1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2 the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the received from him abides in you, and you have word which you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. 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.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

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. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 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

26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; 27 but the anointing which you 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.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God commits sin: for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. 10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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.

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

> 4 Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. 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.

> 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. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

> 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

> 17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because he first loved us. 20 If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

5:1 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

13 I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. 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.

18 We know that 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.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

- God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, who share in that we may receive mercy and find grace the hope set before us. 19 We have this of power. When he had made purification a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle to help in time of need.
- "Who makes his angels winds, and his ser- son. And we are his house if we hold fast vants flames of fire." 8 But of the Son he our confidence and pride in our hope. says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and teousness and hated lawlessness; therefore harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on also in another place, "Thou art a priest for continues a priest for ever. God, thy God, has anointed thee with the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 ever, after the order of Melchizedek." oil of gladness beyond thy comrades." 10 where your fathers put me to the test and And, "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth saw my works for forty years. 10 There- 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up arch gave him a tithe of the spoils. 5 And better promises. 7 For if that first cove- which God commanded you." 21 And in you see the Day drawing near. in the beginning, and the heavens are the fore I was provoked with that generation, prayers and supplications, with loud cries those descendants of Levi who receive the nant had been faultless, there would have the same way he sprinkled with the blood work of thy hands: 11 they will perish, and said, 'They always go astray in their and tears, to him who was able to save him priestly office have a commandment in been no occasion for a second. but thou remainest; they will all grow old hearts; they have not known my ways.' 11 from death, and he was heard for his godly the law to take tithes from the people, that like a garment. 12 like a mantle thou wilt. As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never fear. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned is, from their brethren, though these also 8 For he finds fault with them when he everything is purified with blood, and longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but But thou art the same, and thy years will lest there be in any of you an evil, un- and being made perfect he became the man who has not their genealogy received when I will establish a new covenant with forgiveness of sins. never end." 13 But to what angel has he believing heart, leading you to fall away source of eternal salvation to all who obey tithes from Abraham and blessed him who the house of Israel and with the house of thy enemies a stool for thy feet"? 14 Are another every day, as long as it is called priest after the order of Melchizedek. they not all ministering spirits sent forth "today," that none of you may be hardto serve, for the sake of those who are to ened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For 11 About this we have much to say which there, by one of whom it is testified that land of Egypt; for they did not continue selves with better sacrifices than these. be deserved by the man who has spurned raise men even from the dead; hence, figu- Shall we not much more be subject to the in order to sanctify the people through his
- drift away from it. 2 For if the message 16 Who were they that heard and yet were ciples of God's word. You need milk, not dek met him. declared by angels was valid and every rebellious? Was it not all those who left solid food; 13 for every one who lives on attested to us by those who heard him, 4 And to whom did he swear that they should good from evil. while God also bore witness by signs and never enter his rest, but to those who were of the Holy Spirit distributed according to unable to enter because of unbelief. his own will.

obtain salvation?

- 5 For it was not to angels that God sub- ing his rest remains, let us fear lest any of God, 2 with instruction about ablutions, belonged to another tribe, from which no ish away. jected the world to come, of which we are you be judged to have failed to reach it. 2 the laying on of hands, the resurrection one has ever served at the altar. 14 For speaking. 6 It has been testified some- For good news came to us just as to them; of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And it is evident that our Lord was descended 9:1 Now even the first covenant had reguest for him? 7 Thou didst make him for faith in the hearers. 3 For we who have tance those who have once been enlightfeet." Now in putting everything in subjection from the foundation of the world. the world of God and the powers of the age priest, not according to a legal require- Holies, 4 having the golden altar of in- they not have ceased to be offered? If the soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so sought it with tears. tion to him, he left nothing outside his con- 4 For he has somewhere spoken of the to come, 6 if they then commit apostasy, ment concerning bodily descent but by the cense and the ark of the covenant covered worshipers had once been cleansed, they are not of those who shrink back and are that the Destroyer of the first-born might trol As it is we do not vet see everything seventh day in this way. "And God rested since they crucify the Son of God on their power of an indestructible life. 17 For it on all sides with gold, which contained a would no longer have any consciousness destroyed, but of those who have faith and not touch them in subjection to him. 9 But we see Jesus, on the seventh day from all his works." 5 own account and hold him up to contempt. is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for golden urn holding the manna, and Aar- of sin. 3 But in these sacrifices there is keep their souls. who for a little while was made lower than And again in this place he said, "They shall 7 For land which has drunk the rain that ever, after the order of Melchizedek." 18 on's rod that budded, and the tables of the a reminder of sin year after year. 4 For it because of the suffering of death, so that remains for some to enter it, and those who etation useful to those for whose sake it is is set aside because of its weakness and of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. goats should take away sins. by the grace of God he might taste death formerly received the good news failed to cultivated, receives a blessing from God. uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing Of these things we cannot now speak in for every one.
- 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom David so long afterward, in the words alis to be burned. and by whom all things exist, in bringing ready quoted, "Today, when you hear his name to my brethren, in the midst of the from his. congregation I will praise thee." 13 And has given me."
- subject to lifelong bondage. 16 For surely do. it is not with angels that he is concerned

