to baptise or give communion without the consent of the bishop. On the other hand, whatever has his approval is pleasing to God. Thus, whatever is done will be safe and valid."

St. Augustine (~ 400 AD)

[said he] *"would not believe the Gospel except as moved by the authority of the Catholic Church"*

St. Clement of Alexandria (~ 200 AD)

"For when, on the tyrant's death, (John) returned to Ephesus from the isle of Patmos, he went away, being invited, to the contiguous territories of the nations, here to appoint bishops, there to set in order whole Churches, there to ordain such as were marked out by the Spirit."

St. Jerome (4th Century)

"When subsequently one presbyter was chosen to preside over the rest, this was done to remedy schism and to prevent each individual from rending the Church of Christ by drawing it to himself..... the presbyters always named as bishop one of their own number chosen by themselves and set in a more exalted position, just as an army elects a general, or as deacons appoint one of themselves whom they know to be diligent and call him archdeacon. For what function, excepting ordination, belongs to a bishop that does not also belong to a presbyter?"

St. Irenaeus (~ 190 AD)

"Now all these (heretics) are of much later date than the bishops to whom the apostles committed the Churches,....(These heretics) are forced into various by-paths....But the path of those belonging to the Church circumscribes the whole world, as possessing the sure tradition from the apostles, and gives unto us to see that the faith of all is one and the same."

Tertullian (~ 200 AD)

“But if there be any heresies....let them then make known the origins of their Churches; let them unfold the roll of their Bishops so coming down in succession from the beginning, that their first Bishop had for his ordainer and predecessor some one of the Apostles, or of Apostolic men, so he were one that continued steadfast with the Apostles. For in this manner do the Apostolic Churches reckon their origin: as the Church of Smyrna recounts that Polycarp was placed there by John; as that of Rome does that Clement was in like manner ordained by Peter. Just so can the rest also show those, whom being appointed by the Apostles to the Episcopate, they have as transmitters the Apostolic seed.”

St. Irenaeus (~ 190 AD)

“(We do this)....by indicating that tradition derived from the apostles, of the very great, the very ancient, and universally known Church founded and organised at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul; as also (by pointing out) the faith preached to men, which comes down to our time by means of the successions of the bishops. For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its pre-eminent authority, that is, the faithful everywhere, inasmuch as the apostolical tradition has been preserved continuously by those (faithful men) who exist everywhere.”

St. Irenaeus (~ 190 AD)

“The blessed apostles, then having founded and built up the Church, committed into the hands of Linus the office of the episcopate. Of this Linus, Paul makes mention in the Epistles to Timothy. To him succeeded Anacletus; and after him, in the third place from the apostles, Clement was allotted the bishopric. This man, as he had seen the blessed apostles, and had been conversant with them, might be said to have the preaching of the apostles still echoing (in his ears) and their traditions before his eyes. In the time of this Clement, no small dissension having occurred among the brethren at Corinth, the Church in Rome despatched a most powerful letter to the Corinthians, exhorting them to peace, renewing their faith, and declaring the tradition which it had lately received from the apostles.”

St. Irenaeus (~ 190 AD)

“Therefore it is necessary to obey the presbyters who are in the Church,--Those who, also have shown, possess the succession from the apostles; those who, together with the succession of the episcopate, have received the certain gift of truth, according to the good pleasure of the Father. But (it is also necessary) to hold in suspicion others who depart from the primitive succession, and assemble themselves together in any place whatsoever.”

St. Cyprian (250 AD)

“Moreover, Cornelius was made bishop (of Rome) by the judgement of God and of His Christ, by the testimony of almost all the clergy, by the suffrage of the people who were then present and by the assembly of ancient priests and good men.....when the place of Fabian (previous bishop of Rome), that is when the place of Peter, and the degree of the sacerdotal throne was vacant.”

St. Augustine (~ 400 AD)

“For, if the order of succession of bishops is to be considered, how much more surely, truly and safely do we number them from Peter, to whom, as representing the whole Church, the Lord said: ‘Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it’ (Mt. 16:18). For, to Peter succeeded Linus, Linus to Clement (of Rome), Clement to Anacletus etc....Siricius to Anastasius.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch (~ 110 AD)

“When you are obedient to the bishop as you would be to Jesus Christ, you are living, not in a human way, but according to Jesus Christ, who died for us that by faith in His death you might escape death. You must continue, then, to do nothing apart from the bishop. Be obedient, too, to the priests as to the apostles of Jesus Christ, our hope -in whom we shall be found, if only we live in Him.”

