

The Gospel explained in texts

It all begins with God: election in eternity

The decree of God (the eternal purpose of God to decree: creation, providence and salvation.)

The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, 'Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, *so* it shall stand'. Isa 14:24

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure'. Isa 46:10

Indeed, I have spoken; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed; I will also do it. Isa 46:11

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. Rm 8:28

That the purpose of God according to election might stand. Rm 9:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will. Eph 1:11

Now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Eph 3:10-11

God, who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. 2 Tim 1:9

The creative word of God

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth. Jm 1:18

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God. 1 Pt 1:23

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 Jn 3:9

The word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. 1 Thess 2:13

Chosen (elected) by God in eternity

That the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls. Rm 9:11

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. Eph 1:4-5

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will. Eph 1:11

Knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 1 Thess 1:4

God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 2 Thess 2:13

Who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. 2 Tim 1:9

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Pt 1:2

The sending of the Son

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled. Rm 8:3-4

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Jn 3:16-17

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Saviour of the world. 1 Jn 4:14

The work of Christ: the basis of salvation

Salvation

You shall call His name JESUS [God is salvation],¹ for He will save His people from their sins. Matt 1:21

The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. Matt 18:11

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Jn 1:29

¹ This is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which was originally Hoshea (Num 13:8,16) but changed by Moses into Jehoshua (Num 13:16; 1 Chron 7:27) or Joshua. After the Exile it assumed the form Jeshua, whence the Greek form 'Jesus'. [Easton's Bible Dict.] The Greek form *Iesous* is transliterated into the English 'Jesus'.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Jn 3:17

I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. Jn 12:47

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 1 Tim 1:15

Passive obedience (Christ died for our sins)

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rm 5:8

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 1 Cor 15:3

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'). Gal 3:13

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree. 1 Pt 2:24

Active obedience (Christ fulfilled the law on behalf of the elect)

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rm 5:10

For if by the one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Rm 5:17

Therefore, as through one man's offence *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Rm 5:18-19

That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Rm 8:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Rm 10:4

Of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness. 1 Cor 1:30

Penal substitution

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isa 53:4-5

Christ died for the ungodly. Rm 5:6

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 5:21

[Jesus Christ] who gave Himself for our sins. Gal 1:4

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us. Gal 3:13

[Jesus Christ] who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed. Titus 2:14

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. Heb 9:28

Christ also suffered for us. 1 Pt 2:21

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. 1 Pt 3:18

Christ suffered for us in the flesh. 1 Pt 4:1

The cleansing from sin

You were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb 9:14

He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Heb 9:26

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed. 1 Pt 2:24

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

Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Rev 1:5

These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev 7:14

Propitiation²

[Christ Jesus] whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood. Rm 3:25

He Himself is the propitiation for our sins. 1 Jn 2:2

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 1 Jn 4:10

² Turning away wrath.

Redemption

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us. Gal 3:13

We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph 1:7

[Jesus Christ] who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed. Titus 2:14

[Christ Jesus] who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 1 Jn 2:6

Mediatorship

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus. 1 Tim 2:5

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Heb 7:25

He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. Heb 8:6

He is the Mediator of the new covenant. Heb 9:15

Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant. Heb 12:24

Reconciliation

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rm 5:10

God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 5:18

You, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death. Col 1:21-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit. 1 Pt 3:18

Pouring out the Holy Spirit to effect union with Christ; baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:5

The Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Acts 11:15-16

As many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rm 6:3-4

You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. Rm 8:9-10

For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free -- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Cor 12:13

As many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Eph 6:3

Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Col 2:12-13

Man's problem

Total depravity (corruption of every department of the person)

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. Gen 6:5

The imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth. Gen 8:21

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Ps 51:5

The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies. Ps 58:3

In Your sight no one living is righteous. Ps 143:2

This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead. Eccles 9:3

But we are all like an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isa 64:6

The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? Jer 17:9

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man. Mk 7:21-23

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. Jn 8:44

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. Titus 1:15-16

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 Jn 1:8-10

Total inability (no self-determination to good; no ability to believe or repent)

Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again".' Jn 3:5-7

What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.' Rm 3:9-12

Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Rm 8:7-8

[You] were dead in trespasses and sins. Eph 2:1

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Col 2:13

The giving of grace in time

Calling

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws [draw by inward power] him; and I will raise him up at the last day. Jn 6:44

And He said, 'Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father'. Jn 6:65

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Rm 8:30

To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints. 1 Cor 1:2

God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor 1:9

Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called. Eph 4:11

Him who called you in the grace of Christ. Gal 1:6

You were called in one body. Col 3:15

He called you by our gospel. 2 Thess 2:14

Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. 1 Pt 2:9

The God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus. 1 Pt 5:10

Regeneration

Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Jn 1:13

Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'. Jn 3:3

Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again".' Jn 3:5-7

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Eph 2:1

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Pt 1:3

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. 1 Jn 5:1

The giving of faith and repentance

Faith

Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.' Jn 6:29

Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27

And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace. Acts 18:27

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph 2:8-9

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake. Phil 1:29

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith. Heb 12:2

Repentance

Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, 'Then God has *also* granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.' Acts 11:18