- for sins, he sat down at the right hand of and high priest of our confession. 2 He the Majesty on high, 4 having become was faithful to him who appointed him, 5:1 For every high priest chosen from hind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone is seated at the right hand of the throne of as much superior to angels as the name he just as Moses also was faithful in God's among men is appointed to act on behalf, having be- the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new thy of as much more glory than Moses as and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal genory of Melchizedek. 5 For to what angel did God ever say, the builder of a house has more honor than the ignorant and wayward, since "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten the house. 4 (For every house is built by he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Be- 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this them from the transgressions under the way which he opened for us through the scendants as many as the stars of heaven of our faith, who for the joy that was set in honor among all, and let the marriage thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a fa- some one, but the builder of all things is cause of this he is bound to offer sacrifice priest of the Most High God, met Abraham priest also to have something to offer. 4 first covenant. 16 For where a will is in- curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and and as the innumerable grains of sand by before him endured the cross, despising bed be undefiled; for God will judge the ther, and he shall be to me a son"? 6 And God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all for his own sins as well as for those of the returning from the slaughter of the kings. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a volved, the death of the one who made it since we have a great priest over the house. The seashore. again, when he brings the first-born into God's house as a servant, to testify to the people. 4 And one does not take the honor and blessed him; 2 and to him Abraham priest at all, since there are priests who of-must be established. 17 For a will takes of God, 22 let us draw near with a true the world, he says, "Let all God's angels things that were to be spoken later, 6 but upon himself, but he is called by God, just apportioned a tenth part of everything. He fer gifts according to the law. 5 They serve effect only at death, since it is not in force heart in full assurance of faith, with our 13 These all died in faith, not having worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, Christ was faithful over God's house as a as Aaron was.

 - enter because of disobedience, 7 again he 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is perfect); on the other hand, a better hope is detail. sets a certain day, "Today," saying through worthless and near to being cursed; its end introduced, through which we draw near
- living and active, sharper than any two-herit the promises. 14 Since therefore the children share in edged sword, piercing to the division of
- but with the descendants of Abraham. 14 Since then we have a great high priest and in all their disputes an oath is final for above the heavens. 27 He has no need, this creation) 12 he entered once for all his enemies should be made a stool for his faith.

- And we desire each one of you to show sus the surety of a better covenant. the same earnestness in realizing the full
- he might destroy him who has the power the heart. 13 And before him no creature to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, lives to make intercession for them. of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver is hidden, but all are open and laid bare "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 17 Therefore he had to be made like his who has passed through the heavens, Je-confirmation. 17 So when God desired to like those high priests, to offer sacrifices into the Holy Place, taking not the blood feet. 14 For by a single offering he has

- a hope that enters into the inner shrine be- is this: we have such a high priest, one who works to serve the living God.

- we neglect such a great salvation? It was years? Was it not with those who sinned, is for the mature, for those who have their der it the people received the law), what or every one his brother, saying, 'Know the foundation of the world. But as it is, after you were enlightened, you endured a ing his burial. declared at first by the Lord, and it was whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 faculties trained by practice to distinguish further need would there have been for the Lord,' for all shall know me, from the he has appeared once for all at the end of hard struggle with sufferings, 33 some-
- flesh and blood, he himself likewise par- soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and 13 For when God made a promise to Abra- is able for all time to save those who draw ablutions, regulations for the body imtook of the same nature, that through death discerning the thoughts and intentions of ham, since he had no one greater by whom near to God through him, since he always posed until the time of reformation.

