

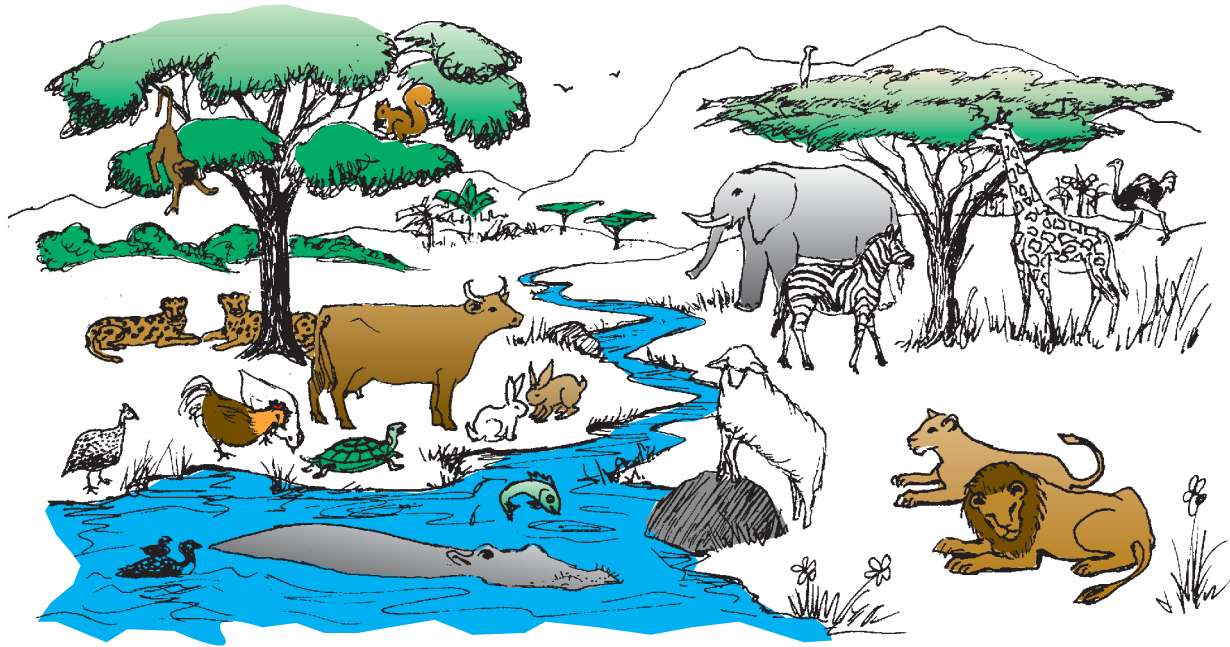
GOD LOVES YOU



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GOD MADE OUR WORLD AND EVERY LIVING THING IN IT



Genesis 1:25—“And God saw that it was good.”

GENESIS 1:1—“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

COLOSSIANS 1:16—“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.”

PSALM 115:15, 16—“You are blessed of the LORD who made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’S: but the earth has He given to the children of men.”

REMEMBER THIS: *The earth was perfect when God gave it to man. Therefore no man can blame God for all the suffering, hardships, wars, sickness, and sorrow. What a mess man has made of this earth!*

THE FLESH OF MAN IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER FLESH.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:39—“All flesh is not the same flesh: but **there is one kind of flesh of men**, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.”

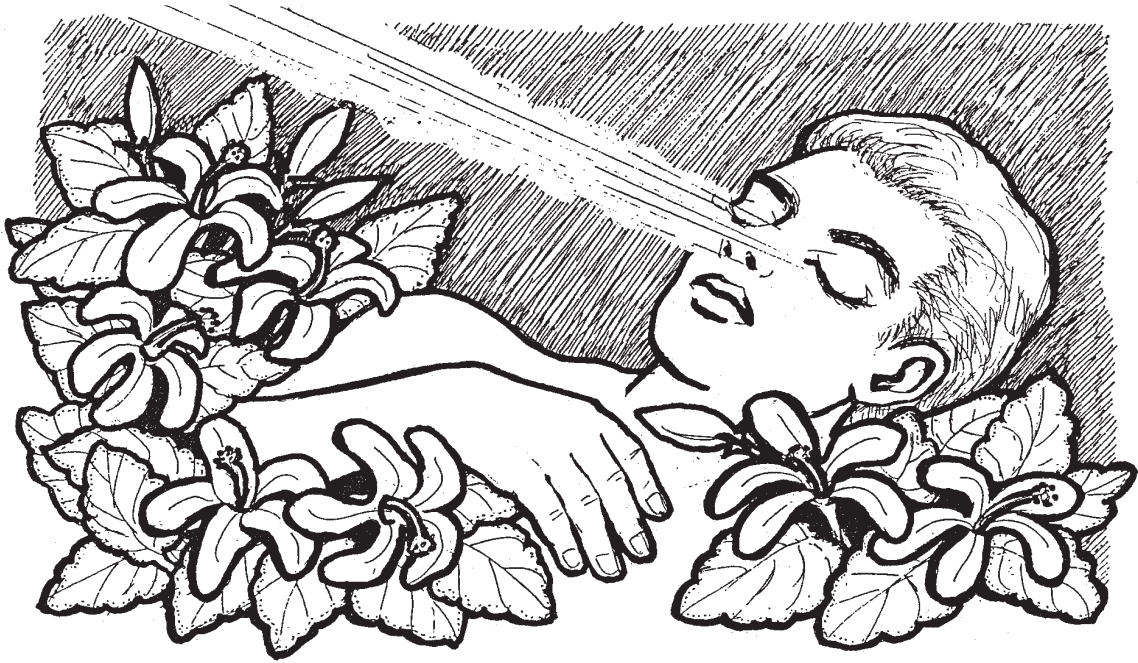
(This verse shows we never could have come from an animal.)

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—Rose Goodman

GOD MADE US



GENESIS 1:26— “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth. . . .’”

MAN BECOMES A LIVING SOUL.

GENESIS 2:7—“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became *a living soul.”

GENESIS 2:18—“And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helpmate for him.’”

GENESIS 2:21, 22—“And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh . . . and the rib . . . made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.”

GENESIS 1:28—“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, ‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. . . .’”

PSALM 100:3—“Know that the LORD He is God: it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves. . . .”

GOD KNEW YOU WHILE YOU WERE STILL IN YOUR MOTHER’S WOMB.

ISAIAH 44:2—“Thus says the LORD that made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you. . . .”

JEREMIAH 1:5—“Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you: and before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you. . . .”

* **“A LIVING SOUL”** means we shall always be somewhere forever and ever.

GOD PLACES ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

GENESIS 2:15-17—“¹⁵And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat. ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die.’”

THE SERPENT, ALSO CALLED THE DEVIL OR SATAN, QUESTIONS GOD’S AUTHORITY, AND TELLS A LIE.



The woman disobeys the command of God.

