

GOD / WORD / FLESH
JOHN 8:31-47: JESUS & ABRAHAM / FATHER
GOD & HIS CHILDREN

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17: WE ARE GOD'S AMBASSADORS

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new Life has begun!

REVELATION 1:8: JOHN'S GREETING TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

And The Lord God says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning and the end. I am the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come - the Almighty One."

John 8:31

³¹ *Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings.*

ROMANS 3:22: CHRIST TOOK OUR PUNISHMENT

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

John 8:32-34

³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do You mean, 'You will be set free?'" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.

ROMANS 3:23-3:26: CHRIST TOOK OUR PUNISHMENT

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.

John 8:35-36

³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

JAMES 5:16: THE POWER OF PRAYER

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

MATTHEW 8:29: JESUS HEALS TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN

They began screaming at Him, "Why are You bothering us, Son of God? You have no right to torture us before God's appointed time!"

JAMES 2:19: FAITH WITHOUT GOOD DEEDS IS DEAD

Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God? Well, even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror!

John 8:37-47

³⁷ Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill Me because there's no room in your hearts for My message. ³⁸ I am telling you what I saw when I was with My Father. But you are following the advice of your father." ³⁹ "Our father is Abraham!" they declared. "No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example. ⁴⁰ Instead, you are trying to kill Me because I told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. ⁴¹ No, You are imitating your real father." They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God Himself is our true Father." ⁴² Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear Me! ⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe Me! ⁴⁶ Which of you can truthfully accuse Me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe Me?

⁴⁷ Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

JAMES 1:22-25: LISTENING AND DOING

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.