- 6 These preparations having thus been ings thou hast not desired, but a body hast God, so that what is seen was made out of did not perish with those who were dis-shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying ten to you briefly. 23 You should undermade, the priests go continually into the thou prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerthings which do not appear. many sons to glory, should make the piovoice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For 9 Though we speak thus, yet in your case, 20 And it was not without an oath. 21 outer tent, performing their ritual duties; ings and sin offerings thou hast taken no neer of their salvation perfect through suf- if Joshua had given them rest, God would beloved, we feel sure of better things that Those who formerly became priests took 7 but into the second only the high priest pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Lo, I have come 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more fering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those not speak later of another day. 9 So then, belong to salvation. 10 For God is not their office without an oath, but this one goes, and he but once a year, and not with- to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through who are sanctified have all one origin. there remains a sabbath rest for the people so unjust as to overlook your work and was addressed with an oath, "The Lord has out taking blood which he received approval as righteous, would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, numerable angels in festal gathering, 23 send you greetings. 25 Grace be with all That is why he is not ashamed to call them of God; 10 for whoever enters God's rest the love which you showed for his sake sworn and will not change his mind, 'Thou self and for the errors of the people. 8 said above, "Thou hast neither desired God bearing witness by accepting his Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and to the assembly of the first-born who of you. Amen. brethren, 12 saying, "I will proclaim thy also ceases from his labors as God did in serving the saints, as you still do. 11 art a priest for ever." 22 This makes Je- By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offer- gifts; he died, but through his faith he is and the prophets-- 33 who through faith are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who way into the sanctuary is not yet opened ings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" still speaking. 5 By faith Enoch was tak- conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, re- is God of all, and to the spirits of just men as long as the outer tent is still standing (these are offered according to the law), 9 en up so that he should not see death; and ceived promises, stopped the mouths of made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediaagain, "I will put my trust in him." And 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that 23 The former priests were many in num- 9 (which is symbolic for the present age). then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy he was not found, because God had taken lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped tor of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled again, "Here am I, and the children God rest, that no one fall by the same sort of you may not be sluggish, but imitators of ber, because they were prevented by death According to this arrangement, gifts and will." He abolishes the first in order to es- him. Now before he was taken he was at- the edge of the sword, won strength out of blood that speaks more graciously than disobedience. 12 For the word of God is those who through faith and patience in- from continuing in office; 24 but he holds sacrifices are offered which cannot perfect tablish the second. 10 And by that will we tested as having pleased God. 6 And with- weakness, became mighty in war, put for- the blood of Abel. his priesthood permanently, because he the conscience of the worshiper, 10 but have been sanctified through the offering out faith it is impossible to please him. For eign armies to flight. 35 Women received continues for ever. 25 Consequently he deal only with food and drink and various of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. whoever would draw near to God must their dead by resurrection. Some were tor- 25 See that you do not refuse him who is