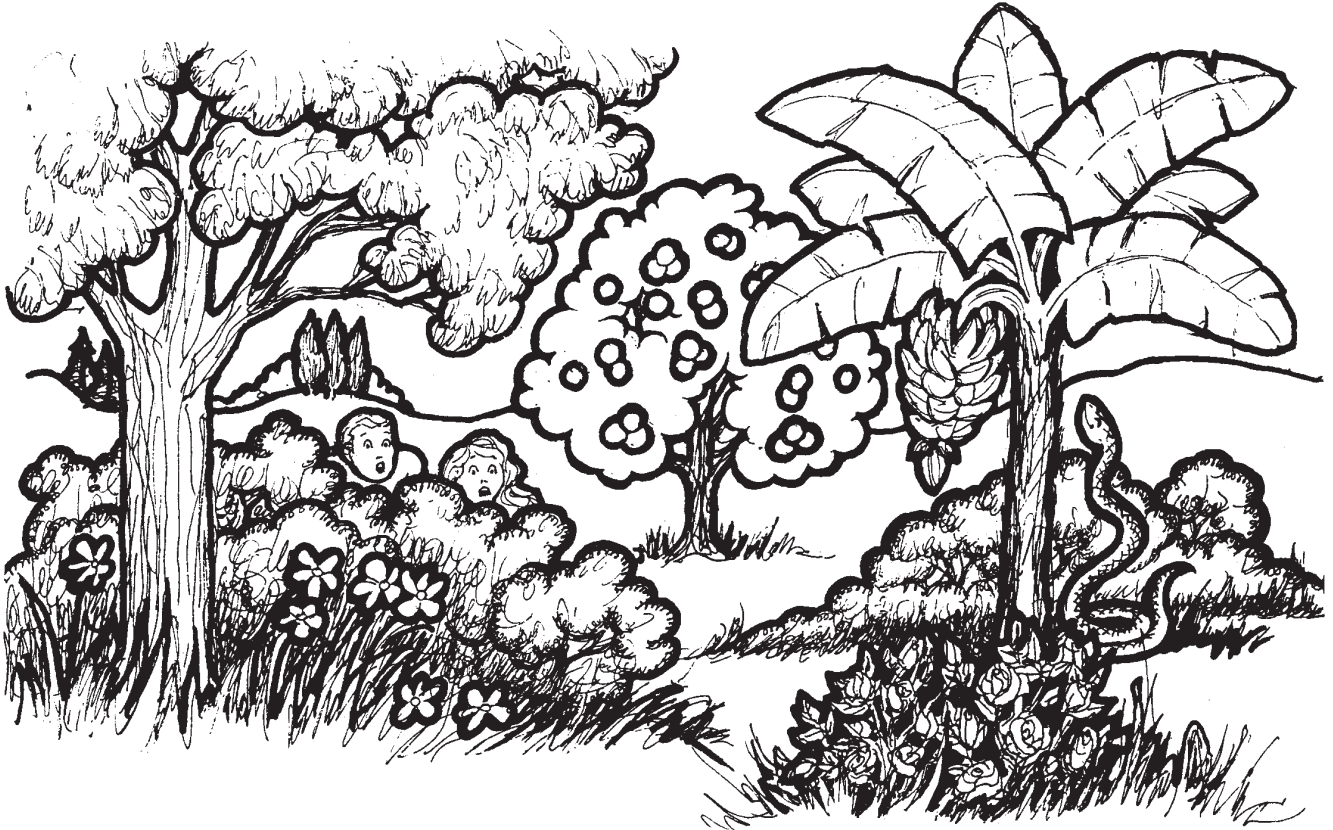
GENESIS 3:4—“And the serpent said unto the woman, ‘You shall not surely die.’”

GENESIS 3:6—“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

(Revelation 20:2 gives the names of the serpent which deceives mankind: “. . . the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan. . .”)

Satan, the enemy of our soul, is a big liar. We should never listen to him.

DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD BROUGHT SIN AND DEATH INTO THE HUMAN RACE



God Calls to Adam, “Where Are You?”

GENESIS 3:9-11—⁹“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’

¹⁰“And he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.’

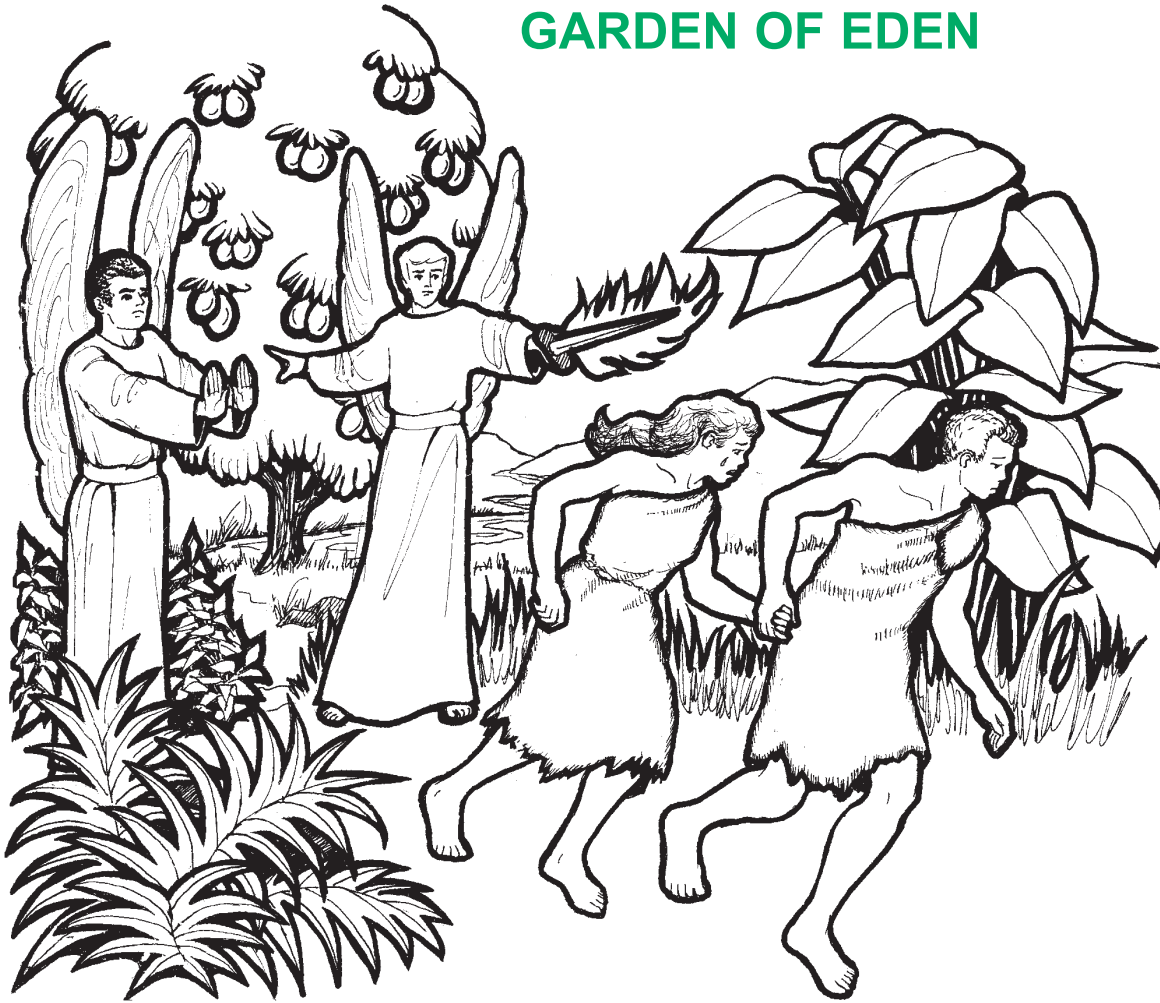
¹¹“And He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat?’”

Adam and Eve Make Excuses for Their Sins.

GENESIS 3:12-15—¹²“And the man said, ‘The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.’ ¹³“And the LORD God said unto the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ And the woman said, ‘The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.’ ¹⁴“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast in the field; . . . ¹⁵and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.’”

**SATAN STOLE THE HEARTS OF ADAM AND EVE
AWAY FROM GOD. NOW THEY WILL DIE!**

ADAM AND EVE MUST LEAVE THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF EDEN



Genesis 3:23, 24—²³Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

THE GROUND IS CURSED BECAUSE OF ADAM’S SIN.

GENESIS 3:17-19—¹⁷And to Adam He said, ‘Because you . . . have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it you were taken. . . .’”

GOD MAKES CLOTHES FOR ADAM AND EVE.