St. Irenaeus (~ 190 AD)

“We are in a position to reckon up those who were by the apostles instituted bishops in the Churches, and (to demonstrate) the succession of these men to our own times.”

Caius, Presbyter of Rome, (ca. 205 A.D.), *“It is recorded that Paul was beheaded in Rome itself, and Peter, likewise, was crucified, during the reign [of Nero]. The account is confirmed by the names of Peter and Paul over the cemeteries there, which remain to the present time.”*

St. Dionysius of Corinth (ca. 170 A.D.), & #8220;You have also, by your very admonition, brought together the planting that was made by Peter and Paul at Rome and at Corinth...”

St. Irenaeus (ca. 190 A.D.), *“Matthew also issued among the Hebrews a written Gospel in their own language, while Peter and Paul were evangelizing in Rome and laying the foundation of the Church.”*

Tertullian (ca. 200 A.D.), *“But if you are near to Italy, you have Rome, whence also our authority derives. How happy is that Church, on which Apostles poured out their whole doctrine along with their blood, where Peter endured a passion like that of the Lord...”*

St. Clement of Alexandria (ca. 200 A.D.), *“When Peter preached the Word publicly at Rome, and declared the Gospel by the Spirit...”*

2. Early Church Fathers on Papal Infallibility/Authority

St. Clement died about **80 A.D.**, some 20 years before the last Apostle, St. John, died. Although St. John was still alive in Ephesus, which was much closer to Corinth than was Rome, the Corinthians appealed to the Bishop of Rome because he had the “keys” of authority. Pope Clement wrote to the Church at Corinth:

“We much acknowledge we have been somewhat tardy in turning our attention to the matters in dispute among you, beloved. You, therefore, who laid the foundation of the rebellion, submit to the presbyters and be chastened to repentance, bending your knees in a spirit of humility” and “If anyone disobey the things which have been said by Him through us, let them know that they will involve themselves in transgressions and in no small danger... being obedient to the things we have written through the Holy Spirit, you will root out the wicked passion of jealousy...”

Before the end of the first century, the church in Rome helped to settle problems in other local churches. In **96 A.D.**, **Clement of Rome** wrote a strong letter to the church in Corinth to resolve a dispute over leadership there (**and the Apostle John was still alive**). The authority of this letter reminds one of St. Paul’s letters to the Corinthian church forty years earlier.

St. Irenaeus was bishop of Lyons from about **180-200 A.D.** He is considered one of the greatest theologians of the immediate post-Apostolic period. In his work, “Against Heresies”, St. Irenaeus makes the following statement about the Church of Rome and the successors of Peter:

“...we shall confound all those... by pointing out here the successions of the bishops of the greatest and most ancient Church known to all, founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious Apostles, Peter and Paul, that Church which has the tradition and the faith which comes down to us after having been announced to men by the Apostles. For with this Church, because of its superior origin, all the Churches must agree, that is, all the faithful in the whole world; and it is in her that the faithful everywhere have maintained the Apostolic tradition.”

In **250 A.D.**, **Cyprian, the martyr-bishop of Carthage in North Africa**, wrote this about the one who held the “chair” or office of Peter – the bishop of Rome:

“It is on him [Peter] that He [Jesus] builds the church, and to him that He entrusts the sheep to feed. And although He assigns power to all the apostles, yet he founded a single chair, thus establishing by His own authority the source and hallmark of the churches’ oneness. No doubt the others were all that Peter was, but a primacy is given to Peter and it is thus made clear that there is but one church and one chair. ...If a man does not hold fast to this oneness of Peter, does he imagine that he still holds the faith? If he deserts the Chair of Peter upon whom the church was built, has he still confidence that he is in the church?”

And in **256 A.D.**, **Cyprian of Carthage** stated:

“Would the heretics dare to come to the very seat of Peter whence apostolic faith is derived and whither no errors can come?”

In the **4th century** (the **300s**), **Ambrose, the bishop of Milan** who converted and baptized St. Augustine, stated:
“Where Peter is, there is the church.”

Also in the **4th century**, the great biblical scholar, **St. Jerome**, wrote to Pope Damassus:

“I follow no one as leader except Christ alone, and therefore I want to remain in union in the church with you, that is, with the chair of Peter. I know that on this rock the church is founded.”