- 1:1 In many and various ways God spoke brethren in every respect, so that he might sus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our show more convincingly to the heirs of the daily, first for his own sins and then for of goats and calves but his own blood, thus perfected for all time those who are sancof old to our fathers by the prophets: 2 become a merciful and faithful high priest confession. 15 For we have not a high promise the unchangeable character of his those of the people; he did this once for all securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if tified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears was called to go out to a place which he the earth. but in these last days he has spoken to in the service of God, to make expiation priest who is unable to sympathize with purpose, he interposed with an oath, 18 when he offered up himself. 28 Indeed, the sprinkling of defiled persons with the witness to us; for after saying, 16 "This was to receive as an inheritance; and he us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir for the sins of the people. 18 For because our weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in their weaknesses, but one who in every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in the every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in the every so that through two unchangeable things, the law appoints men in the every so that the of all things, through whom also he cre- he himself has suffered and been tempted, respect has been tempted as we are, yet in which it is impossible that God should as high priests, but the word of the oath, es of a heifer sanctifies for the purification after those days, says the Lord: I will put go. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land their faith, did not receive what was prom- God acceptable worship, with reverence ated the world. 3 He reflects the glory of he is able to help those who are tempted. without sin. 16 Let us then with confi- prove false, we who have fled for refuge which came later than the law, appoints a of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the my laws on their hearts, and write them of promise, as in a foreign land, living in ised, 40 since God had foreseen some- and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming Spirit offered himself without blemish to remember their sins and their misdeeds no of the same promise. 10 For he looked should not be made perfect. as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, 8:1 Now the point in what we are saying God, purify your conscience from dead more." 18 Where there is forgiveness of forward to the city which has foundations,
 - high priest is appointed to offer gifts and since a death has occurred which redeems blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living and him as good as dead, were born de-looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held is first, by translation of his name, king a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanc- as long as the one who made it is alive. hearts sprinkled clean from an evil con- received what was promised, but having
 - of fire which will consume the adversar-
- the angels, crowned with glory and honor never enter my rest." 6 Since therefore it often falls upon it, and brings forth veg- On the one hand, a former commandment covenant; 5 above it were the cherubim is impossible that the blood of bulls and 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things. Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, of a trumpet, and a voice whose words to whom be glory for ever and ever 5 Consequently, when Christ came into divine approval. 3 By faith we understand fell down after they had been encircled for could not endure the order that was given, 22 I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offer- that the world was created by the word of seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the harlot "If even a beast touches the mountain, it my word of exhortation, for I have writ-
- 11 And every priest stands daily at his those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, be-might rise again to a better life. 36 Others they refused him who warned them on service, offering repeatedly the same sacri- ing warned by God concerning events as suffered mocking and scourging, and even earth, much less shall we escape if we re-11 But when Christ appeared as a high fices, which can never take away sins. 12 yet unseen, took heed and constructed an chains and imprisonment. 37 They were ject him who warns from heaven. 26 His all those who through fear of death were to the eyes of him with whom we have to 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently 26 For it was fitting that we should have priest of the good things that have come, But when Christ had offered for all time a ark for the saving of his household; by this stoned, they were sawn in two, they were voice then shook the earth; but now he has endured, obtained the promise. 16 Men such a high priest, holy, blameless, un- then through the greater and more perfect single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the world and became an killed with the sword; they went about promised, "Yet once more I will shake not indeed swear by a greater than themselves, stained, separated from sinners, exalted tent (not made with hands, that is, not of right comes by in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, af-only the earth but also the heaven." 27

- worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost ing the knowledge of the truth, there no city
- that the inferior is blessed by the superior. with their fathers on the day when I took of the heavenly things to be purified with mony of two or three witnesses. 29 How Isaac shall your descendants be named." Besides this, we have had earthly fathers rifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 8 Here tithes are received by mortal men; them by the hand to lead them out of the these rites, but the heavenly things them- much worse punishment do you think will 19 He considered that God was able to to discipline us and we respected them. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate we share in Christ, if only we hold our first is hard to explain, since you have become he lives. 9 One might even say that Levi in my covenant, and so I paid no heed to 24 For Christ has entered, not into a sanc- the Son of God, and profaned the blood ratively speaking, he did receive him back. Father of spirits and live? 10 For they dis- own blood. 13 Therefore let us go forth to confidence firm to the end, 15 while it is dull of hearing. 12 For though by this himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes them, says the Lord. 10 This is the covenant by which he was sancti- 20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings ciplined us for a short time at their plea- him outside the camp and bear the abuse 2:1 Therefore we must pay the closer at-said, "Today, when you hear his voice, do time you ought to be teachers, you need through Abraham, 10 for he was still in enant that I will make with the house of Is- one, but into heaven itself, now to appear fied, and outraged the Spirit of grace? 30 on Jacob and Esau. 21 By faith Jacob, sure, but he disciplines us for our good, he endured. 14 For here we have no lasttention to what we have heard lest we not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." some one to teach you again the first prin- the loins of his ancestor when Melchize- rael after those days, says the Lord: I will in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is when dying, blessed each of the sons of that we may share his holiness. 11 For the ing city, but we seek the city which is to put my laws into their minds, and write Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord Joseph, bowing in worship over the head moment all discipline seems painful rather come. 15 Through him then let us continthem on their hearts, and I will be their the high priest enters the Holy Place year- will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, at the end than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful ually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, transgression or disobedience received a Egypt under the leadership of Moses? 17 milk is unskilled in the word of righteous- 11 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 11 And ly with blood not his own; 26 for then he thing to fall into the hands of the living of his life, made mention of the exodus of fruit of righteous- 11 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 11 And ly with blood not his own; 26 for then he thing to fall into the hands of the living of his life, made mention of the exodus of fruit of righteous- 12 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 11 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 12 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 13 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 14 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 15 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 16 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 18 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attainable God, and they shall be my people. 19 Now if perfection had been attain just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if And with whom was he provoked forty ness, for he is a child. 14 But solid food through the Levitical priesthood (for un- they shall not teach every one his fellow would have had to suffer repeatedly since God. 32 But recall the former days when, the Israelites and gave directions concern- been trained by it.