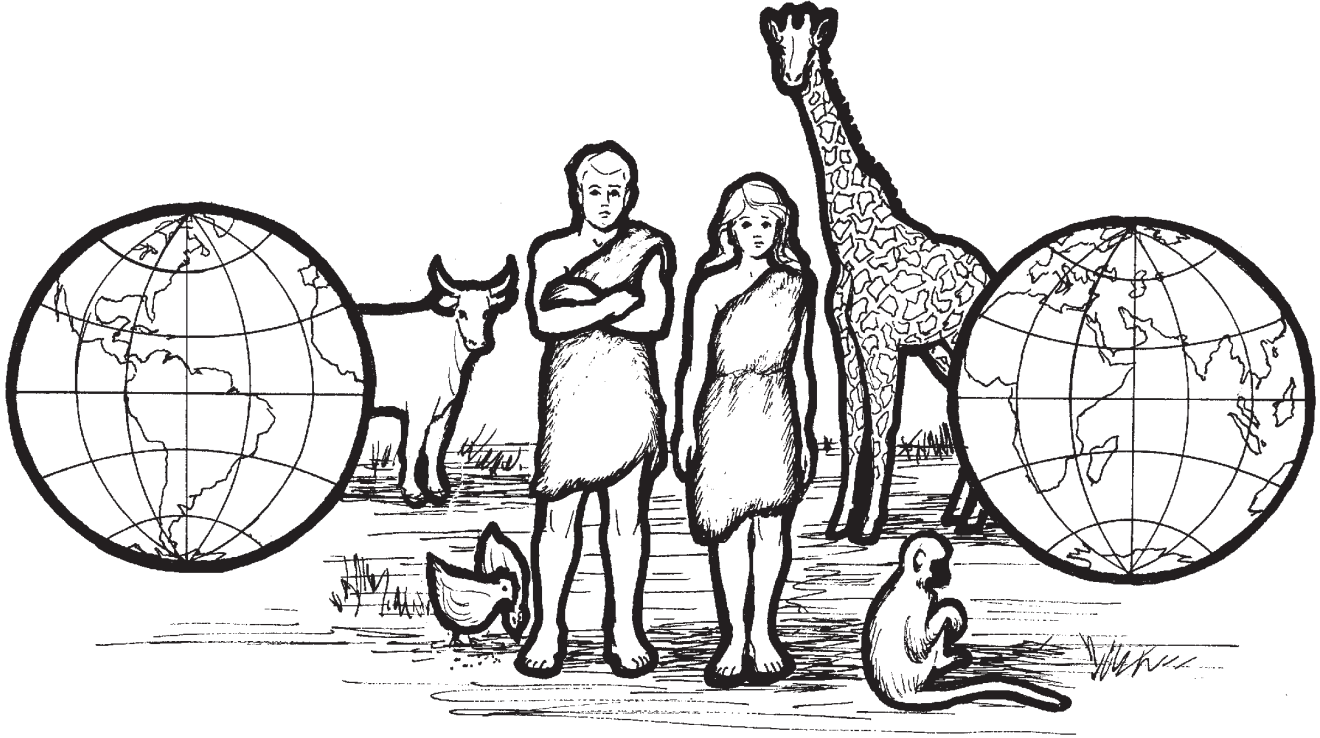
GENESIS 3:21—“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”

EVE ALSO HAS SORROW BECAUSE OF DISOBEDIENCE.

GENESIS 3:16—“Unto the woman He said, ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow . . . in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.’”

Disobedience to God’s command brought sin and death into this beautiful world.

IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR THE HUMAN RACE WHEN ADAM AND EVE SINNED



ROMANS 5:12— “...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men”

EVERYONE HAS SINNED.

ROMANS 3:23

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

GOD’S PLAN IS TO RESCUE US FROM SIN.

1 JOHN 4:14

“... the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIS SON HAVE LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

(You would do well to memorize these verses!)

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

From that day to this, **every person** is born with the sin nature in his or her heart, and **will someday die because death came by sin**. Read Romans 5:12 at the top of this page again.

(Read this book and you will find how to LIVE AGAIN!)

GOD SENT HIS SON TO RESCUE US



To enter the human race, the Son of God had to come as a human baby, too.

“And she [Mary] shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

GOD CHOSE THE VIRGIN MARY TO BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS

(Luke 1:26-35)

“²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the **virgin’s name was Mary.** ²⁸And the angel came in unto her and said, ‘Hail, you that are highly favored, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women.’ ²⁹And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. ³⁰And **the angel said unto her, ‘Fear not Mary: for you have found favor with God.** ³¹And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, **and shall call His name JESUS.** ³²**He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:** and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: ³³And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.’ ³⁴Then said Mary unto the angel, ‘How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?’ ³⁵And the angel answered and said unto her, **‘The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy One who shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God.’”**

THE VIRGIN MARY GIVES BIRTH TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR FROM SIN.

(Matthew 1:18-25)

“¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, purposed to put her



away privately. ²⁰But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy

Spirit. ²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.’ ²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³‘Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.’ ²⁴Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: ²⁵and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn Son: and he called His name JESUS.”

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

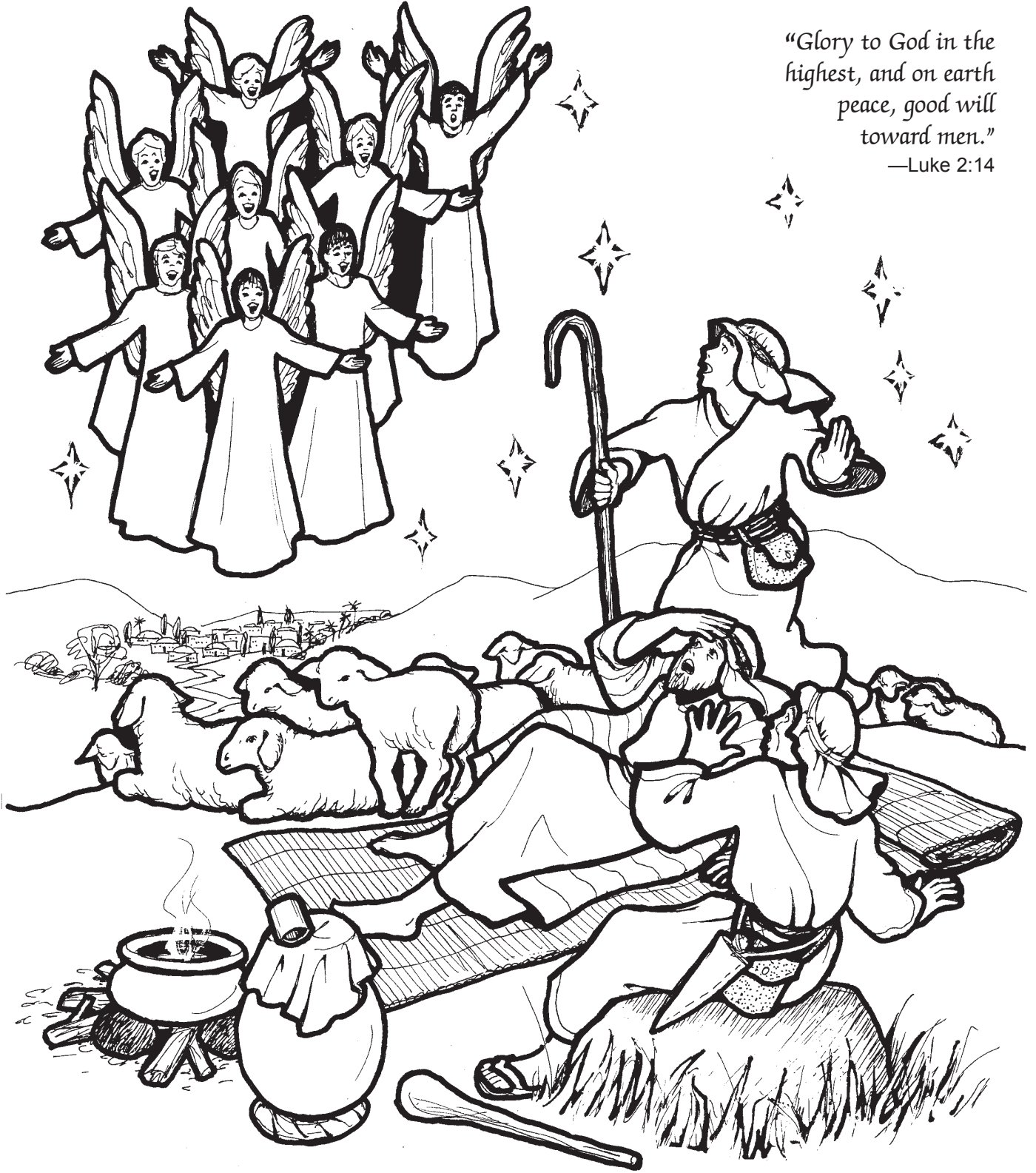
Before Jesus came to earth, He shared great glory with His Father. In John 17:5, Jesus prayed, “And now, O Father, glorify Me with Your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

Jesus is also called Emmanuel, meaning “God with us.”