St. Augustine stated, at the end of the Palagian controversy, which the pope helped settle:

“Rome has spoken; the dispute is ended.”

In **433 A.D.**, **Pope Sixtus III** said:

“all know that to assent to [the Bishop of Rome’s] decision is to assent to St. Peter, who lives in his successors and whose faith fails not.”

Leo I (the Great), pope from **440-461 A.D.**, provided decisive teaching about Jesus Christ that guided the bishops at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. The bishops exclaimed:

“Peter has spoken through Leo!”

Tertullian (ca 213 A.D.), *“Peter alone [among the Apostles] do I find married, and through mention of his mother-in-law. I presume he was a monogamist; for the Church, built upon him...”* *The Church is built upon Peter.*

St. Clement of Alexandria (ca 200 A.D.), *“On hearing these words, the blessed Peter, the chosen, the pre-eminent, the first among the disciples, for whom alone with Himself the Savior paid the tribute...”*

Origen (ca 230 A.D.), *“Peter, upon whom is built the Church of Christ, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail...”*

St. Jerome (≈ 375 AD):

“He that is joined to the chair of Peter is accepted by me” (Letter to Pope Damasus)

3. Early Church Fathers on the Eucharist

St. Ignatius of Antioch Letter to the Smyrnaeans (≈110 AD)

(a disciple and co-worker of the Apostle, St. John),

“Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God... They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the Flesh of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in His goodness, raised up again.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Romans (≈110 AD)

I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink, I desire His Blood, which is love incorruptible.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Philadelphians (≈110 AD)

Do not err, my brethren: if anyone follow a schismatic, he will not inherit the Kingdom of God... Take care, then, to use one Eucharist, so that whatever you do, you do according to God: for there is one Flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, and one cup in the union of His Blood; one altar, as there is one bishop with the presbytery and my fellow servants and deacons.

St. Justin Martyr Apology, (≈150 AD)

(born about the time the last Apostle, St. John, died in Ephesus, around 130 AD. St. Justin Martyr was also converted in Ephesus where disciples of St. John undoubtedly instructed him. He is considered the greatest Christian apologist of the second century).

“We call this food Eucharist; and no one is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true... For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nourished, is both the Flesh and the Blood of that incarnated Jesus.”

St. Irenaeus Against Heresies, (≈195 AD)

(studied under St. Polycarp, who was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. St Irenaeus is considered the greatest theologian of the immediate post-apostolic period.)

“He (Jesus) has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be His own Blood, from which He causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, He has established as His own Body, from which He gives increase to our bodies.”

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, (≈350 AD)

He (Jesus) himself, therefore, having declared and said of the Bread, “This is my Body,” who will dare any longer to doubt? And when He Himself has affirmed and said, “This is My Blood,” who can ever hesitate and say it is not His Blood?” Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that, for they are, according to the Master’s declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Martin Luther, (Luther’s Collected Works, no. 7, p 391):

“Who but the devil, hath granted such a license of wresting the words of the holy Scripture? Who ever read in the Scriptures, that “my body” is the same as “this is a sign of my body”? Or, that “is” is the same as “it signifies”? What language in the world ever spoke so? It is only then the devil, that imposeth upon us by these fanatical men.... Not one of the Fathers, though so numerous, ever spoke as the Sacramentarians: not one of them ever said, “It is only bread and wine”; or,”

the body and blood of Christ is not there present". Surely it is not credible, nor possible, since they often speak, and repeat their sentiments, that they should never (if they thought so) not so much as once, say, or let slip these words: "It is bread only" or "the body of Christ is not there", especially it being of great importance, that men should not be deceived. Certainly in so many Fathers, and in so many writings, the negative might at least be found in one of them had they thought the body and blood of Christ were not really present: but they are all of them unanimous.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC): Sections 1322 to 1419 (and also Sections 1066 to 1211)

4. Early Church Fathers on Confession

St. Cyprian of Carthage [A.D. 251]: *"With grief and simplicity confess this very thing to God's priests, and make the conscientious avowal, put off from them the load of their minds, and seek out the salutary medicine even for slight and moderate wounds" (The Lapsed, 28)*

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Catholic Answers

www.catholic.com

Writings of the Early Church Fathers

www.catholic-pages.com/dir/early_fathers.asp

The Catholic Answer Magazine

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Catholic Christian Outreach

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The Catechism Online

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www.christusrex.org/www2/kerygma/ccc/searchcat.html

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Early Church Fathers

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