 - welcome to the spies.
 - believe that he exists and that he rewards tured, refusing to accept release, that they speaking. For if they did not escape when

- dence draw near to the throne of grace, might have strong encouragement to seize Son who has been made perfect for ever. blood of Christ, who through the eternal on their minds," 17 then he adds, "I will tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him thing better for us, that apart from us they fire. 13:1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not these, there is no longer any offering for whose builder and maker is God. 11 By 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded neglect to show hospitality to strangers, faith Sarah herself received power to con- by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us for thereby some have entertained angels ceive, even when she was past the age, also lay aside every weight, and sin which unawares. 3 Remember those who are in has obtained is more excellent than theirs. house. 3 Yet Jesus has been counted wor- of men in relation to God, to offer gifts come a high priest for ever after the order sanctuary and let us run with per- prison, as though in prison with them; and not by man but by the Lord. 3 For every receive the promised eternal inheritance, confidence to enter the sanctuary by the promised. 12 Therefore from one man, severance the race that is set before us, 2 those who are ill-treated, since you also
- of righteousness, and then he is also king tuary; for when Moses was about to erect 18 Hence even the first covenant was not science and our bodies washed with pure seen it and greeted it from afar, and hav-ners such hostility against himself, so that Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, ratified without blood. 19 For when ev- water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession ing acknowledged that they were strang- you may not grow weary or fainthearted. is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can made a high priest, but was appointed by without father or mother or genealogy, "See that you make everything according ery commandment of the law had been de- of our hope without wavering, for he who ers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people 4 In your struggle against sin you have man do to me?" ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "To-him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, and has neither beginning of days nor end to the pattern which was shown you on the clared by Moses to all the people, he took promised is faithful; 24 and let us consid-who speak thus make it clear that they are not yet resisted to the point of shedding of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righ-day, when you hear his voice, 8 do not today I have begotten the 7 Remember your leaders, those who tained a ministry which is as much more and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled good works, 25 not neglecting to meet thinking of that land from which they had exhortation which addresses you as sons? spoke to you the word of God; consider excellent than the old as the covenant he both the book itself and all the people, 20 together, as is the habit of some, but en-4 See how great he is! Abraham the patri- mediates is better, since it is enacted on saying, "This is the blood of the covenant couraging one another, and all the more as nity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire pline of the Lord, nor lose courage when faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday a better country, that is, a heavenly one. you are punished by him. 6 For the Lord and today and for ever. 9 Do not be led Therefore God is not ashamed to be called disciplines him whom he loves, and chasaway by diverse and strange teachings; for both the tent and all the vessels used in 26 For if we sin deliberately after receive their God, for he has prepared for them a tises every son whom he receives." 7 It it is well that the heart be strengthened by roll them up, and they will be changed. enter my rest." 12 Take care, brethren, obedience through what he suffered; 9 are descended from Abraham, when he was tested, is there whom his father does not disci- tar from which those who serve the tent offered up Isaac, and he who had received pline? 8 If you are left without discipline, have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of ies. 28 A man who has violated the law the promises was ready to offer up his only in which all have participated, then you those animals whose blood is brought into ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make from the living God. 13 But exhort one him, 10 being designated by God a high had the promises. 7 It is beyond dispute Judah; 9 not like the covenant that I made 23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of Moses dies without mercy at the testi-son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 the sanctuary by the high priest as a sac-

of the throne of God.