SHEPHERDS ARE THE FIRST TO HEAR OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

—Luke 2:14



The shepherds will go to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

SHEPHERDS FIND BABY JESUS IN A MANGER

Luke 2:1-20

¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.'

¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."



The shepherds will praise God for all they have heard and seen.

WISE MEN ALSO COME TO WORSHIP JESUS



¹⁰When they [wise men from the East] saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way” (Matthew 2:10-12).

Sometimes God speaks to people in dreams yet today.

JESUS IS BAPTIZED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST



MATTHEW 3:13-17

“¹³Then came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John forbad Him, saying, ‘I have need to be baptized by You, and You come to me?’ ¹⁵And Jesus answering said unto him, ‘Permit it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he permitted Him. ¹⁶And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: ¹⁷And lo: a voice from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

THREE UNUSUAL WITNESSES

- 1. God, the FATHER**, who spoke from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
- 2. God, the SON**, who was being baptized by John the Baptist. His human name was Jesus because He came to save us from our sins.
- 3. God, the HOLY SPIRIT**, who came down from heaven like a dove, resting upon Jesus.

HOW WONDERFUL THAT GOD SHOWED HIMSELF TO US IN THESE THREE UNUSUAL WAYS!

JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Jesus had no human father. Before Joseph took Mary to be his wife, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

(Now read page 7 again, especially Matthew 1: 20-23.)



The Bible verses in Matthew 1:20-23 on page 7 show us that God is the Father of Jesus because the Holy Spirit and God are ONE. 1 John 5:7 says, “For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the FATHER, the WORD, and the HOLY SPIRIT: and these THREE are ONE.” Another name for Jesus is the WORD. In John 1:14 we read, “And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us. . . .” This shows that Jesus is ONE with the FATHER, too. In fact, Jesus clearly tells us in John 10:30, “I and My Father are ONE.” How wonderful that God’s only begotten Son came to be with us and to die for our sins! “God was manifest in the flesh. . .” (1 Timothy 3:16).

God says Jesus is His Son in Luke 9:35: “This is My beloved SON: hear Him.” Since Jesus and the Father are ONE, let us give honor to God’s Son the same as we do to God. John 5:23 says: “That all men should honor the SON, even as they honor the FATHER. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father who has sent Him.”

“For in Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9).

JESUS IS GOD—HE CAME IN HUMAN FORM.

JESUS DOES NOT YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION OF THE DEVIL

Jesus “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus never obeyed the devil.



Matthew 4:1-11

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He afterward hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.’ But He answered and said, **‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’** Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.’ **Jesus said unto him, ‘It is written again, You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’** Again, the devil took Him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said unto Him, ‘All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me.’ **Then said Jesus unto him, ‘Get you hence, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’** Then the devil left Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.”

IN EACH TEMPTATION BY THE DEVIL, JESUS USED THE WORD OF GOD TO OVERCOME HIM.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-17)

The basis of moral law that God gave to Moses

(First four: love for God)	(Last six: love for man)
1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.	6. Thou shalt not kill.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.	7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.	8. Thou shalt not steal.
	9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
	10. Thou shalt not covet . . . any thing that is thy neighbor's.
	(KJV)

On page 13, Jesus used the first commandment in defeating and resisting the devil. We should use Scripture, too.

WHY WE SHOULD LEARN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. **“The law was our schoolmaster** to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” —Galatians 3:24 (Read Galatians 2:16.)
2. **Jesus said** in Matthew 5:17—“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: **I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.**”
3. **Jesus mentions other commandments** in Mark 10:17-22, Luke 10:25-28 and Luke 18:18-24. (See also Romans 13:9.) **It is important** to know the ten commandments and also the two great commandments.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

1. **Love for God.** Jesus said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.” —Matthew 22:37, 38
2. **Love for man.** “And the second is like unto it, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’” —Matthew 22:39

(All the ten commandments above are included in the two great commandments. In Matthew 22:40 Jesus says, “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”)

“LOVE WORKS NO ILL TO HIS NEIGHBOR: THEREFORE LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.” —ROMANS 13:10

JESUS CHOOSES HELPERS—“Come, follow Me.”



Matthew 4:17-20

“¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, ‘Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. ¹⁹And He said unto them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ ²⁰And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him.”

JESUS CHOSE 12 DISCIPLES

(Read Mark 1:16-20 and 3:14-19)

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| 1. Simon Peter | 7. Matthew |
| 2. Andrew, brother to Peter | 8. Thomas |
| 3. James, the son of Zebedee | 9. James, the son of Alphaeus |
| 4. John, brother to James | 10. Thaddeus |
| 5. Philip | 11. Simon, the Canaanite |
| 6. Bartholomew | 12. Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus |

ONE OF THE GREATEST SERMONS OF JESUS

Matthew 5:3-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

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

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

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

“Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

ANOTHER “BLESSED” IS FOUND IN REVELATION 22:14

“Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

JESUS STILL CALLS TO US—“Come, follow Me.”

SOME MIRACLES JESUS DID WHILE ON EARTH



CLEANSED THE LEPER

(Matthew 8:2, 3)

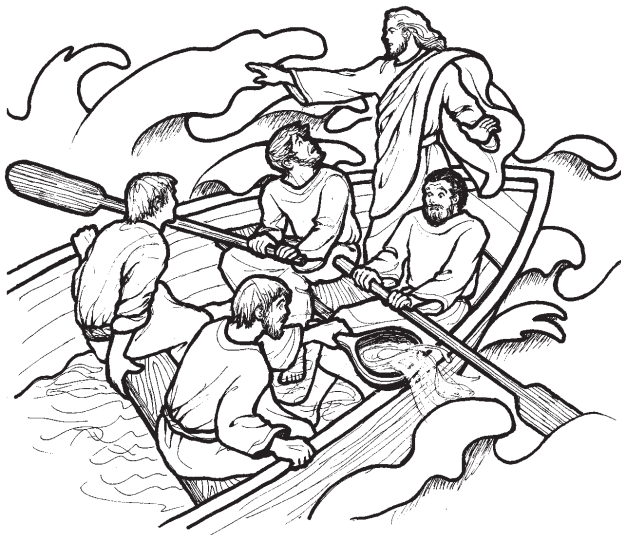
“...There came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.’ And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”



HEALED THE BLIND

(Mark 10:46-47, 52)

“... Blind Bartimaeus . . . sat by the highway side begging. . . . He began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.’ . . . And Jesus said unto him, ‘Go your way: your faith has made you whole.’ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus. . . .”



STILLED THE STORM

(Matthew 8:24-26)

“... There arose a great tempest in the sea . . . the ship was covered with the waves: but He [Jesus] was asleep. And His disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, ‘Lord, save us: we perish.’ And He said unto them, ‘Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?’ Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.”