The goodness of God leads you to repentance. Rm 2:4

Correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth. 2 Tim 2:25

For you know that afterward, when he [Esau] wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. [i.e. man cannot find repentance without divine help.] Heb 12:17

The action of the elect in response

Evidence of conversion 1: Faith

Believing in Christ

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Jn 3:15

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life. Jn 3:36

He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Jn 5:24

Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Jn 6:40

Everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:39

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness. Rm 4:5

So we preach and so you believed. 1 Cor 15:11

In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Eph 1:13

Confession of faith

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rm 10:9

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rm 10:10

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Tim 6:12

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jn 1:9

Calling upon God (praying in faith)

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isa 55:6-7

And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. Joel 2:32

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Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. Rm 10:13

Evidence of conversion 2: Repentance³

Following Christ

Jesus said to him, 'Follow Me'. Matt 8:22

He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Matt 10:38

Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me'. Matt 16:24

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. Jn 10:27

³ *Metanoia*: a change of mind leading to a changed life.

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me. Jn 12:26

They should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. Acts 26:20

Turning away from sin

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isa 55:7

That everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Jer 36:3

Let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Jonah 3:8

Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Lk 14:33

Flee sexual immorality. 1 Cor 6:18

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 1 Cor 10:14

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. Eph 4:22

Put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds. Col 3:8-9

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 1 Tim 6:11

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim 2:22

Do not love the world or the things in the world. 1 Jn 2:15

Abiding in Christ

If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. Jn 8:31

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. Jn 15:4

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. 1 Jn 2:6

If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 1 Jn 2:24

He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 2 Jn 1:9

Bearing fruit

The ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. Lk 8:15

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit. Jn 15:5

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. Jn 15:8

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain. Jn 15:16

We should bear fruit to God. Rm 7:4

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Jm 2:14

Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Jm 2:17

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. Jm 2:26

Loving the brethren

Through love serve one another. Gal 5:13

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart. 1 Pt 1:22

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 1 Jn 3:14

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 Jn 3:16

Baptism in water

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matt 28:19

Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptised?' Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may'. And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God'. Acts 8:36-37

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptised... Acts 16:14-15

So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household'. Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptised. Acts 16:31-33

Waiting for the return of Christ

We also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. Rm 8:23

Eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 1:7

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil 3:20

You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus. 1 Thess 1:9-10

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Tim 4:8

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Heb 9:28

Looking for and hastening [desire earnestly]⁴ the coming of the day of God. 2 Pt 3:12

The spiritual change effected in the elect

New life in Christ

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Ezek 35:26-27

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. Rm 6:8

⁴ *Speudo* can mean 1) to haste, make haste 2) (transitive) to desire earnestly.

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor 5:17

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Gal 2:20

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. Gal 6:15

When we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). Eph 2:5

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Eph 2:10

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him. Col 2:13

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col 3:3

Christ *who is* our life. Col 3:4

Justification⁵

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Rm 3:24

That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Rm 3:26

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rm 5:1

Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Rm 5:9

And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offence resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offences resulted in justification. Rm 5:16

Therefore, as through one man's offence judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. Rm 5:18

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Rm 8:30

It is God who justifies. Rm 8:33

⁵ Declared to be legally righteous. In justification our sins are placed on to Christ, for which he suffered and died. Then his righteousness (his obedience as a man under the law) is transferred to us. See active and passive obedience.

You were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

Justified by His grace. Titus 3:7

Adoption⁶

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'. Rm 8:15

That we might receive the adoption as sons. Gal 4:5

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. Eph 1:5

Inheritors with Christ

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Rm 8:16

If you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:29

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Gal 4:7

Having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? Jm 2:5

Children of God

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. Jn 1:12

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Rm 8:16

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Phil 2:15

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 Jn 3:1

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 Jn 3:2

⁶ Legalised heirship.