- 12 Therefore lift your drooping hands rifices are pleasing to God. another priest to arise after the order of least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of times being publicly exposed to abuse and 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and Melchizedek, rather than one named after be merciful toward their iniquities, and I himself. 27 And just as it is appointed affliction, and sometimes being partners was hid for three months by his parents, make straight paths for your feet, so that 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them; wonders and various miracles and by gifts disobedient? 19 So we see that they were 6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is will remember their sins no more." 13 In for men to die once, and after that comes with those so treated. 34 For you had comdoctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, a change in the priesthood, there is neces-speaking of a new covenant he treats the judgment, 28 so Christ, having been of-passion on the prisoners, and you joyfully tiful; and they were not afraid of the king's but rather be healed. 14 Strive for peace as men who will have to give account. Let not laying again a foundation of repen-sarily a change in the law as well. 13 For first as obsolete. And what is becoming fered once to bear the sins of many, will accepted the plundering of your property, edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was with all men, and for the holiness without them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for 4:1 Therefore, while the promise of enter- tance from dead works and of faith toward the one of whom these things are spoken obsolete and growing old is ready to van- appear a second time, not to deal with sin since you knew that you yourselves had a grown up, refused to be called the son of which no one will see the Lord. 15 See that would be of no advantage to you. but to save those who are eagerly waiting better possession and an abiding one. 35 Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to to it that no one fail to obtain the grace Therefore do not throw away your confishare ill-treatment with the people of God of God; that no "root of bitterness" spring 18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we dence, which has a great reward. 36 For than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. up and cause trouble, and by it the many have a clear conscience, desiring to act where, "What is man that thou art mindful but the message which they heard did not this we will do if God permits. 4 For it from Judah, and in connection with that lations for worship and an earthly sanctu- 10:1 For since the law has but a shadow you have need of endurance, so that you 26 He considered abuse suffered for the become defiled; 16 that no one be im- honorably in all things. 19 I urge you the of him, or the son of man, that thou car- benefit them, because it did not meet with is impossible to restore again to repen- tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ary. 2 For a tent was prepared, the outer of the good things to come instead of the may do the will of God and receive what Christ greater wealth than the treasures of moral or irreligious like Esau, who sold more earnestly to do this in order that I one, in which were the lampstand and the true form of these realities, it can never, is promised. 37 "For yet a little while, Egypt, for he looked to the reward. 27 By his birthright for a single meal. 17 For may be restored to you the sooner. a little while lower than the angels, thou believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As ened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and the coming one shall come and shall faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the you know that afterward, when he desired hast crowned him with glory and honor, 8 I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never and have become partakers of the Holy when another priest arises in the likeness called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the sec- ally offered year after year, make perfect not tarry; 38 but my righteous one shall anger of the king; for he endured as seeing to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for 20 Now may the God of peace who putting everything in subjection under his enter my rest," although his works were Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a ond curtain stood a tent called the Holy of those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept he found no chance to repent, though he brought again from the dead our Lord Je
 - touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and do his will, working in you that which is 29 By faith the people crossed the Red gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. hoped for, the conviction of things not when they attempted to do the same, were made the hearers entreat that no further Amen. seen. 2 For by it the men of old received drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho messages be spoken to them. 20 For they obedient, because she had given friendly was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble stand that our brother Timothy has been with fear." 22 But you have come to released, with whom I shall see you if he Mount Zion and to the city of the living comes soon. 24 Greet all your leaders and 32 And what more shall I say? For time God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to in- all the saints. Those who come from Italy
 - flicted, ill-treated-- 38 of whom the world This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates was not worthy--wandering over deserts the removal of what is shaken, as of what

- be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that
- the shame, and is seated at the right hand immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I 3 Consider him who endured from sin- will never fail you nor forsake you." 6
- is for discipline that you have to endure. grace, not by foods, which have not ben-God is treating you as sons; for what son efited their adherents. 10 We have an alhis name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sac-
- sus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip 18 For you have not come to what may be you with everything good that you may

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1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are also faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 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, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. 5 He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 which he lavished upon us. 9 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 10 as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints. 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; 22 and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

2:1 And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in

the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands-- 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

3:1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

4:1 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.