FED THE MULTITUDE

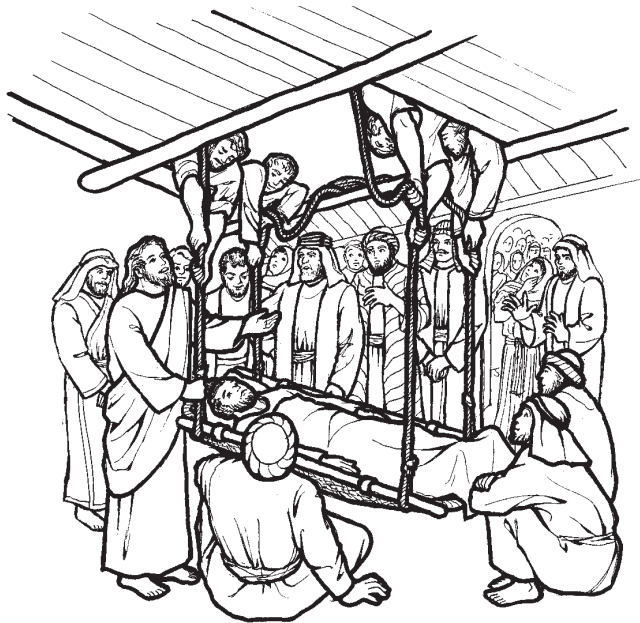
(John 6:9-12)

“‘There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two small fishes. . . .’ And Jesus said, ‘Make the men sit down.’ . . . So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were sitting down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, He said unto His disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.’”



“... All things are possible to him that believes.” —Mark 9:23

JESUS CHRIST HAS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS



The man with palsy is let down through the roof.

MARK 2:1-12

¹And again He entered into Capernaum . . . and it was noised that He was in the house. ²And straightway many were gathered together . . . so there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and He preached the word unto them. ³And they came unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, who was borne by four. ⁴And when they could not come near unto Him . . . they uncovered the roof where He was: and . . . let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, 'Son, your sins be forgiven you.' ⁶But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, '⁷... Who can forgive sins

but God only?' ⁸... When Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, . . . '⁹Which is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Your sins be forgiven you; or to say, Arise, and take up your bed and walk? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins,' (He said to the sick of the palsy,) '¹¹... Arise, and take up your bed, and go your way into your house.' ¹²And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth. . . ; they were all amazed, and glorified God. . . ."

CHRIST HAS POWER OVER DEATH

JOHN 11:39-44

³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said unto Him, 'Lord, by this time he stinks; for he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said unto her, 'Said I not unto you, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God?' ⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. . . . ⁴³He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth.' ⁴⁴And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'"



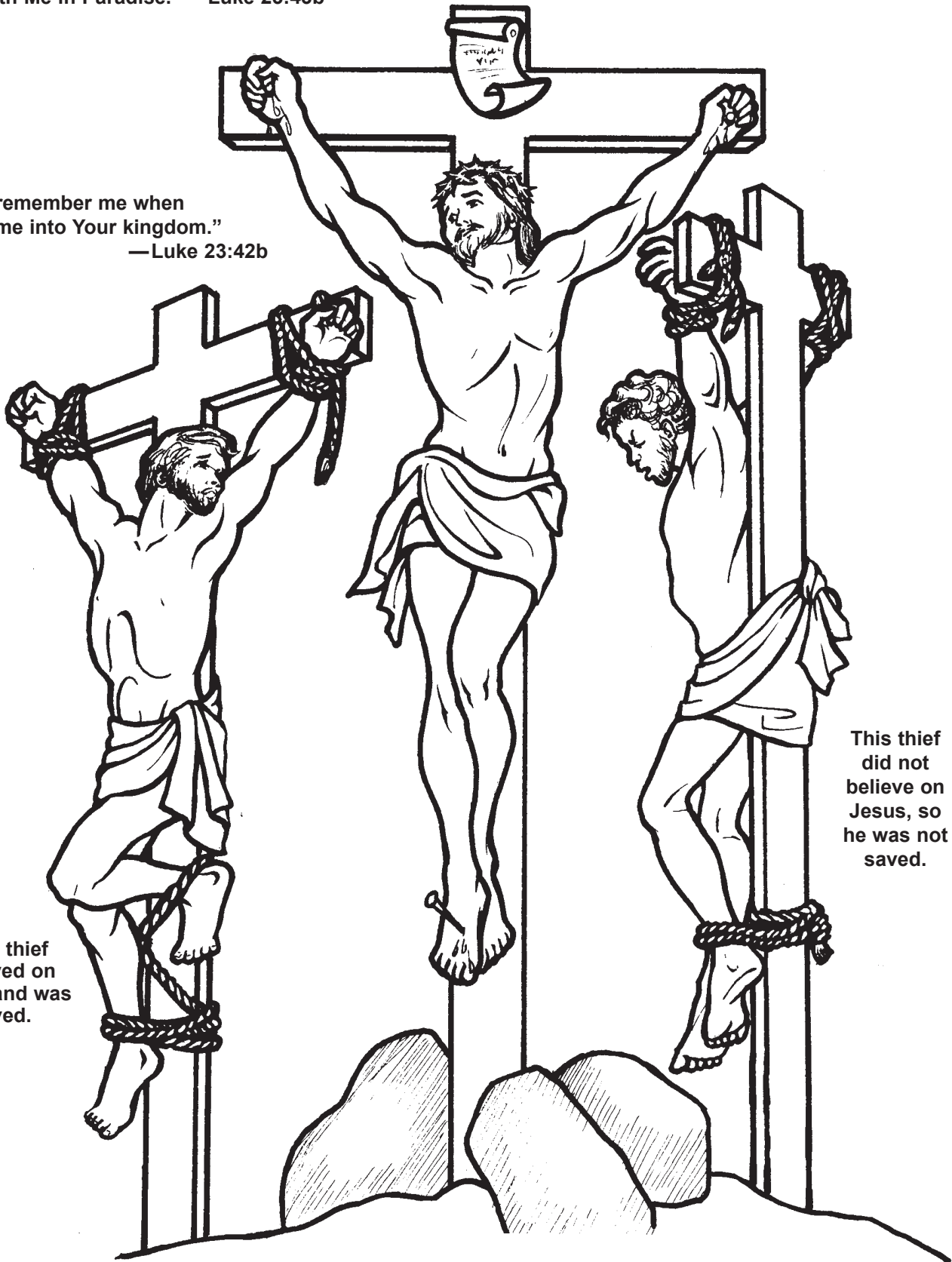
Lazarus comes forth from the dead.

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" (John 11:25, 26).

JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” —Luke 23:43b

“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”
—Luke 23:42b



This thief believed on Jesus and was saved.

This thief did not believe on Jesus, so he was not saved.

CHRIST'S DEATH WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT. IT WAS PART OF GOD'S PLAN.

Jesus, of His own free will, laid down His life to save you and me from our sins. John 10:18 says: "No man takes it [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. . . ."

Because Jesus had no sin, He became our perfect sacrifice. "... Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

"... You were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18,19).

WHY JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR US

(Only the blood of Jesus is the remedy for our sins.)

1. "... It is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).
2. "... **The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**" (1 John 1:7).
3. "Being . . . justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Romans 5:9).
4. "**In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins**" (Colossians 1:14).

JESUS IS OUR ONLY WAY TO GOD

1 John 5:11— "... God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

Romans 6:23— "**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

John 3:36— "He who believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 14:6— "**Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but by Me.'**"

CHRIST DIED TO BECOME OUR HIGH PRIEST

(Hebrews 7:22-27)

"²²By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. ²³And they truly were many priests, because they were not permitted to continue by reason of death: ²⁴But this man, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; ²⁷who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself."

**"... WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH,
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."**

(John 3:15)

THE ANGEL SAID, “HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE IS RISEN”

(Matthew 28:6)



Jesus said, “Because I live, you shall live also.” —John 14:19b

JESUS COMES UP FROM THE DEAD

“...Behold, I am alive forevermore...” (Revelation 1:18).

(Matthew 28:1-10)

“¹In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. ²And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ⁴and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. ⁵And the angel answered and said unto the women, ‘Fear not: for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goes before you into Galilee; there shall you see Him: lo, I have told you.’ ⁸And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring His disciples word. ⁹And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, ‘All hail.’ And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him. ¹⁰Then said Jesus unto them, ‘Be not afraid: go tell My brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me.’”

John 11:25, 26

“Jesus said unto her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ ”

1 Corinthians 15:55

“O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?”