Sanctification

Legal, definitive sanctification (past tense)

Those who are sanctified by faith in Me. Acts 26:18

God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 2 Thess 2:13

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints. 1 Cor 1:2

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 1 Cor 1:30

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 2 Thess 2:13

We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. Heb 10:10

To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ. Jude 1:1

Progressive sanctification (present tense)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rm 12:2

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4:22-24

You have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. Col 3:9-10

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honour. 1 Thess 4:3-4

Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. 2 Tim 2:21

Those who are being sanctified. Heb 2:11

Those who are being sanctified. Heb 10:14

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby. 1Pt 2:2

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Pt 3:18

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 Jn 3:2-3

Final sanctification (future tense)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 1:7-8

That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:26-27

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil 1:6

That He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. 1 Thess 3:13

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess 5:23

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 1:24

Reconciliation with God

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rm 5:10

And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Rm 5:11

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18

You, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight. Col 1:21-22

Communion based on reconciliation with God

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. 2 Cor 13:14

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Eph 2:18

In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Eph 2:22

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy. Phil 2:1

That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 Jn 1:3

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. 1 Jn 3:24

Preservation

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. Jn 10:28-29

If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? Rm 8:31

He will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. Rm 14:4

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began. Rm 16:25

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil 1:6

That He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. 1 Thess 3:13

The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. 2 Tim 4:18

For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'. Heb 13:5

Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Pt 1:5

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 1:24

Future glorification

Our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rm 5:1-2

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rm 8:18

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed -- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 1 Cor 15:51-53

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor 4:17

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21

Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col 1:27

He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess 2:14

An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you. 1 Pt 1:4

The God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus. 1 Pt 5:10

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 1:24

We know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 Jn 3:2

Divine accountability

The destruction of the Earth by fire

For a fire is kindled by my anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; it shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. Deut 32:22

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. Joel 2:30

All the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy. Zeph 3:8

I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! Lk 12:49

But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Pt 3:7

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 2 Pt 3:10

All men are killed at the return of Christ and raised up in a spiritual body for judgment.

I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. Matt 12:36-37

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matt 24:30

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. Jn 5:28-29

They shall look on Him whom they pierced. Jn 19:37

For it is written: 'As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God'. So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Rm 14:11-12

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day. 2 Thess 1:7-10

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 2 Thess 2:8

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. 2 Tim 4:1

They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 1 Pt 4:5

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him'. Jude 1:14-15

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Rev 1:7

The judgment of all men

Christians are assessed by Christ to weigh up their works

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment [*krisis*], but has passed from death into life. Jn 5:24

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat [*bema*]⁷ of Christ. Rm 14:10

We [the elect] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ [*bema*], that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 2 Cor 5:10

Sinners are judged to determine degrees of punishment

Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment [*krisis*] than for that city! Matt 10:15

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment [*krisis*] than for you. Matt 11:21-22

For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment [*krisis*]. Matt 12:36

In accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who 'will render to each one according to his deeds'. Rm 2:5-6

It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment [*krisis*]. Heb 9:27

For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment [*krisis*], and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Heb 10:26-27

The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment [*krisis*]. 2 Pt 2:9

But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment [*krisis*] and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Pt 3:7

⁷ This is a tribunal, not the final judgment of sinners.

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment [*krisis*] of the great day. Jude 1:6

The rewards of the righteous according to faithful works

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great. Lk 6:35

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labour. 1 Cor 3:8

If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 1 Cor 3:14

If I do this willingly, I have a reward. 1 Cor 9:17

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Col 3:23-24

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. 2 Jn 1:8

Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. Rev 22:12

The everlasting punishment of sinners and demons

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting⁸ contempt. Dan 12:2

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'. Matt 25:41

These will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. Matt 25:46

Those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. Jn 5:29

Those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction⁹ from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. 2 Thess 1:8-9

If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He

⁸ Everlasting = Heb. *olam*, long duration, forever, everlasting, evermore, perpetual, forever, continuous existence, perpetual, indefinite or unending future, eternity.

⁹ Everlasting = Gk. *aionois*, 'without beginning and without end'. Destruction = *olethros*, utter ruin, perdition, destruction.

shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever.¹⁰ Rev 14:9-11

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Rev 20:7

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20:14-15

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Rev 21:8

Future glory

The restoration of the Earth

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. Isa 65:17

'For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,' says the LORD, 'So shall your descendants and your name remain'. Isa 66:22

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Pt 3:13

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Rev 21:1

Eternal life

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Jn 3:15

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Jn 6:54

You have the words of eternal life. Jn 6:68

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Jn 10:28

You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Jn 17:2-3

As many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48

¹⁰ Forever and ever = Gk. *aion*, an unbroken age, perpetuity, prolonged and unlimited time, eternity.

So grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rm 5:21

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rm 6:23

That having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

And this is the promise that He has promised us -- eternal life. 1 Jn 2:25

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 Jn 5:11

The fellowship of God with men

I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. Lev 26:12

Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst! Isa 12:6

My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Ezek 37:27

Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.' Jn 14:23

He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. Rev 7:15

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away'. Rev 21:3-4

The centrality of Christ

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth'. Matt 28:18

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. Jn 3:35

For He must reign. 1 Cor 15:25

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence. Col 1:18

[God] has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself

purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Heb 1:2-3

'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!' And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honour and glory and power *be* to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!' Then the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Rev 5:12-14

The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! Rev 11:15

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it. Rev 21:23-24

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