7 But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)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 fulness 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. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

17 Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; 18 they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart; 19 they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness. 20 You did not so learn Christ!-- 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. 22 Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But fornication and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints.4 Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not associate with them, 8 for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them, 12 For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; 13 but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. 14 Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20 always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.
22 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. 23
For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
24 As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 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 mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers 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.

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth." 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your earthly masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as to Christ; 6 not in the way of eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good any one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 9 Masters, do the same to them, and forbear threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; 16 besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 Now that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. 22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love undying

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- 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing--so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
- 9 And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; 16 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. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. 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.

- hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, 23 provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.
- 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, 25 of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me.
- 2:1 For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in love, to have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ, 3 in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with beguiling speech. 5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.
- 6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- 8 See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9

- 21 And you, who once were estranged and For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fulness of life fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetin him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 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.
 - 13 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, 14 having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.
 - 16 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. 17 These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.
 - 20 If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 21 "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" 22 (referring to things which all perish as they are used), according to human precepts and doctrines? 23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh.
 - 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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- 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: ousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you once walked. when you lived in them.
- 8 But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices 10 and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all,
- 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, 13 forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.
- 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. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
- 18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord.
- 23 Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

- 4:1 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly. knowing that you also have a Master in heav-
- 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.
- 5 Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every
- 7 Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, 9 and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.
- 10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions--if he comes to you, receive him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of yourselves, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always remembering you earnestly in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. 15 Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. 16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. 17 And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfil the ministry which you have received in the
- 18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you.

- 1:1 Paul an apostle--not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead-- 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:
- 3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; 5 to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- 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. 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.
- 10 Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.
- 11 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; 14 and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.
- 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. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea; 23 they only heard it said, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.
- 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up by revelation; and I laid before them (but privately before those who were of repute) the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, lest somehow I should be running or had run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 But because of false brethren secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage-- 5 to them we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who were reputed to be something (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)

- --those, I say, who were of repute added nothing to me; 7 but on the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised & (for he who worked through Peter for the mission to the circumcised worked through me also for the Gentiles), 9 and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised; 10 only they would have us remember the poor, which very thing I was eager to do.
- 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself. fearing the circumcision party. 13 And with him the rest of the Jews acted insincerely, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their insincerity. 14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" 15 We ourselves, who are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, 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. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! 18 But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification were through the law, then Christ died to no purpose.
- 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? 4 Did you experience so many things in vain? --if it really is in vain. 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?
- 6 Thus Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." 7 So you see that it is men of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are men of faith are blessed with Abraham who had faith.
- 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."

 11 Now it is evident that no man is justified before God by the law; for "He who through faith is righteous shall

- live"; 12 but the law does not rest on faith, for "He who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree"-- 14 that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 15 To give a human example, brethren: no one annuls even a man's will, or adds to it, once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many; but, referring to one, "And to your offspring," which is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.
- 19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained by angels through an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one; but God is one.
- 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not; for if a law had been given which could make alive, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the scripture consigned all things to sin, that what was promised to faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
- 23 Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. 24 So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
- 4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; 2 but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. 3 So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. 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. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.
- 8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were in bondage to beings that by nature are no gods; 9 but now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years! 11 I am afraid I have labored over you in vain.

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- 12 Brethren, I beseech you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong; 13 you know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first; 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What has become of the satisfaction you felt? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?
- 17They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 For a good purpose it is always good to be made much of, and not only when I am present with you.
- 19 My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you! 20 I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.
- 21 Tell me, you who desire to be under law, do you not hear the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. 24 Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written.
- "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."
- 28 Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now. 30 But what does the scripture say? "Cast out the slave and her son; for the son of the slave shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brethren, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.
- 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- 2 Now I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 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. 7 You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view than mine; and he who is troubling you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brethren, still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? In that case the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would mutilate themselves!

- 13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.
- 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. 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. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another.
- 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if any one thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each man will have to bear his own load.
- 6 Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.
- 7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- 11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.
- 17 Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.
- 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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