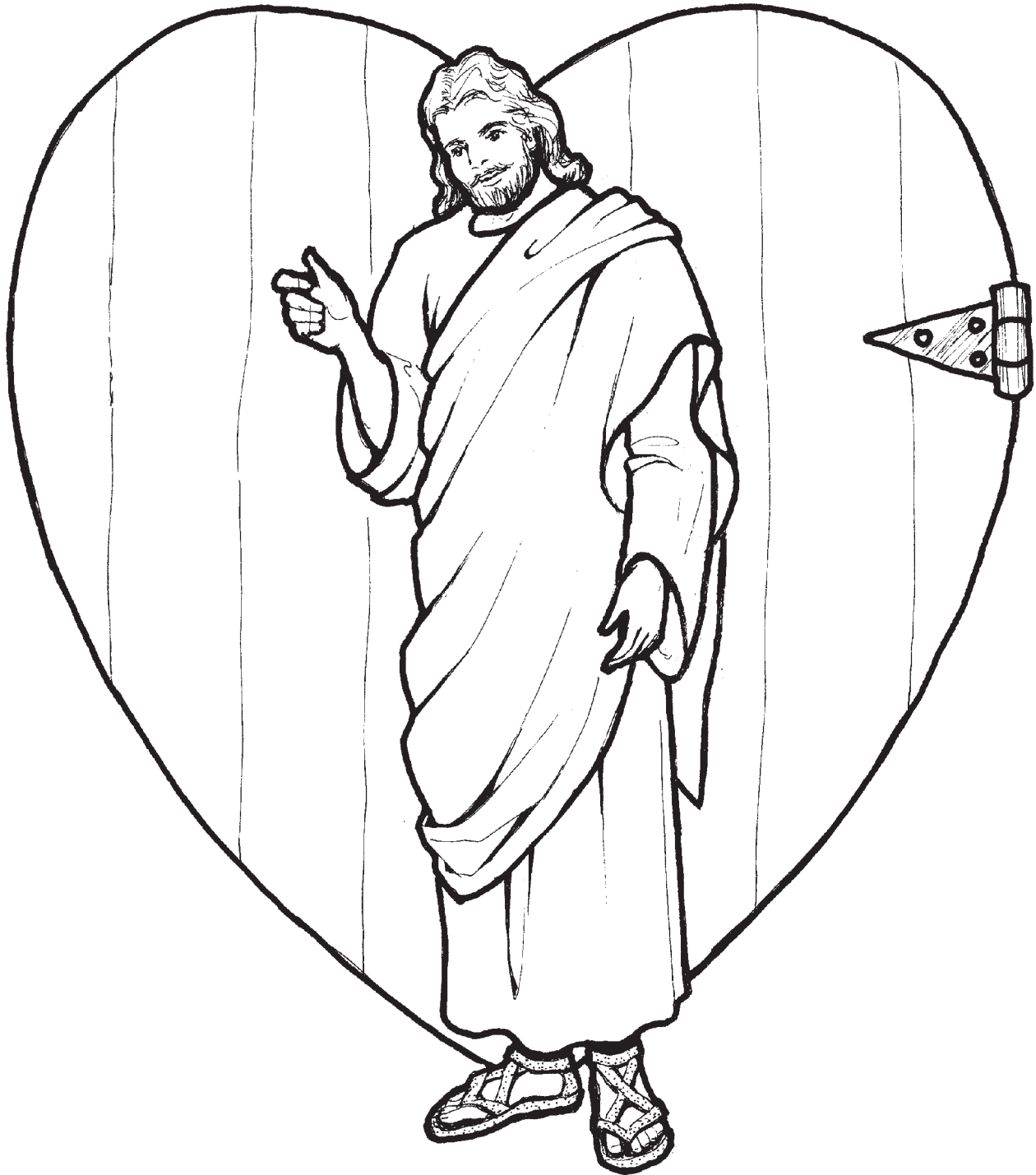
Jesus has taken the sting out of death because He died in our place. He took our sins upon Himself. He conquered death, hell, and the grave for us!

Romans 6:23—“... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

JESUS CHRIST IS NOW OUR HIGH PRIEST

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

JESUS WANTS TO GIVE YOU ETERNAL LIFE



Revelation 3:20

Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me."

OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART AND LET JESUS COME IN.

HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAVIOR

Christ died for all

(2 Corinthians 5:15).

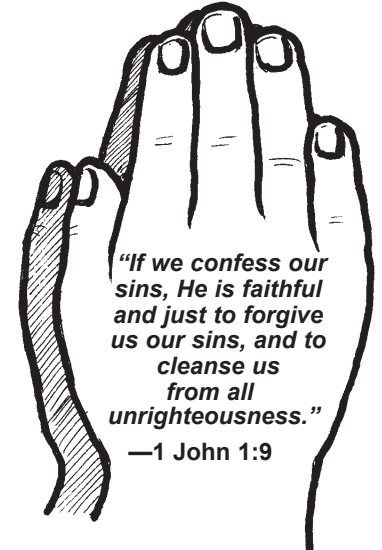
2 Peter 3:9—“The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

Isaiah 55:6—“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.”

Deuteronomy 4:29—“. . . You shall seek the LORD your God, you shall find Him, if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

STEPS TO FIND JESUS

1. **Repent.** Be truly sorry for your sins. (To repent means “sorry enough to quit doing wrong—to quit sinning.”)
2. **Confess** your sins to Jesus. (Confess means to “tell, admit.”)
1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
3. **Forsake** your sins. (Forsake means to “give up, leave alone.”)
“He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).
4. **Believe on Christ** as your Savior.
John 3:16—“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
Acts 16:31—“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved. . . .”
5. **Receive Him** into your heart (open the door of your heart and let Him come in).
John 1:12 says, “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”



A Prayer Guide

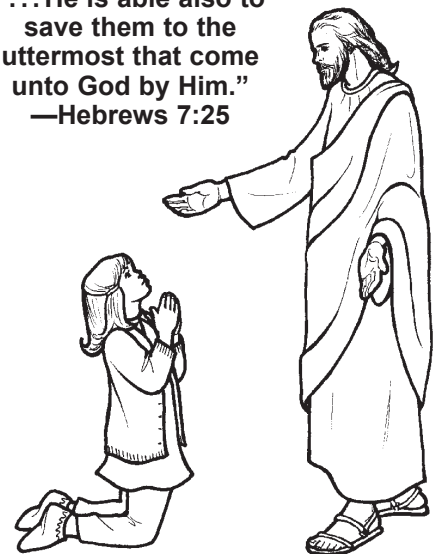
If you need help to ask Jesus into your heart, you can follow the prayer below as a guide:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for dying on the cross to take away my sins. I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done. I ask You to please come into my heart and live in my heart forever. I am trusting You right now to make my heart clean. I take You to be my very own Lord and Savior.

In Your name I pray, Amen.

“. . . He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.”
—Hebrews 7:25



COME TO JESUS—“. . . Him that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out.”

—John 6:37

JESUS LOVES ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE WORLD



Luke 18:16— “But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, ‘Let little children come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.’”

Matthew 18:14— “Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”

NINE GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOWING JESUS

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).



1. Read in God's Word, the Holy Bible, every day. Learn Bible verses which will help you grow to be like Jesus Christ. If you have no Bible, memorize verses in this book. They will help you. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

2. Pray any time of the day or night (Psalm 55:17). Prayer is heart-communion with God. Tell Him how you love Him. Thank Him for His blessings, for saving your soul. Ask Him for anything you need. There is strength in prayer. Luke 18:1 says, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Isaiah 40:31 says, "They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength." Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain you. . . ."



"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18).

3. Keep your thoughts pure.

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT

"Whatever things are
TRUE,
Whatever things are
HONEST,
Whatever things are
JUST,
Whatever things are
PURE,
Whatever things are
LOVELY,
Whatever things are of
GOOD REPORT.
If there be any **VIRTUE,**
If there be any **PRAISE,**
THINK ON THESE THINGS."
(Philippians 4:8)

Our Thought Life Is Important to God

"... Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

—2 Corinthians 10:5

Resist every bad thought—start praising God—think on good things.

What to do with bad thoughts . . .

Throw away every bad thought that comes to you! It is Satan's trick to bring bad thoughts to our minds. A bad thought is not our thought unless we want it to be our thought. We can decide to throw away that bad thought or we can decide to make it ours. Pray to Jesus. He will help you throw away any bad thought. REMEMBER: "*We cannot help it if the birds fly over our heads but we can prevent them from making a nest in our hair.*" So it is with the bad thoughts. They may come flying to us and want to enter our minds but we can refuse them. Right away think on the good things. Jesus tells us what to think about.

Read Philippians 4:8 in the box at the left.

This verse says to think about whatever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

4. Resist the devil—draw near to God.

James 4:7, 8—"... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. . . ."

5. Trust in the LORD.

As **Proverbs 3:5** says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding."

Romans 8:28—"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

6. Do the will of God with gladness.

In **Psalm 40:8** we read, "I delight to do Your will, O my God. . . ."

1 Thessalonians 4:3—"This is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication" (means not to have sex before marriage).

Leviticus 20:7—"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy: for I am the LORD your God."

1 Timothy 5:22—"Keep yourself pure."

1 Peter 1:15—"... Be holy in all manner of conversation."

7. Show love to all people.

Ephesians 4:32—"Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

John 13:35—"By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another."

8. Sing, rejoice, keep praising the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19—"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Psalm 50:23a—"Whoever offers praise glorifies Me."

9. Keep walking in the light God gives you.

1 John 1:7—"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

"LET NO MAN DESPISE YOUR YOUTH; BUT BE AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS IN WORD, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY." —1 Timothy 4:12

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES

(Found in Matthew 6:9-13)*

“Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

**You should memorize this prayer. Throughout the world this prayer is often sung or prayed by believers in unison (all together).*

PRIVATE PRAYER IS ALSO IMPORTANT

Matthew 6:6—“But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.”

WHEN WE PRAY, WE MUST ALSO FORGIVE

Mark 11:25, 26—“And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any: that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

PROMISES GOD MAKES TO THOSE WHO PRAY

1 John 5:14, 15—“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.”

WE MUST PRAY IN FAITH BELIEVING

Mark 11:24—“. . . What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.”

IT IS GOOD TO PRAY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

Matthew 18:19, 20—Jesus said, “If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

WE CAN PRAY FOR HEALING WHEN WE ARE SICK

James 5:14-16—“Is any sick among you? 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: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. . . . Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

OBEDIENCE TO GOD BRINGS ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS

1 John 3:22—“And whatever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

PRAYER IS HEART-COMMUNION WITH GOD

(This means talking from our hearts to God and also letting God talk to our hearts.)

Remember to pray prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God. We honor Him by being grateful and blessing His name. The Psalms are full of prayers and rejoicing. We can pray while sitting, standing, kneeling, lying down, or in any posture.

1. King David prayed a wonderful prayer as he **sat** before the Lord (2 Samuel 7:18-29). He often praised the Lord in his prayers. He wrote most of the Psalms.
2. On the day King Solomon dedicated the house of the Lord, he **stood with his hands spread out toward heaven**. Somewhere during this prayer, he **kneeled** on his knees with his hands still spread out to heaven (1 Kings 8:22-54).
3. Daniel prayed three times a day **upon his knees** and gave thanks (Daniel 6:10).
4. Jonah prayed to the Lord **out of the great fish’s belly** (Jonah chapter 2).

MATTHEW 21:22—“ALL THINGS, WHATEVER YOU SHALL ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YOU SHALL RECEIVE.”

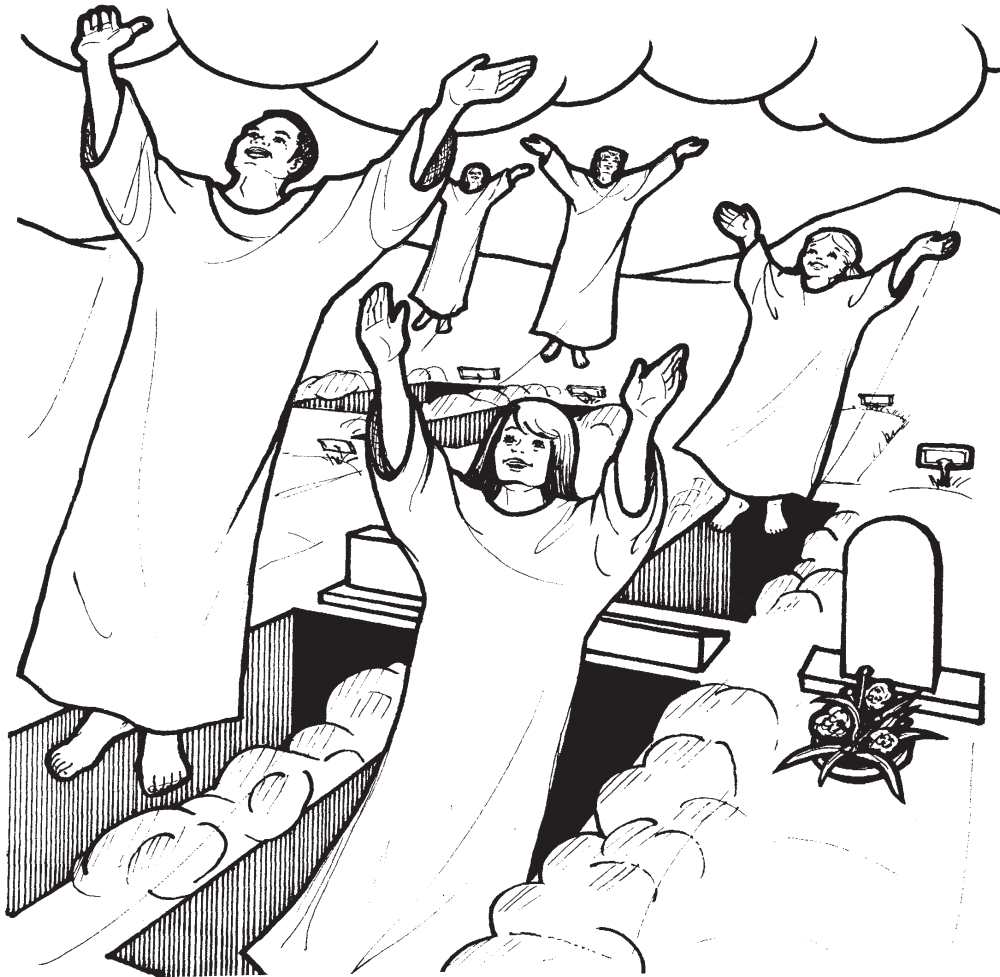
EVERYBODY WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD

1. Some to the resurrection of life

2. Some to the resurrection of damnation

John 5:28, 29—“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

Acts 24:15— “... There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.”



Those Dead in Christ Shall Rise First

1 Thessalonians 4:16—“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ [those who had put their trust in Christ] shall rise first.”

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BELIEVERS IN CHRIST WHO ARE STILL LIVING WHEN JESUS COMES?

1 Thessalonians 4:17—“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

TO HAVE PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION, WE MUST BE OVERCOMERS

Revelation 2:7—“To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

Revelation 2:11b—“... He that overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” (See page 32.)

WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

No believer has all the gifts, and not all believers have the same gift.

Which gift has God given you?

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11, 27-31—¹Now concerning spiritual gifts . . . I would not have you ignorant. . . . ⁴Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit therewith. ⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹But all these work that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He wills. [“Severally” means “individually.”] ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular. ²⁸And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.”

(See page 29 for the “more excellent way.”)

Be a Good Steward of the Gift God Has Given You.

1 Peter 4:10, 11—“As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. . . . If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Something to Do

Fill the blanks from verses 8, 9, and 28 above. (The first letter of each gift is given at the beginning of each blank).

Verse 8—“. . . the word of w_____ ; to another the word of k_____”

Verse 9—“. . . to another f_____ by the same Spirit. . . .”

Verse 28—“And God has set some in the church, first a_____, secondarily p_____, thirdly t_____, after that m_____, then gifts of h_____, h_____, g_____, diversities of t_____.”

(Wycliffe Bible Translators have many people with this last gift, putting the languages of many tribes into writing for the first time. However, on the day of Pentecost every man, gathered there miraculously, heard the gospel in their own language. Read Acts 2:1-11. This was a mighty manifestation or outpouring of the Spirit of God. The apostle Paul also speaks of still another kind of tongues in which he spoke to the Lord Himself. See 1 Corinthians 14:2-4.)

From all the gifts of the Spirit mentioned on this page, which gift do you think God may have given you? (You may write down more than one gift.) _____

No gift of the Spirit can take the place of being filled with God's perfect love!

GOD'S WORD TALKS ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

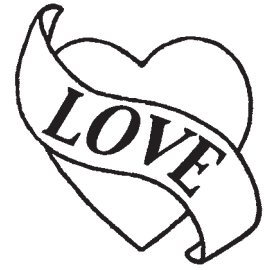
Everyone filled with the Spirit of God will manifest the fruit of the Spirit. Matthew 7:20 says, “. . . by their fruits you shall know them.” Galatians 5:22, 23 says, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

LOVE IS THE GREATEST—THE “MORE EXCELLENT WAY”

(All gifts are nothing without charity or love.)

Below is the great love chapter of the Bible: 1 Corinthians 13

“¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴Love suffers long, and is kind: love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, ⁵does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails: but whether there are prophecies, they shall fail; whether there are tongues, they shall cease; whether there is knowledge, it shall vanish away. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. ¹³And now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”



WAYS TO EXPRESS LOVE

If you have a Bible, you may look up these verses, write them down on a piece of paper, and share them with a friend.

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| 1. Luke 11:5-8 —We will share with others. | 6. Ephesians 4:32 —We will be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving. |
| 2. James 1:27 —We will help the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. | 7. Matthew 5:43-48 —We will do good even to those who hate us and will pray for them. |
| 3. Ephesians 6:1-3 —How children will treat their parents. | 8. Matthew 25:31-46 —What we do makes a difference to God. |
| 4. Ephesians 5:25-33 —How a husband will love his wife. | 9. Galatians 6:10 —As we have opportunity, we are to do good to all. |
| 5. Ephesians 5:22 and Proverbs 31:10-31 —How a wife will love her husband. | 10. Romans 12:18 —As much as it is possible, we will live peaceably with all. |

“This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another” (1 John 4:11).

(The two great commandments Christ gave us about love are found on page 14.)

Are you a true friend?

“A friend loves at all times . . .” (Proverbs 17:17).

1 John 4:16—“. . . God is love, and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.”

SOME OF US MAY BE CALLED UPON TO SUFFER FOR OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

“Fear none of those things which you shall suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; . . . be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).



Stephen, the first martyr for the Lord Jesus Christ, had a forgiving spirit. We may also be called upon someday to lay down our lives for Jesus Christ. Can we, like Stephen, forgive our enemies?

Acts 7:54-60—“When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.’ Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, . . . ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: . . . And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And he knelt down, and cried with a loud voice, ‘Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US

(1 Peter 2:21-24)

“ . . . Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but *committed Himself to Him that judges righteously*: Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, *that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness*: by whose stripes you were healed.”

JESUS TELLS US ABOUT THE LAST DAYS

“Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes . . . All these are the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:7, 8).

MEMORIZE PSALM 46:1, 2 BELOW:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”

THE LORD WILL HELP THOSE WHO ARE FORSAKEN BY THEIR PARENTS

“When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up” (Psalm 27:10). God says in Jeremiah 33:3, “Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.”

1 Peter 5:7—“Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.”

Psalms 91:11—“He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.”

2 Corinthians 12:9—“ . . . My grace is sufficient for you. . . .”

John 16:33—“ . . . In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

Revelation 12:11—“And they overcame . . . by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

Matthew 10:32—“Whosoever . . . shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father who is in heaven.”

“ . . . THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH” (1 JOHN 5:4).

JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, IS COMING AGAIN. BE READY!

HIS COMING WILL BE SUDDEN, LIKE LIGHTNING

Matthew 24:27—“For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.”

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY NOR HOUR

Matthew 24:36, 42—“³⁶But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ⁴²Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Lord comes.”

BEWARE OF FALSE CHRISTS AND FALSE PROPHETS

Matthew 24:23-26—“²³... If any man shall say unto you, ‘Lo, here is Christ,’ or ‘There;’ believe it not. ²⁴For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders... ²⁶Wherefore if they shall say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the desert;’ go not out: ‘Behold, He is in the secret chambers;’ believe it not.”

NEVER TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST NOR WORSHIP HIM

Revelation 20:4—“And I saw thrones... and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ...”

666 IS THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST

Revelation 13:17,18—“... No man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six [666].”

Also read Revelation 14:9-13. *The wrath of God will be poured out on all who worship the beast or his image or receive his mark.*

GREAT PERSECUTION AND SUFFERING BEFORE JESUS COMES

Matthew 24:21, 22—“²¹... Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning



of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

WHEN JESUS COMES, HE WILL COME IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN

Matthew 24:30—“... Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM

Revelation 1:7—“Behold, He comes with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also who pierced Him...”

CHRIST IS BRINGING REWARDS WHEN HE COMES

Revelation 22:12—“And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

MARK 13:33—“TAKE HEED, WATCH AND PRAY: FOR YOU KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS.”

THE TRUE BELIEVER HAS JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WITH HIM ALL THE WAY.



Psalm 23

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Romans 14:8—“... Whether we live ... or die, we are the Lord’s.”

THOSE WHO FOLLOW CHRIST WILL BE WITH HIM FOREVER.

HELL IS A REAL PLACE—KEEP AWAY FROM THERE All Those in Hell Are Cast into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:12-14—¹²“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead who were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

The Second Death Is the Lake of Fire

Revelation 20:15—“And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Matthew 25:46—“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...”

Revelation 20:10—“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire...”



THOSE WHO FOLLOW SATAN WILL END UP IN HELL WITH HIM.

HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE—MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED TO GO THERE

HEAVEN IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE

1 Corinthians 2:9—“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.”

Revelation 21:1, 2, 18, 19, 23-27—“¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . . ²And I, John, saw the holy city . . . coming down from God out of heaven. . . . ¹⁸And the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. ¹⁹And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. . . . ²³And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon . . . ,

for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. ²⁴And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it. . . . ²⁵. . . There shall be no night there. ²⁷And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie: but they that are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”



THERE IS NO MORE SORROW, PAIN, OR DEATH IN HEAVEN

Revelation 21:4—“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

John 14:2, 3—“²In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³. . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”



Jesus Christ Is the Way to Heaven

TRUE BELIEVERS WILL AGAIN EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE

Revelation 22:14—“Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Hebrews 5:9—“. . . He [Jesus] became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.”

HELP OTHERS PREPARE FOR HEAVEN

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He said: “. . . **Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature**” (Mark 16:15).

Matthew 28:18-20—“Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.’ Amen.”

BE READY—JESUS IS COMING SOON!

THERE IS GREAT COMFORT IN READING, TRUSTING, AND OBEYING GOD'S WORD



John 20:31—“But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name.”

Psalms 37:18, 19—“The Lord knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.”

1 Peter 3:15-18—“¹⁵ . . . Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness . . . ¹⁶that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conduct in Christ. ¹⁷For it is better, if the will of God be so, that you suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing. ¹⁸For Christ also has once suffered. . . .”

1 Peter 4:16—“If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God. . . .”

Luke 18:1—“. . . Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

1 Peter 4:19—“Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”

Acts 5:29—“. . . We ought to obey God rather than men.”

1 Timothy 6:11—“. . . Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.”

2 Timothy 2:15—“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16—“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

Hebrews 6:10—“God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love. . . .”

Hebrews 5:9—“. . . He [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.”

1 John 4:16—“. . . God is love. . . .”

ROMANS 10:17—“*... FAITH COMES BY HEARING,
AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.*”

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